

## DCA Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2010

Members present : John Pytel, Kevin Pytel, Chris O’Connell, Dean Miller, Dave Power

### 1. Reading of minutes from past meeting

### 2. Financial Report after state championship

Dean reported that the balance is \$1228.06. This does not include an extra \$35 in DCA renewals that

### 3. DCA website membership list- who should update?

We decided that Dean and Dave can continue to make updates as they have been doing and send new lists to Tom for posting on the website.

### 4. series challenge dates

March 13: Milford 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat quad

March 27: Newark 4<sup>th</sup> Sat quad

April 10/11 : Newark 2 day swiss – tentative based on availability of Newark club’s church. Dean’s quad in April is moved to April 17 so this swiss is taking Dean’s usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday date. Kevin will be TD. Dave will check with Mark Byerly about availability.

May 15 - Game/29 swiss at Bear library. Dave will be TD. .

June 5/6 – Dover Capital Open - 2 day swiss, same format as last year

It was decided not to have a series event on May 29 (as we have on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May previously) due to that date being on Memorial Day weekend. So the 5<sup>th</sup> event will be the Dover Capital Open .

#### 5. Delaware invitational round-robin (see other sheet)

We liked the idea but right now we do not have a suitable free site or the money to get a decent site. This is an idea for the future.

#### 6. Dover Capital Open

The date was chosen as June 5-6 and it will be the last event in the series challenge. Kevin will be the TD. Chris has investigated possible locations and presented a spreadsheet. He will negotiate further with Hilton Garden Inn (our top choice and last year's site). The deadline to secure a site is February 1, as the TLA has to be submitted to the USCF by Feb 10.

Chris is donating \$100 to be used as two \$50 upset prizes (one per section), to be named in memory of Larry Donovan. Dean is also contributing \$100 to defray cost of the site.

#### 7. scholastic event

We decided to have a state scholastic championship event in autumn (because spring is too full with series challenge stuff). Dave will secure Bear Library as the site for Saturday, October 16. The event will be USCF rated but the exact format is still to be determined. We will send letters out to schools to assist in promotion. Chris and John volunteered to help direct the event.

The scholastic championship will also be the selector of Delaware's representatives to the Polgar/Denker events for 2011. For this year, we will select the highest rated eligible boy and girl as we did for 2009.

#### 8. other topics not covered

Chris brought up the need to have a USCF rated senior championship (age 50 and over). We think it is a very good idea, although no commitment to any particular date was made at this time.