

DCA Minutes

Date: January 17, 2009

Time: 12:30

Attendance: Dave Power, Al Lovelace, Dean Miller, Michelle Pergeorelis, John Pytel, Chris O'Connell

1. Reading of Minutes: Minutes from last meeting were read and approved
2. Financial Report: DCA made \$381.40 from the Delaware State Championship
DCA currently had \$1,246.87 in account
3. 2009 Series Challenge – This is a series of 5 events sponsored by different clubs throughout Delaware.
 - a. Structure: Open, U1500 and U1000. Players play according to rules of the sponsoring tournament (i.e.: quad, swiss, etc.)
For the purpose of awards, a players rating at the first series event he/she entered determines his section. For example, player rated 997 increases his rating to 1501 by the end of the series: His wins will be counted against all other U1000 players even if he had to play in higher sections throughout the series.
 - b. Awards: Trophies (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each section.
 - c. Locations:
 1. Milford (March 14th, 2009) Quads 40/80 SD30
 2. Newark (March 28th, 2009) Quads 40/80 SD 30
 3. Union United Methodist Church, Bear Delaware
(April 18,19th, 2009) 2-day Swiss 5ss G90
 4. Bear Library (May 16th, 2009) Swiss G 29
 5. Bear Library (May 30th, 2009) Swiss G15
4. Scholastic issues
 - d. Scholastic Championship will run separately from Delaware State Championship, this way scholastic players can play in both tournaments. Event possibly in October???
 - e. Polgar / Denker qualifications. New way to determine State Representative for these tournaments.
 1. Must be a Delaware state resident
 2. DCA will ask the highest rated active player based on the April rating's list
 3. All representatives must meet qualifications of Polgar tournament or Denker tournament.
 4. Should be notified by May 31st.

- f. Scholastic Quick Championship Series: Michelle Pergeorelis is looking into the possibility of continuing a scholastic competition based on the one she has run in the Catholic Schools. This competition would offer all scholastic players to participate. These are the possibilities:
 - 1. Bear Library – 3rd Saturday of the month
 - 2. Game 29 or 30
 - 3. Open to all players -- not just scholastic.
 - 4. Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May
 - 5. rated and unrated

- 5. Delaware State Championship 2009 – November 21 & 22
 - g. Looking for new venue in Newark/Wilmington area
 - h. Confirmed on rotating location in the future between upstate and downstate. 2010 will be downstate.

- 6. Dover Event – June 20 & 21
 - i. Name – To be determined soon! (Delaware Capital Tournament?)
 - j. Time control – G-90
 - k. Advertising – Dave Power will work up info to send to USCF and send out to other clubs
 - l. Awards – based on % of entry fees
Open & U1600 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - m. Entry fee – around \$35 before June 13th and \$40 at the door.

- 7. Newsletter – Needs games from TD's to start
 - n. Chris O'Connell will be gathering information on this
 - o. Plans to have one issue out by Nov 7th via e-mail – before Delaware State Championship

- 8. Other business
 - p. Tournament games needed for DCA newsletter. At DCA run events (Delaware State Tournament and Delaware Capital Tournament) the tournament director will ask for all games to be turned in for verification of prizes.
 - 1. Must be stated prior to the start of the tournament.
 - 2. Must be posted on paper

 - q. Michelle suggested that all tournament directors be listed on the DCA webpage in case anyone wanted to run a tournament and needed a TD. We will check with all the know TDs and ask them to be included on the list.
 - r. DCA officers—names, e-mails, phone #'s were confirmed and will be submitted to Tom Fleetwood to be added to the DCA webpage.
 - s. TD payment for statewide events (Delaware State Tournament and Delaware Capital Tournament). It has been determined that the head TD will receive \$50 plus 15% of profits for these events to compensate for the time invested.

9. Open issues

- t. Date of Scholastic Championship
- u. Polgar / Denker advertising – how will the scholastic players be made aware of these events and how to qualify?
- v. Quick Championship Series – is it feasible?
- w. Delaware State Championship – details of venues
- x. Delaware Capital Tournament – final details of awards, fees and costs
- y. Newsletter – what games have been submitted so far? What else is needed to complete this task?
- z. Discuss Blitz and Quick Championships—last year it was Blitz in July and Quick in September both at Bear.