



Oklahoma Chess Association policy board meeting

August 18, 2022

(Meeting held on Zoom)

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Chris Amburgy *president*

Tom Braunlich *at large*

Harold Brown *treasurer*

Paul Covington *at large*

Christopher Dooley *at large*

Rebecca Rutledge *secretary*

Chuck Unruh *past president*

not present:

Joe Veal *at-large*

Past minutes

Minutes of the annual membership meeting (06/26/2022) were approved via email vote on June 30, 2022.

New business

Harold Brown announced plans for an Oklahoma Bughouse Championship to be held October 22 at the Harvard church in Tulsa. The bughouse will be followed by an afternoon blitz tournament.

Paul Covington suggested we promote the US Chess's "The Longest Day" fundraising initiative on the website and at tournaments. The board agreed. Rebecca Rutledge will contact US Chess and/or the Alzheimer's Association for information on how members can donate.

Tom Braunlich told us about the Oklahoma City Wyndham hotel that will be the venue for the upcoming FKB Memorial. He suggested that if we like it, we might book it again for next year. The board agreed. He also stressed the importance of finding a good venue in Oklahoma City for one-day events.

The Rozsa Cup Closed Championship (An invitational round robin for Oklahoma's top six players)

- **Tom Braunlich** told the board about ideas for commissioning a special trophy from Gabe Coss. The trophy could be a traveling trophy with winners' names engraved on it, that OCA could keep and display at tournaments year-round. A motion was made to commission the trophy. **The motion passed.**

- **Harold Brown** volunteered to secure a venue in centrally-located Stroud.
- **Paul Covington** will TD the tournament.

He said that based on his experience in Colorado, it could be hard to recruit for these events. **Tom Braunlich** suggested sending out invitations in November and following up as necessary to secure the top six players who will be in the state and willing to play.

Chris Amburgy told the board about the [Chess.com affiliate program](#), which provides a share of revenue to affiliates who send new members to the site. **Tom Braunlich** suggested an OKC vs. Tulsa online tournament could be an effective way to build membership to an OCA club on chess.com. A motion was made to adopt the program. **The motion passed.**

Tom Braunlich opened a discussion about Oklahoma's need for more tournament directors. The board discussed possible challenges to new TDs, such as purchasing software and equipment. The board discussed ways to support new TDs. Suggestions included covering software costs, hosting educational seminars via Zoom, and encouraging new TDs to run OCA-organized events under the supervision of more senior TDs.

Christopher Dooley suggested OCA adopt a resolution affirming our commitment to growing Oklahoma's TD community. A motion was made that **Tom Braunlich** would draft language for such a resolution. **The motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.