

Minutes of the San Antonio Chess Club annual meeting, held Jan. 15, 2009

By Selby Anderson, from notes taken by Ernie Shown.

The annual business meeting San Antonio Chess Club convened at 7:05 p.m., Jan. 15 at Lions Field. Officers attending were Selby Anderson, president; Ernie Shown, vice-president; and Martin Gordon, director at large.

The verbatim reading of last year's minutes was waived on a voice vote. Anderson summarized items of continuing interest, such as the extensions of club memberships for those who played in five weekend tournaments over the year.

Anderson presented the financial report orally, with the current bank balance at \$3,804.55 showing a slight loss after a starting balance 3,956.15. He moved that the statement be accepted, on condition that a redacted version would be published in the newsletter after receipt of the current bank statement.

Anderson proposed a resolution in appreciation of the many years of service by outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Greg Wren. The motion passed by acclamation.

In the elections, the current president (Selby Anderson), vice-president (Ernie Shown) and director at large (Marty Gordon) were all re-elected to their posts. The club elected Steven Dampier as the new secretary-treasurer.

Anderson announced that the following members would receive extensions to their memberships based on participation in five weekend tournaments: Anderson, Davis, Garcia, Gordon, Malazarte, Niven and Stanley.

J.P. Hytlin submitted a proposal to create a chess sponsors award to recognize local scholastic organizers, with a goal of making five awards of \$150 each. To help raise funds, Hytlin would direct at no cost a benefit tournament later this year. After discussion the proposal was amended so that any honoraria would go to school chess club programs rather than individuals. The proposal passed.

Anderson spoke to the recent difficulties with the club's Web site. He formed a committee comprising Ernie Shown, Martin Gordon, Alok Kumar and himself, with goal of establishing a proper domain name. [Update: Marty Gordon has obtained the current URL, www.sanantoniocchess.com. Ernie Shown built the basic website, which is hosted on his current web hosting package at no cost to the club. Alok Kumar was selected to do the weekly updates to the site.]

The meeting was ended at 7:45 p.m.