

## **Minutes of STC Board of Directors Meeting, November 6, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ruffin called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm

**ATTENDEES:** BOD members Ruffin, Murphy, Johnson, Prass, plus twenty-two STC members including all five 2015 BOD nominees.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No change to the agenda as posted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the 10/16/14 Board meeting were accepted by e-mail.

### **DISCUSSION**

- 1. Presentation of proposal to revitalize Women's Organized Play:** A group of women players presented a written proposal to revitalize Women's Organized play. The document states their concerns about the current status, strengths, and weaknesses of OP. They have suggested corrective actions that could include reinstatement of OPUS, a ladder rating system or if necessary changes to the member rating system procedures. They request that the Board address the specific issue of providing a member the opportunity to play with and against players of comparable ability. They are seeking Board action to address these concerns at or before the January 2015 member meeting.

A member stated that the OPUS system may still be available on computer and could be reactivated using random ratings as a starting point. (Availability of OPUS system not yet verified.)

President Ruffin acknowledged the proposal and thanked the group for their initiative. He advised that the new 2015 Board of Directors may be able to work with them.

- 2. 2015 Budget:** The 2015 Budget is finalized and will be presented at the November 18, 2014 Member meeting. The membership projection for 2015 is 365 Full Time and 15 Part Time members. The STC has experienced a loss of 100 members over the past four years.

Cost reduction measures that the budget will incorporate include:

- One-hour reduction of Coordinator work hours May through September and 1 hour reduction on all Saturdays in 2015.
- Elimination of funding for a paid teaching pro salary. The paid teaching pro activities will be accomplished by volunteer teaching pro's that will offer free clinics on a rotating basis. The STC will provide the balls for the clinics.

**A motion to approve Budget Option 6 as the budget to be presented at the membership meeting on November 18, 2014 was approved.**

- 3. Membership meeting is November 18, 2014 agenda planning:**

- The Board will present the 2015 budget and recommended annual dues.
- The new BOD will be presented to the members.
- President Ruffin will provide an overview of the STC 2014 activities and accomplishments.

Board Meeting closed at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Melanie Murphy STC Board Secretary