

CSCA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 17·7:30 – 8:45pm MST

Location: Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ybg-gfzi-vcs>

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1. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dan, Kevin, Earle, Jesse, Griffin, Sharmila, Tanya

2. Call to Order

The meeting was formally called to order by CSCA President Kevin.

Quorum was confirmed for official proceedings.

3. Approval of Minutes

- September 18th meeting minutes approved.
- Creation of record for December 8th member vote on amended bylaws approved.
Motion: Made and seconded.
Outcome: Unanimously approved.

4. Chair's Report – Kevin

- **Women in Chess Grant:** Funding not awarded; RMRWCC tournament is off the docket this year.
 - Tournament will be revisited in 2027.
 - Sharmila to follow up with US Chess Women's Committee for feedback.
- **Budget Update:** Line-item budgets established through Colorado Open; projected operating surplus of \$3,400.
 - All board members should have access to the operating budget.
 - Missing expense categories (e.g., banking fees) noted; need standardized budget template.
- **Tournament Update:** All CSCA events posted on website through February.

- **Front Range Freestyle Recap:** Successful event with 31 participants (projection: 35).
- \$1,095 collected in entries; \$978.33 paid in prizes, TD costs, and venue.

5. Committee Reports

- **Committee Formation:** Ideas welcomed; committees may include board and non-board volunteers.
- **State Scholastic Committee:** Led by Sharmila, with Andy assisting. Additional volunteers needed.
- **Tournament Procedure & Budget Process:** Kevin to draft standardized tournament template; Earle and Jesse to review prototype.
- **Board & Junior Member Expectations:**
 - Responsibilities for board members to be defined.
 - Structure and guidelines for junior members to be established.
 - Dan to lead committee; Earle and Tanya to assist.
 - Dan to send invitations for committee meetings.

6. Unfinished Business

- **Storage Unit:** Dan to secure climate-controlled unit in Highlands Ranch (~\$75/month).
 - Contact Tom Nelson to move CSCA boards.
 - Transfer equipment and DGT boards from Earle to storage.
- **Event Posting:** Colorado Closed, Colorado Quick Chess Championship, and Boulder Open to be posted on CSCA website; Caissa registration pages to be created. (Earle and Kevin to complete by Dec. 22.)
- **Colorado Closed Chess Championship:** Earle and Kevin to draft explanatory article on candidate selection processes and rules.
 - Earle and Kevin will be getting something up on the website about the procedures for the Closed Championship.
 - We will be sending out an email to members.

- **Volunteer Recruitment:** Eight additional volunteers needed for State Scholastic Tournament (3-hour shifts).
 - Ongoing recruitment; contact Kevin with confirmed names.
 - All events have Tournament Directors secured.
- **Website Debugging:** Jesse reports most issues resolved; minor fixes ongoing with website development team.
- **Officer Email Accounts:** Proposal to purchase Gmail accounts (\$504 annually).
 - Have personal email accounts off the Coloradochess website
 - Jesse confirmed that we can get Colorado Chess.com emails through the website for all board members for FREE, so we won't have to move forward with Gmail!
 - Kevin proposed the below 6 emails accounts for board members.
 - **president@coloradochess.com**
 - **vicepresident@coloradochess.com**
 - **treasurer@coloradochess.com**
 - **secretary@coloradochess.com**
 - **scholastic_coordinator@coloradochess.com**
 - **info@coloradochess.com**
 - Idea is that these accounts will carry over smoothly to the next individuals who serve on the board.

7. New Business

- **Board Membership:** Motion to add Andy Starr as At-Large Board Member.
 - Motion by Kevin, seconded by Earle.
 - Approved unanimously; Andy to join future meetings.
- **Junior Members:** Discussion on timing for adding two additional junior members.
 - Decision: Add this year.
 - Jesse to confirm interest with Amitai.

- Kevin to contact Brad regarding Fort Collins representative.
- **Tournament Equipment:** Approval of one-time purchase of two laptops, printer, and MS Office.
- Equipment has already been purchased by Earle.
- Motion by Kevin, seconded by Dan.
- Approved unanimously.

8. Financial Reports

Earle to email current financials to board members by **December 31, 2025**.

9. Other Business/Open Forum

No additional topics were raised.

10. Adjournment

Meeting formally adjourned at **8:45 PM MST**.