

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE T.C.A.

Reported by Secretary Tony Estes

Minutes of the Sept. 2, 1967 meeting, first session. The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Robert Keathley at 1:15 P.M. The reading of the minutes from the 1966 meeting were dispensed with.

The members of the Nominating Committee were announced; they were as follows: M. Coveyou, B. Churchill, P. Lahde, J. Schaeffer, and J. Price. It was also announced that three officers were to be elected at the next meeting.

Bob Keathley announced and urged that clubs become affiliated with TCA. It was decided by majority vote that the Team Plaque should go to the highest scoring club rather than the city if there are two or more clubs.

Members of various chess clubs in Tennessee gave reports on activities. They were as follows: Hunter Weeks said the Pillsbury Chess Club in Memphis was only occasionally active, particularly in the Summer time. James Wright reported for the Memphis Chess Club saying they have about 30 members, they hold the city champ. annually as well as the Mid-South tourney. Bob Coveyou from Oak Ridge announced that they have an annual Junior tourney, the East Tenn. Open and a meeting of the club once a week. Mike Coveyou announced that University of Tenn. in Knoxville has a chess club and recently won the Regoin 5 tourney. Bob Keathley of Murfreesboro reported that their club has an annual club tourney and a match with Nashville. Roy Clark reported of activities of the MTSU Chess Club. Peter Lahde announced that the Nashville Chess Club had a practice tourney for the Tenn. Open. Nashville has an annual high school team and individual tourney. About 40 players participated this year. Several Nashville high schools also have chess clubs.

Bob Coveyou discussed adjudications and time limits. He proposed a set time limit for the total game and the idea has been approved by USCF through Edmondson. (Bob Coveyou's letter to Edmondson and Edmondson's reply are given below on this page.) Bob announced that the East Tennessee Open would be played using this idea of a set time limit for the entire game.

The player's meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. on Sept. 2, 1967. At this meeting the set time limit for a game was discussed further. By majority vote it was decided that the announced time limit would be used for this year's tournament.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be recessed until Sept. 3.

The second session was called to order at 7:25 PM on Sept. 3, 1967.

The following nominees were unanimously elected:	Remaining in office:
Vice President: Mike Coveyou (1970)	President: Keathley (1969)
Secretary: Robert Churchill (1968)	Tourney Director: Coveyou (1969)
Treasurer: Tony Estes (1970)	Membership Dir.: J. Hurt (1969)
Tourney Arrangements Director: Roy Clark (1970)	Postal Chess Dir.: Burris (1968)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Letter from Bob Coveyou to USCF to obtain permission to use a new time limit:

Dear Mr. Edmondson: August 16, 1967 (at the U.S. Open)

The Tennessee Chess Association proposes to organize one or more week-end tournaments, possibly eventually including the State championship, to test experimentally a new type of time limit; that is, a time limit of (at least) two and one half hours for each player for the entire game.

The advantages of such a time limit is obvious; elimination of adjudication, adjournments, adjournment analysis, and postponements of the following rounds. The disadvantages, if any, will only be revealed by experiment. We would like to know from you if tournaments conducted with such a time limit are acceptable to U.S.C.F. for rating purposes, and will be rated by U.S.C.F.

Yours sincerely,
Robert R. Coveyou
Tournament Director
Tennessee Chess Association

Reply of letter by Ed Edmondson, Executive Director, U.S.C.F.

It is my judgment that a time limit based upon the entire game, as you suggest, does meet the requirements that the average speed required of each player shall not exceed thirty moves per hour, if such a time limit allows at least two and one half hours for each player. Hence, a series of experimental tournaments conducted with a time allowance of (at least) two and one half hours for each player will be rated by the U.S.C.F. They would provide us with valuable guidance for possible future clarification of our rules on this subject.

E.B. Edmondson, Executive Director, U.S.C.F.