

## NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(also via website [www.CTChess.com](http://www.CTChess.com))

**DIRECTORS PLEASE RSVP.** (Jim C, Bob M, CJ, Rich C, Bruce S, Derek M, Norman B, Alex L)

**West Haven Police Dept.**

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**1:00pm April 28**

### **AGENDA**

**I. Call to order** (Mr. Celone) April 28<sup>th</sup> 1:40pm

**II. Roll Call** (Mr. Celone).

Directors present: Jim Celone, CJ Gregory, Bob Milardo, Richard Chang, Bruce Swan

Directors absent: Alexander Lumelsky, Derek Meredith, Norman Burtness

Members present: approx. 20

**III. New Business**

A. Election for open Board seats

Per Roberts Rules Newly Revised and CSCA By-Laws, the Sat Oct 1 2017 CSCA meeting is declared void for the following reasons:

1. There was no quorum (only 4 directors) and
2. any election of directors at said meeting is void as all CSCA members were not permitted to vote; only directors voted in closed session, which is in violation of the By-Laws.

Therefore all directors and officers remain in place as they were prior to the Oct 1 meeting. When editing the Oct 1 meeting Minutes and it became apparent the Oct 1 meeting was void, the president scheduled a meeting Nov 12, which the NBCC Board members Lumelsky, Meredith, Burtness said they could not attend; meeting was rescheduled to Dec 9, but canceled by snow; meeting was rescheduled to Dec 17, but by then A. Lumelsky's lawsuit against Jim Celone, the CSCA, and USCF and injunctions from

lawsuit prevented any CSCA business from taking place and precluded this Dec 17 meeting from happening.

Plaintiff in the suit was CT Chess Organization (CCO), then changed to Alexander Lumelsky dba CCO, after Jim Celone's Motion to dismiss.

All documents related to the lawsuit can be viewed at <http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=AANCV186025976S>

After numerous continuances the lawsuit and Jim's Motion to Dismiss were to be heard on Monday April 9. On Friday April 6 Lumelsky notified the court of his decision to withdraw the lawsuit.

A CSCA meeting was scheduled asap for Sat April 28 to repair the Oct 1 meeting.

Open Board seats are the two new 2022 seats, and two seats open due to resignations in 2017.

Jim Celone nominated for 2022 open board seat, Rich Jackson seconds; none opposed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Bob Milardo nominated for the other 2022 open board seat. Rich Jackson seconds; none opposed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Derek Mansfield nominated as director to fill John Fikiet's 2020 board seat. Glenn Budzinski seconds, none opposed. Unanimous vote. Motion carries. Derek is a 2020 director.

Al Pinto nominated as director to fill Dave Aldi's 2018 seat. Richard Chang seconds, none opposed. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.

B. Election for officer's/administrator's positions.

President: Bruce Swan nominates Jim Celone for president. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Jim Celone continues as president.

Vice President: Jim Celone nominates Derek Mansfield for Vice president. Bruce seconds. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Derek Mansfield is elected vice president.

Secretary: Jim C nominates Charles Gregory for secretary. Al Pinto seconds. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Charles Gregory continues as secretary.

Treasurer: Bob Milardo is nominated as treasurer by Jim C. Swan seconds. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Bob Milardo continues as treasurer.

Tournament Coordinator: Derek Mansfield is nominated for tournament coordinator by Jim C. Rich Chang seconds, No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Derek Mansfield is elected Tournament Coordinator.

Scholastic Chess/Grants: Jim Celone nominates Bruce Swan. Bob Milardo seconds. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Bruce Swan elected scholastic chess administrator.

Website Administrator: Al Pinto is nominated by Jim C. Bob Milardo seconds. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Al Pinto is elected website administrator.

Ombudsman: Rick retired from the position. Rich Jackson nominated, but declines. No other nominations. Position remains open.

Membership/Database Secretary: Jim nominates Bruce Swan, Bruce accepts to temporarily hold the position. No other nominations. Unanimous vote.

Historian: position previously filled by Bob Cyr. Bob not present. Position remains open.

#### C. Proposal: Amendments to By-Laws

*3. DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be composed of ten Directors who shall vote on CSCA matters. Each year, at the annual meeting, the adult CSCA members present shall elect Directors. In order to be nominated, the nominee must indicate his willingness to serve in writing or in person. All Directors shall serve five years or until their successors are duly elected. Vacancies shall be filled for their remaining terms at the next election.*

*Subject to Change: 3a) A Director, at any time, seeking action to bring civil lawsuit against another director, the CSCA, or the USCF, shall be immediately removed from the Board, and the CSCA, and will be recommended by the CSCA for USCF removal.*

Motion to accept tabled. Bob Milardo seconds. Unanimous vote. Al and Derek work on rewording so that we can present revision at next meeting, to prevent something like this from happening again.

*Subject to Change: 3b) At no time shall the Board be composed of more than 30% of Directors (3 directors for a full Board) from the same local chess club. If this situation occurs due to resignation or failure to fill a director's position, or for any other reason, then one or more directors must step down until the Board is in compliance with this rule.*

Motion to accept 3b by Bob M; Al seconds. Unanimous vote. Motion carries. 3b. added to By-Laws.

*9. QUORUM. A quorum for a Directors Meeting shall be five Directors, **Subject to Change: or shall be 50% of all current Directors.** A quorum for any special membership meeting shall be ten percent of the CSCA members over age 17. There is no quorum requirement for the election of Directors.*

Motion to accept 9. Quorum revision. Al Pinto seconds. Unanimous vote. Motion carries. Change added to By Laws.

D. Call for bids: 2019 State Championships

- 2018 CT G5 Blitz Championship
- 2019 CT G15 Quick Championship
- 2019 CT G30 Rapid Championship
- 2019 CT Open Championships**
- 2019 CT Scholastic Grade Championship
- 2019 CT Scholastic G5 Blitz Championship
- 2019 CT K-12 Scholastic Championship
- 2019 CT K-8 Scholastic Championship
- 2019 CT K-6 Scholastic Championship
- 2019 CT K-3 Scholastic Championship
- 2019 CT K and 1st Grade Scholastic Championships
- 2019 CT Girls K-12 Scholastic Championship

\*\* Bids for State Championships can be submitted in writing any time before or after this Board Meeting....to be awarded at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting by the BOD in Sept

**IV. Unfinished Business**

\$1035 Life Member Rich Jackson debt paid; he also gave an additional \$25 donation. Mr. Jackson is now reinstated as a Life member of the CSCA in good standing. Matter closed.

**V. Closed Session** to address conduct unbecoming of directors/officers

Motion to censure Alex Lumelsky for conduct unbecoming a director. Rich Chang seconds. Unanimous vote. Motion carries. Alex to be notified.

**VI. Adjourn**

Bob Milardo motion. Al Pinto seconds. Meeting adjourned. 3:10pm (1 hr 30 mins)