

**Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association annual meeting
Edmonton, Alberta
October 7, 2001**

Board members in attendance

David Ottosen
Roy Yearwood
Ronald Hinds
John Quiring
Ford Wong
Adam Tassone

Attendees:

Juraj Pivovarov
Alexander Kazakevich
John Quiring
Dave Gomboc
Jovette Jolicoeur
Adrien Regimbald
Vonnie Eng
Daryl Bertrand
Andrew Boik
Micah Hughey
Allen Tinio
Simon Yewchuk
Adam Tassone
Greg Beebe
Ford Wong
Jim Daniluk
Art Milne

1. Introductions

The members in attendance who were part of chess executives were introduced.

They were:

- CFC Governors –
 - Ron Hinds, John Quiring, Dave Ottosen, Ford Wong,
Roy Yearwood, Adrien Regimbald
- Calgary Chess Club –
 - Ron Hinds, Roy Yearwood, Juraj Pivovarov
- Edmonton Chess Club –
 - Micah Hughey, Greg Beebe, Adam Tassone
- Calgary Junior Chess Club –
 - Jovette Jolicoeur, Vonnie Eng, Jim Daniluk
- Edmonton Junior Chess Club –
 - Alexander Kazakevich

2. President's message

David Ottosen read his President's message:

My first ever tournament was the 1992 Alberta Open in Red Deer. I had precisely no clue about how anything relating to chess worked at that time (some people would say that hasn't changed). In the following nine years, I've had a lot of chess experiences. I've played in

Edmonton, Calgary, Hinton, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Peace River, Medicine Hat, and others. I've played in Vancouver, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto, and North Bay. I've played a Grand Master and I've beaten a couple of International masters. I became a master. By my most recent account, I have played approximately 650 games in that time. Within chess politics, I've been ACA President, ACA Secretary, ACA board member, ECC Treasurer, and ECC board member, a CFC Governor, CFC Junior coordinator, and a member of the Kalev Puugi fund administration board. I've organized and directed the Canadian Junior, and I helped organize and direct the Canadian Open. So what?

I told you all the incredibly great experiences I had playing chess. I've broken up two fights, I've been told that I have it "in for" people, I've had people yell at me, I've had parents complain that their kid is not being treated fairly, and I've generally also had a lot of unpleasant experiences in my time in chess. I'm sure anyone who has held a position of responsibility with the ACA can say the same. Overall, the positives have outweighed the negatives by a wide margin, but each negative is a much clearer memory than the positive.

At my first tournament nine years ago, Ford Wong was president. In his President's message, he said "the ACA needs more volunteers ... there is a feeling of somehow things will get done". Oddly, nine years later, if anything, the situation is worse. The amount of administration required to run the ACA has increased dramatically in that time due to a combination of increased government requirements for funding and holding casinos. However, fewer people are getting involved. This has led to more weight on fewer shoulders, and those shoulders are breaking under the weight.

I'm primarily retired from chess (although I'll be out to help Edmonton win back the Battle of Alberta trophy next year), but I'd like to leave you all with this message: volunteer! We all have lives, we all have families, we all want to play chess and not sit up at the TD desk and waste a weekend or go to an ACA board meeting on a beautiful June afternoon. Nine years ago, I didn't know anything about chess or how to organize it, so don't use "but I don't know how to ..." as an excuse. The ACA is always willing to teach you "how to"

I won't be running for President again ... good luck.

3. Treasurer's message and report

John Quiring gave the treasurer's message and report. The report is shown below:

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION Statement Of Receipts and Expenditures For The Year Ending December 31, 2000

INCOME

ASRPWF Grant	9,600.00
ASRPWF Host Grant: Can Open	3,000.00
Memberships	983.00
Interest	1,901.20
Fundraising	41,717.82
Tournaments	5,445.00
Sales	2,685.29
Donation	100.00
Total	65,432.31

EXPENSES

Tournaments	10,098.93
Club Support	2,000.00
ACR	986.03
Administration	509.47
Board Of Directors	649.44
Cost Of Sales	1,653.36
2000 Canadian Open	12,500.00
ASRPWF Host Grant: Can Open	3,000.00
2000 Chess Challenge	2,000.00
National Championships	2,650.00
Planning Committee	165.99
Total	36,213.22
Net Income (loss)	29,219.09

UNEXPENDED REVENUE

Beginning of year 60,686.03
Plus net profit (loss) 29,219.09

Balance at end of year 89,905.12

A motion was made by Ford Wong to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Vonnie Eng. Motion was passed with one abstained.

4. Alberta Chess report

A new ACR editor is needed. The compensation over the 6 issues is \$ 50 and paid expenses.

5. Election of officers

President – Ron Hinds elect

Vice-President – Roy Yearwood continuing into second year

Treasurer – Dave Gomboc elect

Secretary – Vonnie Eng elect

4 new board positions –

Alexander Kazakevich – elect
Ford Wong – elect
Bob Davies – elect
Tom McKay – elect

6. New Business

Motion – a TD will receive TD honorarium once TD has submitted the TD report to the CFC and ACA within a month following the tournament

Motion passed

The Calgary Chess Club announced their intent to apply for funding (less than \$ 5000)

John Quiring noted that the 2002 Canadian Zonal will take place at the end of March. This is before the end of the normal cycle to establish a 2002 Alberta Champion. This should be dealt with at the next ACA meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned