

**Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association  
Red Deer, Alberta  
January 25, 2003**

Draft Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association Board Meeting held Saturday January 25, 2003 at the G. H. Dawe Centre in Red Deer, Alberta

In attendance: Ford Wong (FW), Dave Gomboc (DG), Juraj Pivovarov (JP), Archie Robertson (AR), Bill Taylor (BW) and Tom McKay [TM].

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 with Ford Wong Chairing.

There was discussion concerning the short time frame that we receive most funding requests, which makes it very difficult to do the budget meeting.

1: Opening Remarks, Ford Wong expressed his opinion that he did not appreciate having the duty of chairing the meeting dumped on him on short notice by e-mail. The budget meeting is very important and the date was known well in advance. The President should have been there.

2: Agenda, Main focus is the budget. Bruce Thomas plans on coordinating all Junior Chess in Alberta with a committee of six people. Bill Taylor volunteered to be involved.

3: Minutes of last board meeting, Some amendments made, JP moved approval of minutes as amended AR seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The minutes are not official until they have been approved at the next board meeting.

4: Casino, Riana Hinds needs to get Calgary volunteers signed up ASAP.

5: New Business, Correspondence from Vonnice Eng, Letter of apology sent to Dave Gomboc and read aloud by him. The apology was sincerely appreciated. DG moved the ACA Board accept the apology, BT seconded, motion passed unanimously.

A Medicine Hat Chess Club project report was given by Bill Taylor. 27 schools sent a letter, 8 units have been delivered. 11 of 20 units now distributed to schools. The schools that did not respond have been sent a new letter. Bill would like to teach the teachers how to play chess, so they could assist in running the school chess clubs. Bill thanks the ACA for their support. Bill also appreciated receiving the Alberta Chess Reports and will distribute them to the schools. (1 Unit is 1 demonstration board, 17 chess sets and 1 chess clock). Bill was thanked for all the work he has done to promote chess in Medicine Hat.

Archie advised about his contact with the Edmonton Journal and Calgary Herald newspapers.

The Herald is not interested in a regular column, but is interested in hearing about special items like Juniors going to the Nationals, etc. The Journal may be interested and will get back to Archie. Bill Taylor is also looking into running something in the Medicine Hat News.

In recognition of Vonnie's apology, JP moved: The ACA rescinds the motions that ban her from ACA tournaments, replacing them with a probationary period ending at the end of 2003, in addition her ban on accessing the ACA complaints/disciplinary procedures as a complainant will also expire at the end of 2003. DG seconded, motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstained. The secretary will send her a letter.

Dave Gomboc suggests the ACA seek legal advise concerning our position on the definition of a tournament site for the purpose of parents banned from entering such a site.

DG moved the ban on Nelson Eshelman attending ACA tournaments expire February 28, 2003 if no apology has yet been received by then. A single apology to the ACA is sufficient. JP seconded, motion passed 3 in favor, 2 abstained. The secretary will send him a letter.

5: Formulation of Planning Committee, Budget and plan for next 2 years for Alberta Government, normally a committee of three people.

TM moved Ron Hinds be responsible for creating the plan with the assistance of Juraj Pivovarov, BT seconded, motion passed with 5 in favor.

6: JP moved the ACA buys lunch for the Board members present at the meeting today. TM seconded, motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstained. There was then a 30 minute lunch break.

7: Budget, the budget as shown in appendix A was moved for approval by BT, TM seconded and it passed with 5 in favor.

8: DG moved Proposals for funding and/or support must be received by a Board Member of the ACA by the end of the previous calendar year to be eligible for consideration TM seconded, motion passed with 5 in favor.

9: TM moved the meeting be adjourned, JP seconded, motion passed and the meeting closed at 5:11 p.m.

Appendix A:

2003 ACA Budget (Draft 1)

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Important Notes: \*please\* read carefully!

1. Expenses in the "Casino" column are all \*subject to the approval\* of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission ("AGLC"). Where the AGLC does not approve the expenditure, \*no support\* will be provided.
2. "Venue Rental" is for the reservation of space only. Ancillary items such as whiteboards, coffee, tea, et cetera are \*not\* eligible.
3. The budgeted Venue Rental for some of the tournaments on the ACA Tournament Schedule will likely \*not\* be sufficient to cover the cost of the rental of space. It is the tournament director's responsibility to remit an appropriate portion of the tournament's entry fees to the ACA to make up the difference.
4. "Travel Items" includes travel \*outside of Alberta\*, plus the entry fee to the tournament, and \*nothing else\*. For example, food, accommodation, and travel inside Alberta are all not eligible.

5. Requests for equipment or venue rental support for tournaments that plausibly would reoccur year after year are considered "one-time" requests only when the organization has not requested support from the ACA in the past.

Operating Casino

===== Venue Rental for ACA Scheduled Events (Location, # days) =====

668	January Open	(Cgy, 2)
340	Trumpeter Classic	(GPr, 2)
120	Northern Alberta Open	(Edm, 2)
525	March of Kings	(Cgy, 2)
800	Alberta Closed, Women's, Reserves	(Cgy, 3)
120	Used to be the U of A Open	(Edm, 2)
200	Alberta Youth Chess Championships	(RDr, 1)
525	Canada Day Open	(Cgy, 2)
60	Alberta Active Championship	(Edm, 1)
120	Battle of Alberta	(RDr, 1)
525	Over/Under 1800	(Cgy, 2)
150	Medicine Hat Open	(MdH, 2)
120	Northern Alberta Junior Qualifier	(Edm, 2)
525	Southern Alberta Junior Qualifier	(Cgy, 2)
1100	Alberta Open	(Edm, 3)
525	Southern Alberta Open	(Cgy, 2)
120	Alberta Junior	(RDr, 2)
120	Two Weekends Before Christmas	(Edm, 2)

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1225	Tournament Direction (\$35 x 35 days)
200	ACA Plan
200	Membership Secretary
100	Webmaster
300	Alberta Chess Report (\$50 x 6 issues)

Prize Fund Top-up/Guarantees  
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500	Alberta Closed
500	Alberta Open + NAO + SAO (all together, not each)

Other ACA Expenses  
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1000	Casino Fundraising
100	ACA Plan
225	Internet/Website
150	TD Workshop
1700	Alberta Chess Report
500	Administration
375	Board Meeting Venue Rental
825	Board Meeting Travel

Travel Items  
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500	Alberta Champion
500	Alberta Junior Champion

- 2000 Alberta YCC: \$400 x 5 Champions  
(U-18, U-16, U-14, U-12, U-10)
- 4800 CMA Canadian Chess Challenge: \$400 x 12 Champions  
(Grades 1 through 12 representing Alberta)

Club Venue Rental Items

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- 1500 Calgary Chess Club
- 640 Calgary Junior Chess Club
- 250 Delwood Chess Club

Special Event Venue Rental Items

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- 200 CMA: Calgary Region Championship
- 300 CMA: Alberta Region Championship
- 300 CJCC: Calgary School Team Championship

Other Expenditures

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- 400 Roving ChessNuts Rural Alberta Travel Subsidy
- 500 Advertising in Roving ChessNuts' "Chatter in the Castle"
- 450 CCC: 10 analog clocks (probably INSA)

7600 19303.75 Budget Total = 26903.75 (budget cap was \$27000)

Additional, One-Time Projects

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- 1000 CJCC: Venue Rental: Cdn. Junior 2004 (if bid selected)
- 500 EJCC: Venue Rental: Klondike Days Fun Zone
- 270 CSCL: 6 analog clocks (probably INSA)
- 400 WJCC: 4 Saitek II clocks (digital)
- Dr. Bill Taylor > CSCL: 17 chess sets + 1 demonstration board
- has these items > WJCC: 17 chess sets + 1 demonstration board
- already. > Delwood: 3 analog clocks (probably Garde)

2170 Additional, One-Time Projects Total = \$2170.00