

**Draft Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association Annual General Meeting  
October 10, 2004  
Calgary, Alberta**

17 people were in attendance including President Ford Wong, Vice President Micah Hughey, and Director Alex Kazakevich.

1. President Ford Wong called the meeting to order at 15:19.
2. Ford Wong moved that Member's motions to occur after the election of officers. Carried unanimously.
3. Roy Yearwood made the motion to accept the amended agenda. Seconded by Micah Hughey. Carried unanimously.
4. Ford Wong presented the President's Address (Appendix A)
5. Treasurer's report was given by President Ford Wong (Appendix B)
6. Micah Hughey moves that we adopt the 2003 financial statements. Tom McKay seconds. Carried unanimously.
7. Alberta Chess Association planning report was presented to the membership by President Ford Wong.
8. No amendments to the current bylaws were discussed by the membership.
9. Elections:

Nominations for Vice President for the 2005-2006 term.

Victor Kaminski nominated Micah Hughey.

Roy Yearwood seconded nomination.

Micah Hughey accepted.

No other nominations were made and Micah Hughey was declared the Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary for the 2005-2006 term.

Walter Watson nominated Danny McIntosh.

Micah Hughey seconded nomination.

Danny McIntosh accepted.

No other nominations were made and Danny McIntosh was declared the Secretary.

Nominations for the four Director positions for the 2004-2006 term.

Ford Wong nominated Carolyn McMaster - accepted  
Richard Pua nominated Richard Kaminski - accepted  
Micah Hughey nominated Paul Viminitz - accepted  
Micah Hughey nominated Vladislav Rekhson - accepted  
Micah Hughey nominated Richard Pua - accepted  
Micah Hughey nominated Roy Yearwood - accepted

A vote by secret ballot was held and as a result Carolyn McMaster, Richard Kaminski, Paul Viminitz, and Roy Yearwood were elected as Directors.

The new ACA Board is:

President: Ford Wong  
Vice President: Micah Hughey  
Treasurer: Ron Hinds  
Secretary: Danny McIntosh

Directors with 1 year left:

Greg Beebe  
Phil Lefkowitz  
John Quiring  
Alexander Kazakevich

Directors with 2 years left:

Carolyn McMaster  
Richard Kaminski  
Paul Viminitz  
Roy Yearwood

**Other Business:**

See appendix C for text of motions.

Motions 1, 2, 3, 4 were all tabled to the next ACA board meeting.

Tom McKay motions to end ACA annual general meeting at 16:28. Seconded by Micah Hughey. Agreed. Meeting ended at 16:28.

## **Appendix A**

### **President Message – Ford Wong**

#### **Alberta Chess Association**

#### **Annual General Meeting - October 10, 2004**

2004 was a typical business as usual year with all our core projects getting completed. All the planned tournaments were completed. This past year there were several highlights:

1. The ACA can now use casino funds to pay for tournament rating fees. This means that rating fees are no longer deducted from entry fees.
2. The ACA managed to sponsor a Grandmaster to attend and play in a local tournament. Grandmaster Alex Yermolinky was sponsored to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Medicine Hat Open. The ACA intends to do more GM sponsorship in the future.
3. The ACA rewrote the Alberta Closed Rules. Hopefully the new rules address several issues in the past (namely 3 rounds in one day).
4. At the end of 2003, the ACA took over and organized the 2004 Canadian Junior and the 2003 Pan Am Qualifier.
5. Organization of all junior events is now been given to a Alberta Junior Chess Coordinating Committee led by Bruce Thomas. This helps alleviate a tremendous burden of finding organizers for Junior events.
6. The ACA added the highly successful Sectionals to its list of supported tournaments.
7. The ACA was reviewed by the AGLC and found to be eligible for having Casinos. However, it was found that the ACA being a “not for profit” organization should not be giving honorariums to the ACR Editor, the membership director, the Web Administrator and the Planning Committee. These have been dropped and are expected to be totally volunteer. Tournament Director honoraria is allowed as this requires a special skill.
8. The AGLC also gave clarification on associations having too much money built up from Casinos. Organizations with too much unspent fund from gaming proceeds will be urged to spend it (or donate it to charity) barring a valid reason for retaining the funds. Because the ACA will be having another Casino next year, expect the ACA to loosen the purse strings next year. Along this line, the ACA is trying to get AGLC approval to use casino funds to sponsor the Canadian Olympic team to Spain in October.
9. The ACA sponsored the Alberta Chess Challenge Team to Winnipeg, Cornelia Dinca to the CYCC in Kapuskasing, Ontario, and Greg Huber to the Canadian Closed and Zonal Qualifier in Toronto this year. At the Canadian Closed and Zonal Qualifier Greg Huber got his FM designation and is the first home grown Albertan to do so. Congratulations to Greg on a great achievement.
10. The ACA added digital clocks to its inventory.
11. On a sad, note, John Schleinich, one of the founding fathers of the Alberta Chess Association who was instrumental in getting the ACA on its feet, passed away.
12. ASPRW funding was increased from \$9,600 to \$11,000 for 2004.
13. On a happier note, there was no conduct committee issues or in-fighting amongst board members or ACA members in general.

The only problem this year (as in past years) was not getting enough ACRs out on time, the lack of up to date information on the ACA Website and getting tournament announcements to the CFC and in En Passant. The ACA depends on its volunteers to get this information out to our membership “and beyond” but this past year it seemed more glaring. We hope to do better next year.

This year only three ACRs were published and hopefully a fourth one will be done by year end. The ACR should be out every two months with one coming out just before our major tournaments. Bruce Thomas was editor for most of the year and has been replaced by Micah Hughey. Bruce had so many things on the go with co-ordination of Junior Chess in Alberta as well as in Edmonton that the publication of ACRs suffered.

In addition, this past year the ACA had to rebuild its entire web page by moving it to a new server and beginning with finding a new Web Administrator. The ACA thanks Tim Dean who stepped forward to take over the duties. This problem was compounded with issues related to who would be able to update the site.

The ACA is currently faced with a problem with organizing chess in general in Calgary. This is a spin off from previous years problems. The ACA is faced with a shortage of volunteers willing to help run tournaments and low junior participation at ACA events in Calgary. A commendation should be given to Ron Hinds for taking on the responsibility of organizing tournaments in Calgary. Finding tournament directors has been difficult. The ACA continues to fully support the Calgary Chess club. However at the end of 2003, the Calgary Junior Chess Club, severed its relationship with the ACA and is running independently. This has led to lack of junior participation at ACA junior events in Calgary.

In 2005, I look forward to a more exciting year as the ACA will be having another casino (this time in Edmonton over the Easter Long weekend – the ACA will be counting on its members to volunteer as usual), and the ACA will be the main financial sponsor of the 2005 Canadian Open in Edmonton as a couple of things to look forward to. In addition, as mentioned before with such a strong cash position (casino funds) expect the ACA to loosen its purse strings quite considerably (possibly more equipment to new clubs, full travel support and more books donated to libraries and possibly funding for junior training). I look forward to getting the ACA rolling again. If you are interested in helping organize chess in Alberta, I encourage you to get on the ACA Board of Directors (the board meets four times a year). Lastly, I would like to see the ACA formal adopt some policies (such as harassment, personal information privacy act, etc).

Ford Wong