

Dec. 5th, 2004
Alberta Chess Association Executive Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm. Attendance follows below.

Attendance

Ford Wong (President) – Present
Micah Hughey (Vice President) – Present
Danny McIntosh (Secretary) – Present
Alexander Kazakevich (Director) – Present
Richard Kaminski (Director) – Present
Dr. Paul Viminitz (Director) – Present
Roy Yearwood (Director) – Present
Ron Hinds (Treasurer) – Absent
Phil Lefkowitz (Director) – Absent
John Quiring (Director) – Absent
Greg Beebe (Director) – Absent
Carolyn McMaster (Director) – Absent

Notes: At 3:50 pm Richard Kaminski had to leave the meeting.

1. Prior Meeting Minutes

The previous meetings minutes were dispensed with. Alexander Kazakevich, seconded by Micah Hughey made a motion to accept the minutes of the prior executive meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. President's Report

Ford Wong discussed the GAIN meeting that he attended in regards to the spending of casino funds. Ford has available a handout that describes how to fill out forms regarding casino expenditures. This handout is available on the gaming and liquor website (AGLC website). Ford also pointed out that casino funds spent must be on pre-approved expenditures or there will be penalties assessed in excess of the amount spent. The president informed the board of the next casino for the ACA that will take place March 26-27, 2005 in Edmonton. John Quiring is in charge of putting together the group of volunteers to run the casino. Ford also discussed the weak level of advertising in Alberta chess tournaments.

3. Canadian Olympic Team

At the prior meeting John Quiring had proposed that a maximum of \$5000 be put forward to help the Canadian Olympic team. This has not been done for the current year but may be something to consider in a future year.

4. Alberta Closed Rules

Rules regarding qualification are set. John Quiring just has to post the TC and date.

5. ACR Editor

Micah Hughey is the ACR editor. Micah told the executive all the articles are together but just need to be formatted before printing.

6. Financial Report

As of Dec. 5, 2004 we have \$47,691.78 in the casino account, \$23,378.35 in the operating account and \$77,788.85 in GICs that are split between casino and operating money.

7. Alberta Closed Rules Report

The report will be deferred until the January 2005 executive meeting.

8. Tournament Schedule

The 2005 tournament schedule was finalized with the exception of the sectionals and the Schleinich Memorial. The tournament schedule will be available to executive members on or before December 15, 2004.

8a. Motion 2 from Annual General Meeting

Richard Kaminski motions, seconded by Danny McIntosh that the ACA will hold the Schleinich Memorial in Calgary at the end of Dec. 2005 with the ACA providing funds to cover the cost of the venue and TD honorarium. The result of the motion was six to zero. The motion is carried unanimously.

8b. Motion 4 from the Annual General Meeting

Alex Kazakevich motions, seconded by Richard Kaminski that the Alberta Closed, Alberta Reserves, and the Alberta Women's Championship be moved to the long weekend of February to avoid the frustrations of having the events on a religious holiday. The motion also includes moving the Northern Alberta Open to February 5-6 in 2005. The result of the motion is 6-0. The motion is carried unanimously.

9. 2005 Spending

Ford Wong presented an update of proposed budget amounts in 2005. We are going to spend \$60,000 on the Canadian Open in 2005. Proposals for spending are to be given to the president before the January executive meeting. Ford also mentioned that if we need to keep some casino money in the account for future years we can write to AGLC and explain the situation.

10. Motion 1 from Annual General Meeting

Richard Kaminski, seconded by Roy Yearwood moves that the ACA will make a financial subsidy of \$500 to the best Alberta junior who can qualify for the CYCC (Canadian Youth Chess Championship) 2005 as according to the rating table below provided they have played in three Alberta Chess Association tournaments.

Age	Boys	Girls
U10	1600	1400
U12	1750	1550
U14	1900	1700

U16	2000	1800
U18	2100	1900

The result of the motion was 2 to 4 with Roy Yearwood and Richard Kaminski in favor and Micah Hughey, Danny McIntosh, Paul Viminitz, and Alexander Kazakevich against. The motion is defeated.

10b. Motion 3 from the Annual General Meeting

Danny McIntosh, seconded by Paul Viminitz moves that all major chess tournaments in Alberta are to be run with the use of Swiss Perfect and the ACA and potential TD should have a computer or laptop with the program ready for use in a tournament. The result of the motion is 1-4. Roy Yearwood was in favor. Danny McIntosh, Micah Hughey, Paul Viminitz, and Alexander Kazakevich were against. The motion is defeated.

11. Budget Amount for 2005

Discussion was had about the amount for the 2005 ACA budget. \$60,000 is budgeted towards the Canadian Open. Ford Wong mentioned that the starting amount should be at least \$110,000 for 2005 because the AGLC wants the ACA to get rid of its casino money before our casino. Micah Hughey, seconded by Paul Viminitz moves that the 2005 ACA budget be set at \$120,000. The result of the motion is 4-0 with one abstaining. Micah Hughey, Paul Viminitz, Danny McIntosh, and Alex Kazakevich were in favor. Roy Yearwood abstained on this motion. The motion is carried.

The meeting was ended by consensus at 5:00pm.