

Draft Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association Board Meeting held Sunday February 8, 2004 at the G. H. Dawe Centre in Red Deer.

In attendance: President: Ford Wong, Vice President: Micah Hughey, Treasurer: Dr. Ronald Hinds, Secretary: Tom McKay, Directors: Alex Kazakevich, John Quiring, Greg Beebe and Carolyn McMaster.

The meeting was called to order by Ford at 10:01 a.m.

1: Ford enquired if there were any items to add to the agenda and no items were brought forward.

2: Tom McKay moved acceptance of the draft Minutes from the November 29, 2003 Board Meeting. Micah seconded. No corrections were noted and the motion passed with all in favour.

3: Ford informed us about the Canadian Chess Federation item about Tournament Director Certifications. Ford completed a list of people he felt were qualified to direct tournaments and sent the list to the CFC President.

4: Treasurers Report by Ron Hinds: AYCC has a balance of \$406.20 on December 31, 2003. The budget from 2003 has been expended. There are 5 GIC's with an approximate balance of \$77,700.00 on December 31, 2003. 4 are renewed on a yearly basis with the interest going into our Casino account from 2 of them and the interest going into our operating account from the other 2. 1 for \$6,000.00 gives monthly interest. The operating account had \$18,440.00 at the end of 2003. \$19,026.00 balance on January 21st but \$360.07 in outstanding cheques, plus a deposit of \$66.00 to be made. The casino accounts total \$83,198.11, with 2 outstanding cheques from the Pan Am Tournament.

John mentioned that he felt we have too much cash in casino accounts and some should be moved to GIC's. Ford and Ron to do this.

Ford enquired if we paid for the Pan Am & Junior Tournaments out of the 2003 budget, Ron advised it is against the 2003 budget.

Ford also asked how close we were to the 2003 budget. Ron did not have exact figures available but advised we were close, within 10%.

5: Pan Am Qualifier & Canadian Junior report: The overall cost was \$6,800.00, which is \$1,800.00 over what we budgeted. Bruce Thomas had made it known that he felt the ACA should not ask the CFC for the money they owe as part of the entry fees. This was thoroughly discussed.

Ron Hinds moved the CFC retains the entry fees for the Pan Am Qualifier and Canadian Junior Tournaments. Alex Kazakevich seconded.

Greg Beebe made a friendly amendment that was agreed to that we donate our portion to the CFC Junior Fund for International Travel.

The question was called with 5 in favor and 2 opposed. The amended motion carried.

6: ACA Website Report: Ford advised Tim Dean volunteered to take over the website. A restricted list of people were given the new password. Tim has the secret webmaster password to update the program. A second password for posting items is what is circulated. Tim is rewriting the entire site. There was much discussion concerning the website. It was suggested that a set up similar to the CFC website be investigated where items can be submitted, but only a small group of people be allowed to approve and then post them on the site. Micah to work with Tim on the site. Any rejected items should have an e-mail sent to the sender telling them why it was not approved for posting.

7: ACA Membership Secretary: Patricia Thomas was made Membership Secretary at the November Board Meeting.

8: The Calgary Junior Chess Club has requested funds budgeted for them for 2003, but they have refused any future funding from the ACA.

Tom McKay moves we send the CJCC a cheque for \$640.00 from the 2003 budget for their club room rentals. Micah seconded.

5 in favor
1 opposed
1 abstained
Motion passed

9: Calgary Chess Club shortfall for 2003, request for additional funds due to moving to a more expensive location, request for \$2685.00 in additional funds for 2003, which is \$4997.50 less \$645.00 overpaid in 2002. Receipts should be sent to us in support. \$4,185.00 total.

Micah Hughey moves we send the CCC \$4,185.00 to be distributed upon receipt of supporting documentation for 2003 venue rental. Ron Hinds seconded.

Motion passed 7 in favor.

10: Alberta Closed Participation Points. Jeff Reeve and Greg Huber expressed concern about the declining rating average in the Alberta Closed and a lot of inactive masters in Alberta. Greg wants participation points reduced to 1 point for 1 tournament for the Alberta Closed. He also wants more people to get in by rating. The prize for winning the closed should always be a trip to a tournament of their choice.

Micah Hughey moved the Alberta Closed participation points rule be reduced to 1 point effective immediately. Ron Hinds seconded.

There was much discussion then the question was called.

4 in favor

2 opposed
1 abstained
Motion passed

11: A 3 person Planning Committee needs to be formed to make our Plan.

John Quiring moves Ron Hinds, Ford Wong and Carolyn McMaster form the Planning Committee, Chaired by Ron Hinds. Micah Hughey seconded.

The motion carried with 6 in favor.

12: The 2004 Budget was created on an Excel spreadsheet.

John Quring moved acceptance of the ACA 2004 operating budget. Micah Hughey seconded.

The motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 abstained.

13: New Business: John advised the Grande Prairie vinyl boards are in horrible condition due to years of heavy use. John will ship 8 vinyl boards in his possession to them. They are old ACA equipment.

14: Micah Hughey moved adjournment. Tom McKay seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting closed at 5:29 p.m.