

## **Draft Minutes of the Alberta Chess Association Board Meeting held at the G.H. Dawe Center in Red Deer August 29, 2004.**

In Attendance: President Ford Wong, Vice President Micah Hughey, Treasurer Ron Hinds, Secretary Tom McKay and Directors John Quiring, Alex Kazakevich, Carolyn McMaster and Dr. Bill Taylor.

Ford called the meeting to order at 13:08.

1: There was no quorum at the May 29, 2004 ACA Board meeting. There was a call for new items to be added to the agenda. The Alberta Junior was added as 13b and Tournament reporting was added as 13c.

News: 36 new FIDE clocks purchased, 1 disappeared at the Alberta Reserves. 50 chess sets were purchased with no boards as the ACA has plenty paper boards. Carolyn has 20 of them for the Lancaster Club. It is not known if the Lancaster tournaments are being held.

\$250.00 was given the Alberta Chess Challenge. Greg Huber went to the Canadian Closed and Cornelia was given approximately \$750.00.

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Medicine Hat Open to be held on September 11 & 12, 2004. GM Alex Yermolinsky will be attending. The ACA paid \$2,600.00 for his travel, appearance fee and hotel. Alberta Gaming approval was given.

2: Minutes of the February 8, 2004 ACA Board Meeting. John advised a copy of the Budget was not attached. John was provided a copy of the Budget and moved the minutes be approved. Carolyn seconded and the motion passed.

3: Financial report by Ron. As of today there are no funds in the old Casino account. There is \$58,648.38 in the Casino account, \$19,719.50 in the Operating account and \$77,773.07 in GIC's. The net worth on August 29, 2004 is \$156,140.95. In 2003 we overspent the budget by about \$7,000.00 mostly due to Junior Tournaments.

4: AGLC requirements. Ford met with the Gaming rep. for approximately 3 hours. This resulted in 2 things.

4a: We need a "Dissolution Clause" to the ACA Bylaws. If we don't do this by the next Casino, we won't be permitted have a Casino. Any Bylaw changes must be made at the AGM and must be put in the next ACR first. Grant Brown will be asked to review the dissolution clause first for a legal opinion.

4b: Charitable Organizations and honoraria. TD honoraria is the only acceptable one to the AGLC. Webmaster is borderline.

John moved: We remove honoraria for Newsletter Editor, Planning Committee and Membership Chairman.

Bill seconded.

The matter was thoroughly discussed and the motion passed.

4c: Spend it or lose it rumor. The AGLC will not take away money earned in Casinos, but they may prod the organization to spend some of it. We have to spend lots more money in 2005 as we have another Casino in April.

4d: Code of Conduct. Ford wrote a sample code of Ethics. Government agencies are asking for this. It will be for future consideration. To be posted on website and tournament rooms.

5: Vacant CFC Governor. Bill to consider it. Carolyn and Micah interested. John willing to give his up to anyone who is active on the ACA Board and is willing to do it. John resigned as Governor. Micah and Carolyn to be appointed Governors by Ford.

6: ACA Casino. Easter long weekend in Edmonton. Saturday and Sunday. John to coordinate it. Volunteer sign up forms will be coming out soon.

7: Olympic team. Belzberg Technologies withdrew their support of the Canadian Olympic team this year. The full costs to send the team to Spain is \$25,000.00. The Provincial Chess organizations were asked to help out if the can.

Tom moved: The ACA donate \$5,000.00 to the CFC Olympic Team from the Casino account, pending AGLC approval.

Bill seconded.

Motion passed.

8: ACR – new editor required.

John moved we appoint Micah as ACR Editor.

Carolyn seconded.

Motion passed.

9: Canadian Open 2005. \$58,000.00 already approved by AGLC for casino funds. Additional funds may be required from Operating account.

Bill moves: The ACA approves the expenditure of \$60,000.00 of ACA funds to support the Canadian Open 2005 Committee's proposed budget.

Tom seconded.

Motion passed.

9a: The CYCC must be held earlier in 2005. Alex joined the Canadian Open Committee. Alex is willing to organize the CYCC with Bruce Thomas. The room rental is included in the \$58,000.00 already approved by the AGLC.

10: Alberta Closed Rule Changes. There was considerable discussion concerning changing the Alberta Closed into a 12 to 20 player Swiss or a 6 player round robin. This was to avoid having to have 3 games in one day.

Micah moved: The Alberta Closed be changed to a 6 player round robin with 4 Qualifiers, the champions of the Southern Alberta Open, the Northern Alberta Open, the Alberta Open and the Alberta Closed. The remaining 2 spots go to the highest rated players from the rating list with at least 1 participation point.

Bill seconded.

The motion passed. Micah will inform the masters. John will work out the details of the schedule, etc.

11: Funding for websites for outlying areas such as Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie etc. Carolyn and Bill to set up a Medicine Hat chess website with a link the ACA website.

12: ACA equipment. Does anyone know the whereabouts of 20 ACA Jerger clocks? Nobody at the meeting knew.

13a: Request for a donation of 15 sets plus 15 Fide clocks to Grande Prairie Chess Club. Ford to send 15 sets, no clocks.

13b: Alberta Junior. Proposal to cancel the Northern and Southern Alberta Jr. Qualifiers and just hold the Alberta Junior Championship closed to ratings over 1500, and Alberta Junior Reserves for ratings under 1500 on account there is nobody to run the Southern Alberta Jr. Qualifier. The Alberta Junior Committee is not working. Bruce Thomas is making all the decisions. Just for 2004 there will be no Southern or Northern Alberta Junior Qualifiers.

13c: Tournament reporting. The Canada Day Open was held on July 3 & 4, 2004 and was directed by Roy Yearwood. The tournament results and money has not been sent to the CFC to date. This includes new memberships and renewals. The same thing happened in 2003. This is affecting other tournaments that have happened since, such as ECC tournaments that won't be rated because someone's membership was renewed at the Canada Day Open and it has not been sent to the CFC yet. Ron will follow up with Roy on this. The Alberta Active was held two months ago, and it was directed by Greg Beebe and has not been rated yet.

14: A new webmaster may be needed as Tim Dean may be moving from Alberta.

Tom moved the meeting be adjourned.

Bill seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 17:29.