

## ACA Board Meeting, August 28, 2005

### Red Deer

Present: Ford Wong (President), Richard Kaminsky, Micah Hughey, Paul Viminitz, Greg Beebe, John Quiring

Ford took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 11:30. He asked John Quiring to take the minutes.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed via email by the Secretary.

Moved (Quiring/Viminitz) to accept the minutes.

John asked whether Ford had followed up on an action item from the minutes: contacting Bruce Thomas re: rules for junior tournaments. The answer was negative.

Motion carried.

President's Report.

Ford said he was working on the plan, mainly on project assessments, and Treasurer Ron Hinds was getting the financials together.

No Canadian Closed was scheduled for 2005, so the question of where to send Alberta champion Jeff Reeve was up in the air; Micah said he was working with Jeff on this.

The next ACA casino is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2007.

The AGLC is pressuring groups to spend money within 2 years of receiving it; we have \$26,000 that is 2+ years old.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer was absent. Comments given were inconsequential.

Canadian Open 2005.

Richard congratulated the organizing committee for a good tournament.

Ford said that the players were very happy with the event. There were lots of spectators, and lots of good PR.

Next Casino.

Ford asked if we should try to schedule the next casino for Easter weekend (as in 2005). Overall the Board said yes.

Ford wondered about donating casino funds to the Olympic team. Richard and Greg stated a strong preference for spending the money in Alberta. Ideas will be solicited in advance of the next board meeting.

ACR

No ACR had been published for a long time, and Ford said it was important to fix this. Greg (editor) said it was hard to get articles together. John thought there were plenty of articles on the internet that could be used to create an article, such as Greg Huber's report on the Canadian Closed, Micah's reports on the sectionals, Bruce Thomas's junior reports and weekend tournament reports.

Tournaments

There was confusion over the location of the Alberta Active, and no evidence that it took place, yet the ACA paid for site rental.

The March of Kings has not been rated, it was run by Roy Yearwood. Roy has not been responsive to questions, and it is known that he received membership money that was not sent to the CFC. Micah

said Roy had told him during a subsequent tournament that he had submitted the tournament for rating, but this appeared to be untrue. John said the official process for handling such an incident, via a Conduct Committee, was long and cumbersome, consuming many volunteer hours, and he personally had no energy for it. The Board decided to ask Roy (who is currently a Board member) to resign. Obviously Roy would not be assigned any more ACA events to organize/direct. However Roy was also involved in non-ACA events which the ACA technically has jurisdiction over, as they are CFC-rated. Micah mentioned that Roy adds a lot to tournaments he attends, as he is a strong player, personable, and well-liked.

#### Calgary Chess Club

Richard reported that elections were coming up in September for the CCC, and that good organizers and players were coming forward. He said they were staying at their current location for now, with a casino coming up in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006.

#### Junior Chess

Richard said there were 2 aspects of junior chess to consider, CFC and C&M. He thought Bruce Thomas was oriented to C&M events, and that the ACA Board should take control of the CFC events. He had a proposal for changes to the schedule for the end of 2005 (AB Jr. qualifiers), including alternating the AB Jr. between Edmonton and Calgary and moving it to September.

This proposal was introduced as a motion by Kaminski/Viminitz but the exact text was lost in the ensuing emotional and at times chaotic discussion.

The main points presented in the discussion were as follows: Bruce Thomas has done a good job organizing tournaments for the ACA; Bruce was officially appointed by the ACA and it wouldn't be appropriate to intrude into his work in this manner; the AB Jr. championship is too late in the year when the weather is bad, and is in Red Deer which is inconvenient for everybody; the schedule was set long ago and last minute changes are not a good idea; Richard is willing to do work in Calgary, where the ACA has trouble finding organizers but he and Bruce don't get along, and the ACA should address this.

Richard also suggested Bruce Thomas had misused money from entry fees received in 2004 and 2005 events. John stated he had seen financial reports for 2004 and everything appeared in order. No evidence was presented to support this claim.

On balance, the Board agreed it was not proper to arbitrarily step into Bruce's area of responsibility in this manner and Richard withdrew his motion.

Moved (Kaminski) that Bruce Thomas be the ACA's coordinator for Scholastic (C&M) chess activities, eliminating his responsibilities for the CFC-related CYCC events.

This motion died for lack of a second.

#### Tournament Review.

Medicine Hat: Bill Taylor is in charge so there are no concerns.

Southern AB: Roy was scheduled to direct, which won't be permitted; Richard said he would no longer help run ACA tournaments in Calgary.

Sectional in Edmonton: Micah said Shabalov is coming.

N.AB Junior—Bruce will run it in September.

S.AB Junior—??

AB Open—Ford will run it in the FantasyLand hotel

AB Jr.—Bruce will handle; Nov 19-20

Before Christmas—organizer is Vlad Rekhson

#### Budget Review.

Bruce Thomas was planning a junior match AB vs. SK in Lloydminster, which might include renting a bus to transport the team. Money would be re-allocated from other projects Bruce is running.

Two TD workshops are scheduled; John will provide his materials from previous workshops.  
Bruce is coordinating the library initiative, targeting non-Edmonton and Calgary libraries.  
Brian McDonald's project has not happened.  
Carolyn's website project needs to be reviewed; nothing so far on advertising.

Wrap-Up.

Outgoing Board members Ford, Greg, John and Alex Kazakevich are likely not going to run again.  
Greg mentioned that we should have an action item for the next Board to review junior chess in Alberta.

Motion (Viminitz/Beebe) to liver and onions.  
Carried.