

**Alberta Chess Association Executive Meeting  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Meeting called to order at 11:13 am.

**Attendance**

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

**1. New Business**

Discussion was held on adding tournaments to the discussion at the executive meetings.

**2. Prior Meetings Minutes**

Paul Viminitz moves, seconded by John Quiring that the minutes of the prior executive meeting be accepted. Carried unanimously.

**3a. President's Report on the ASRPW Application**

The Alberta Chess Association's application to the ASRPW was late but there was no penalty attached to the late submission. Ford Wong informed the board that the ACA had to back insurance for Bill Taylor with his Giant Chess Set initiative because the Medicine Hat chess club isn't a formal organization. Ford Wong informed the board that Medicine Hat chess club however is effectively backing the insurance for Bill Taylor's project.

**3b. ASRPW Report**

Ford Wong informed the Board that we got the full dollar amount available to the ACA from the ASRPW. The grant will be paid in two installments. The first installment has already been paid and the second will occur in November after the ASRPW receives the 2005 ACA Plan in August.

Travel requests to the AGLC are summarized below:

Alberta Youth Chess Championship – Approved.

CCC - The request is in but not approved yet.

Travel to the Canadian Closed or another tournament if the Canadian Closed doesn't occur – In but not approved yet.

### **3c. Treasurer's Report**

Ron Hinds stated that the ACA has current monetary reserves of \$218,475.91. The 2005 budget for the ACA is \$110,000. Ron Hinds informed the board that we had to send information on the closing of a bank account for the AGLC audit. Other than for this issue the AGLC audit went smoothly.

### **3d. Casino Report**

The March casino in Edmonton was very successful. Over \$80,000 was raised with \$28,000 from table games and \$55,000 from slot machines. Our next casino will occur sometime between April – June 2007.

### **3e. Junior Report**

Bruce Thomas' report stated that he saved \$1,000 on pre-budgeted items and wants to spend this money on three additional events:

Northern Alberta vs Saskatchewan  
Alberta vs. British Columbia  
Junior Battle of Alberta

John Quiring brought up the need for more formal rules for the 2005 Alberta Junior Championship. The board agreed that Bruce should reply with the rules no later than the August board meeting. Ford Wong will ask Bruce Thomas to develop the rule list.

### **3f. Canadian Open Report**

The board was informed that there were 134 players registered for the event. Funding for the event included \$60,000 from the ACA, \$4,000 from the ASRPW, and \$15,000 from the Edmonton Chess Club. The main focus for the Canadian Open team now is public relations, advertising and logistics.

### **3g. Pairing cards/score sheets**

Score sheets were printed in bundles of 500. ACA pairing cards were also printed. Both will be distributed for use. For under \$1,400 we were able to get 40,000 score sheets and 15,000 pairing cards.

### **3h. Tournament Reviews**

Paul Viminitz informed the board that Lethbridge had a small well run tournament and now has an active club. Discussions were held regarding the March of Kings tournament run by Roy Yearwood and that the ratings were not into the CFC yet. Roy Yearwood was called and the tournament will be submitted ASAP.

#### **4a. Alberta Chess Report**

Ford Wong pointed out that the association is at risk for not communicating with its members. Ford Wong will make this one of his top priorities. Ford will present information to Greg Beebe and get an issue published. John Quiring pointed out that our constitution requires us to publish financial statements in the Alberta Chess Report.

#### **4c. FIDE Events**

Discussion was held regarding the merits of FIDE rating tournaments. Micah Hughey moves, seconded by Alex Kazakevich that any ACA tournament at the discretion of the organizer can be FIDE rated and the rating fees paid by the ACA. Passed unanimously.

#### **5. New Business**

No new business.

#### **6. Next meeting August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.