



The Alberta Chess Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2008, 2 p.m. (Between rounds 3 & 4 of the Alberta Open)

Quality Inn, 2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary

Attendance

President: Mike Sekuloff

Vice President: Micah Hughey

Treasurer: Tim Pradzinski

Director: Jim Daniluk

Director: Richard Pua

Director: Dale Haessel

Executive Director: Tony Ficzero (also ACA member)

ACA Members present: Rick Pedersen, Tom McKay, Kent Karapita, Geoff Newton, Roy Yearwood, Aaron Sequillion, Chris White, Bill Bentley, Paul Usselman

Call to Order and introduction of Officers – President Mike Sekuloff

The President, Mike Sekuloff called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Reading of the Minutes of the last AGM – Secretary (not present)

There were no minutes presented from the last AGM. Tim Pradzinski gave a recap of the minutes from his notes.

Mike said Paul Viminitz was having health problems, and Tim stepped up to act as Treasurer and Secretary.

Mike then read the members of the current board of directors.

President's Address – President Mike Sekuloff

Mike made an opening statement regarding our ASRPWF paperwork. We were behind but have now caught up on all reports that need to be filed with ASRPWF.

Mike announced that we need volunteers for the ACA. We need a treasurer as Tim is resigning.

Mike commented that the ACR is now online and will be published every 2 months.

Some people are having issues getting to the website, Mike thinks it may be an I.P. problem and is checking to see if he can fix the problem. The ECC can't access the site. Tony said

there is a mirror site that is identical to the ACA site and members can go there until the problems are fixed.

Financial Report and Statement – Treasurer Tim Pradzinski

Tim let us know that when he took over the position one year ago, the books were not done for a couple of years. Tim worked to get things caught up and the books are now in good order after 200-300 hours of work. The 2007 financials were done on time and were submitted for review to ASRPWF which were approved.

The financials will appear in ACR.

Tim then gave a recap:

In 2007, ASRPWF gave us \$12,285. The same amount is expected for 2008.

In 2007, casino spending was \$76,000. This money paid for junior travel, and a variety of other ACA programs.

ACA associate memberships brought in \$600 in 2007.

Interest on GIC's generated \$1,300 for 2007

Tournament revenue is represented by entry fees which was \$11,535. All of this revenue is returned as prize fund.

Other revenues were \$306

There was \$102,004 revenue in total for 2007

Expenditures were as follows:

\$93,400 on tournaments, rural education, road warrior, GM Charbonneau, GM Yermolinski, GM Shabalov, Medicine Hat Giant Chess Set, junior travel to Canadian Open, CYCC.

We had a surplus of \$8,600 for 2007

In some years the ACA does not see casino revenue. 2009 is one of those years and we will not see any new casino revenues until the 2nd quarter of 2010. We have to tighten our belts.

2008 cheques: accounting is now set up, and updated.

We have business number

Tony Ficzero now ED

Tim announced that the Treasurer position is open. The treasurer gets a laptop to use which has the accounting package on it. The books should be easier to do now.

Current bank balance: \$20,492 (casino account).

General revenue account: \$73,798 (\$30,000 is reserved for ED's job).

Jim said we should hear about how much we raised from the last casino, in the next few days.

Ford guesses about \$70,000 last casino.

Tim did a financial projection up until our next casino in 2010. Tim has also created a spreadsheet for use in meetings.

The Canadian Open bid was put in with request of \$60,000 from the ACA, which is a lot of money. If we gave that amount, we would run out of money before the ACA's next casino money came in. We could only operate a "bare bones" organization until then. Tim

encouraged us to use his spreadsheet of projections. The projection shows we would be about \$5,000 short by the time our next casino money comes in.

Tim stated that TD's are not turning in financial statements from tournaments. We should start doing this going forward. Tim made a recommendation that all ACA sponsored tournaments need financial statements after each event. These financials should be sent to the ACA Treasurer.

The ACA board has done a good job managing the money of the ACA, with lots of programs. Those days will be over if we support the Canadian open in 2009 with \$60,000. Fiscal responsibility needed, and careful examination is required.

Planning Committee Report – President Mike Sekuloff

Mike asked for Tony, our new E.D. to present this report. Tony went on to detail the outcome of the review meeting with ASRPWF. The meeting went very well, and all reporting is now up-to-date.

Presentation and Discussion of Plan – Membership Tony Ficzero

Tony gave a brief report on memberships. Our Associate members are now at 470 representing an increase of 12% over 2007. Adult memberships are healthy with 230. Adult memberships for 2006 at the same time were only 191.

Amendments to Bylaws -- Past President Ford Wong (not present)

Bylaw amendments tabled until next meeting.

Other Business

Kent Karapita asked if the Board has a replacement strategy for the new Board members. Some general discussion took place. The ACA has to be more assertive in Board members. It's hard to recruit new Board members.

Election of Officers and Directors

Vice President

Tom McKay nominated Micah Hughey, Jim Daniluk seconded. No other people volunteered or were nominated. The president declared **Micah Hughey** as Vice President by acclamation. Roy expressed his displeasure on how ACA business is run, and that the ACA does not follow its own bylaws. Roy pointed out that the bylaws state that we should have representation from all parts of Alberta.

Treasurer

Nominations from the floor:

Jim Daniluk nominated Rick Pedersen

Rick doesn't know if he has the time. Some expressed their may be a conflict of interest, but after a brief review of Rick's current responsibilities it was found that there was no conflict of interest. (Rick is a CFC governor, and is Secretary of the ECC).

Rick declined the nomination

Tim Pradzinski nominated Aaron Sequillion.

Tim outlined the responsibilities to Aaron and those members in attendance.

Richard Pua volunteered to run as Treasurer.

With two candidates, the position was put to a vote by ballot. **Richard Pua** won the election.

This will be a one year term, up for election in 2009. This leaves one more position vacant as Director.

Tim stated that he will help with the transition as much as possible.

Secretary

Mike explained the duties. The Secretary can vote and has to attend 4-5 meetings per year.

Note the ED will be able to help with this position. The ED can't be on the board.

Nominations for secretary: Micah nominated Rick Pedersen, no other nominations were forthcoming.

Mike declared **Rick Pedersen** Secretary by acclamation.

Directors

Tim Pradzinski nominated Roy Yearwood (Calgary)

Roy Rearwood nominated **Geoff Newton** (Lacombe)

Micah Hughey nominated **Aaron Sequillion** (Edmonton, soon Calgary)

Tim Pradzinski nominated **Kent Karapita** (Lethbridge)

Jim Daniluk nominated **Dale Haessel** (Calgary)

Micah Hughey nominated **Tom McKay** (Calgary)

Roy stepped down as only five positions were needed. All nominations accepted.

Tim explained that some expenses are covered for members of the Board to attend the meetings.

Geoff Newton asked about support for new club in Red Deer. Tony said he would be willing to help re-establish a club in Red Deer.

Motion to adjourn, meeting closed at 2:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Tony Ficzero