

Alberta Chess Association  
Minutes from Board Meeting  
January 20, 2008

In Attendance:

Mike Sekuloff – President  
Micah Hughey – Vice President  
Tim Pradzinski – Treasurer  
Ford Wong – Past President  
Jim Daniluk – Director  
Richard Pua – Director  
Mark Cole – Director  
Vlad Rehkson – Director  
Anastasia Kazakevich – Director  
Bob Davies – Director  
Dale Haessel - Director  
Bruce Thomas – ACA Junior Chess Coordinator

Minutes Taken by Tim Pradzinski

Opening remarks were given by Mike Sekuloff

President's Address

Medicine Hat Giant Chess Set Project web page is off of ACA Website at

[www.albertachess.org/giantchessset.html](http://www.albertachess.org/giantchessset.html)

Past Business

The Administrator position has been approved with the ASPRWF for \$50,000 per year for the next 3 years.

The position hasn't been filled yet.

Jim Daniluk has suggested we let people know that the position hasn't been filled yet so that those individuals who previously applied know that they are still in the running and don't commit themselves somewhere else.

Vlad Rehkson then took the floor and began talking about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edmonton International Chess Tournament to be held from July 31, 2008 to August 4, 2008. The Edmonton Chess Club will be supporting the tournament with \$15,500 of their own funds. The tournament will be a Swiss Format event with all Alberta Masters rated over 2200 eligible to play automatically. There will be a Sectional Tournament to be held in conjunction with this tournament for all other chess players.

The minutes from the previous meeting were then presented and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Daniluk wants to move the Alberta Junior Chess Tournament from Nov 1-2 to Sep 27-28. It was decided that it would be OK to change the date.

A new tournament schedule needs to be published indicating this change and the ACA website will also need to be updated.

Ford Wong wanted to bring forth a topic for discussion and vote.

Ford wants it set in writing that the Edmonton Chess Club and Calgary Chess Club are only allowed to charge the ACA \$100 per day for venue rental for ACA Sponsored events. The Edmonton Chess Club and Calgary Chess Club want to charge \$200 per day.

Ford made an official motion that the ACA SHOULD NOT pay \$200 per day for venue rental. This motion was seconded by Bob Davies.

Micah Hughey responded to this motion that \$200 per day is a fair price to charge for venue rental and that the ACA gets better value than at a hotel.

Jim Daniluk noted that the individual clubs don't have many ways to raise general revenue and that venue rental money is one way for club's to boost their general revenue.

Additional discussion then proceeded to take place followed by a vote on the motion.

For the motion NOT to support \$200 per day:  
Ford Wong, Richard Pua, Bob Davies

Against the motion NOT to support \$200 per day:  
Micah Hughey, Anastasia Kazakevich, Jim Daniluk

Abstaining from the vote:  
Dale Haessel, Vlad Rekhson, Tim Pradzinski, Mark Cole

The vote ended in a tie and had to be broken by President Mike Sekuloff. Mike voted for the motion NOT to support a venue rental charge of \$200 per day. The old rate of \$100 per day WILL BE the only one that the Treasurer, Tim Pradzinski, will be allowed to pay.

Jim Daniluk wanted to then talk about the budget amount that was passed at the previous board meeting in November of 2007.

Jim made an official motion that the board should revisit its decision to cut the budget to \$55,000 for 2008 as he feels that this can only be achieved by massive cuts in Junior Chess spending which is in direct contradiction to the ACA's stated objectives. Jim is

recommending that the budget be set to \$65,000. This motion was seconded by Mark Cole.

Discussion then proceeded followed by a vote.

For the motion to change the budget to \$65,000 from \$55,000:

Ford Wong, Bob Davies, Richard Pua, Jim Daniluk

Against the motion to change the budget to \$65, 000 from \$55,000:

Dale Haessel, Micah Hughey, Anastasia Kazakevich, Vlad Rekhson, Tim Pradzinski

The motion was defeated and the budget will stand at \$55,000 for 2008.

Ford brought out the budget worksheet for 2008. Discussion then proceeded to take place regarding all of the proposed budget items with some of the items requiring a vote being noted below.

Discussion was talked about finding a possible sponsor for the Alberta Closed Champion, the Alberta Junior Champion and the U18, U16, U14, U12, U10 and U8 champions. Possible sponsors would be Westjet or Air Canada.

The Giant Chess Set Project proposal was discussed as part of the budgeting process. A motion was made to change the requested amount from \$3000. A ballot system was used for this vote and it was decided that the vote should be for \$3000 or \$1500.

For \$3000:

Tim Pradzinsk, Ford Wong, Bob Davies, Mark Cole

For \$1500:

Micah Hughey, Anastasia Kazakevich, Dale Haessel, Vlad Rekhson, Richard Pua and Jim Daniluk

Micah Hughey made an official motion that the support proposal for the Khandahar Project be turned down altogether as a project not worthy of supporting. Jim Daniluk seconded the motion. Discussion then ensued with a vote being taken.

For support of the Khandahar Project as a worthy project:

Ford Wong, Tim Pradzinski, Jim Daniluk, Mark Cole, Bob Davies

Against support of the Khandahar Project as a worthy project:

Dale Haessel, Micah Hughey, Anastasia Kazakevich, Vlad Rekhson

Abstaining from the vote:

Richard Pua

A motion to give support for Khandahar Project in the amount of \$1000 was made by Ford Wong. This motion was seconded by Bob Davies.

For \$1000 support:

Ford Wong, Tim Pradzinski, Jim Daniluk, Mark Cole, Vlad Rekhson, Bob Davies

Abstaining from the vote:

Dale Haessel, Micah Hughey, Anastasia Kazakevich, Richard Pua

Motion passed to support the Khandahar project for \$1000.

The Sack Proposal was then discussed. Bob Davies made a motion to deny the proposal at this time and to defer it to next year's budget requests. This motion was seconded by Ford Wong. The motion passed with Mark Cole and Jim Daniluk abstaining from the vote.

Micah Hughey made a motion that the ACA WILL NOT PAY rating fees for regular ECC or CCC events that are not sponsored by the ACA. This motion was seconded by Mark Cole. Discussion ensued and a vote was taken that was unanimously passed.

The Edmonton and Calgary Chess Clubs WILL PAY their own rating fees for non-sponsored ACA events.

The rest of the budget was then worked out so that all proposals were looked at and decided upon. The final budget was then presented to the board for vote. The budget was unanimously passed in its final form.

The board meeting was then closed.