

## **The Alberta Chess Association Board Minutes for the Annual Budget Meeting**

Jan. 11, 2009, Black Knight Inn, Board Room 2, Red Deer.

### **Attendance**

President: Mike Sekuloff

Vice President: Micah Hughey

Past President Ford Wong

Treasurer: Richard Pua

Secretary Rick Pedersen

Director: Jim Daniluk

Director: Aaron Sequillion

Director: Kent Karapita

Director: Vlad Rekhson

Director: Anastasia Kazakevich

Director Geoff Newton

Director: Dale Haessel

Executive Director: Tony Ficzero

Also attending: Rob McCullough, representing the Society of Alberta Chess Knights.

**Call to Order** – President Mike Sekuloff called the meeting to order about 10 a.m.

**Minutes** of the Nov. 30, 2008 board meeting tabled. Rick Pedersen moved the minutes be accepted. Dale Haessel seconded. Passed.

**Financial Report and Statement:** Treasurer Richard Pua reported the ACA has about \$97,000 in the casino account to the end of 2008 and about \$7,000 in the regular account to the end of 2008.

**BUDGET:** Tony Ficzero used a projector to outline both the 2009 tournament schedule and budget requests for 2009. The board set the tournament schedule recognizing that some dates might be adjusted later. After a brief budget overview the board conducted an item-by-item review which brought proposed spending within the available budget, with enough money reserved to cover operations in early 2010 until new revenues are available from the next casino in Calgary.

**MOTION:** Micah Hughey moved to deny a Medicine Hat Chess Club request for \$1,500, to continue running its giant chess set program in a public area of central Medicine Hat. Aaron Sequillion seconded. Hughey said the Medicine Hat Club had indicated it would stop asking for more money.

The motion passed 8-1, with Ford Wong opposing.

**PROPOSAL:** from the University of Alberta Chess Club asking for \$295: \$120 for office space, \$125 for a mailbox and \$50 for computer costs.

**MOTION:** Jim Daniluk moved to approve the request with one stipulation, that the club try to find a cheaper way to receive mail. Micah Hughey seconded.

The motion passed with abstentions from Dale Haessel, Vlad Rekhson and Ford Wong.

**PROPOSAL** from IM Edward Porper, a professional chess coach living in Edmonton. He asked for \$15,000 to fund 72 hours of lessons over 18 weeks to help each of six promising chess students compete in national youth tournaments. \$12,960 would have covered lessons with the rest covering travel expenses.

**MOTION:** Vlad Rekhson moved approval to open discussion. Anastasia Kazakevich seconded and the board voted unanimously against the proposal.

**PROPOSAL** from the Grande Prairie chess club asked for funding of \$6,425. This included \$5,700 for room rent including a possible \$50 rent increase from September to December, \$375 for advertising, \$50 for a table at a community trade show and \$300 for Website fees.

**MOTION:** Ford Wong moved approval in principle. Vlad Rekhson seconded. After discussion the board decided to fund \$5,500 for rent and \$50 for the tradeshow table.

Motion approved 9-1, with Dale Haessel voting against and Micah Hughey abstaining.

**PROPOSAL:** from the Society of Alberta Chess Knights asked for \$3,000 to help fund Rural Chess Alberta. This would match \$2,000 provided by the society itself plus a \$1,000 donation from New Alta Gas and Oil. Chessmart would be a business sponsor and the Roving Chess Nuts would work with the society. Rob McCullough, the society's treasurer, presented the proposal and explained the new program would reach isolated communities through new programs using the Internet, video conferencing, webcams and other initiatives.

**MOTION:** Micah Hughey voted to approve the proposal. Kent Karapita seconded.

Passed 8-0 with three abstentions: Aaron Sequillion, Dale Haessel and Rick Pedersen.

**MOTION:** Vlad Rekhson moved a rule change to bring Alberta closer to FIDE's tie-break system for determining tournament winners.

The tie-break options in order of use are:

Direct encounter

Sum of progressive score

Buchholz

Sonneborn-Berger

Won games

Games played with black.

Passed without opposition.

**MOTION:** Micah Hughey moved to create a new \$300 fund to reward the three most active CFC players in Alberta. Aaron Sequillion seconded. Vlad Rekhson objected, saying the ACA already funds the Road Warrior program and there is no need for a second program.

Defeated 5-6.

**MOTION:** Adjustments balanced the budget and left a surplus of \$64. Micah asked that the \$64 be used to reward the most active CFC players. Aaron Sequillion seconded. The board voted 4-4 with Dale Haessel, Rick Pedersen and Kent Karapita abstaining. President Mike Sekuloff voted to break the tie and approve the new program.

**MOTION:** to accept the budget  
Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Micah Hughey moved to approve a new ACA Equipment Loan agreement, which will require that clubs and organizations agree the ACA continues to own equipment loaned to local groups. The groups must sell two ACA or CFC memberships for every year a chess set is used, supply membership lists to the ACA, and ACA equipment must be returned if the organizations fold.  
Passed unanimously.

**MOTION** to adjourn from Micah Hughey. Vlad Rekhson seconded.  
Passed unanimously.  
Meeting closed at 4:42 p.m..  
Minutes recorded by Rick Pedersen