



## **The Alberta Chess Association**

### **Meeting Agenda**

April 26, 2009, 11 a.m.

Red Deer College, Room 2301, Red Deer

Mike, Tony, Ford, Jim, Richard, Vlad, Aaron, Micah, Tom, Kent, Rick

1. Presidents Address (Mike)
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Ford moved to accept meeting, all in favour. Jim mentioned tie breaks for Alberta Closed. We don't need a playoff. Mike said that we should avoid ties, and follow the tie break rules. Micah said tie breaks have been used to determine the champions, but thought that the money should be split. Micah asked that we table this for the next meeting.

3. ACA/CFC Governor positions open (Tony)

Jim resigned as governor, Vlad Rekhson will take his place.

4. ACA Treasurer position open (Tony)

Richard has passed on some of the work of the treasurer to Tony. Richard suggested that we start looking for someone as he will not be coming back for next year.

5. Canadian Open update (Micah)

Going well, \$8,000 not budgeted yet. They have raised \$33,000 from other sources aside from the ACA. 113 advanced entries so far. 9 gm's, and many more titled players. Shirov, Adams are playing.

6. Alberta Chess Challenge Finals Location (Mike)

Mike: the location changed from Red Deer to Edmonton. John Piera had written a couple of emails explaining his concerns. Next year perhaps it should be in Calgary (Micah). Richard says they have a large scholastic program in Edmonton, and that is

where the volunteers are coming from as well. This was the reason that the tournament was held in Edmonton. Bruce is considering making Edmonton the permanent home. Micah said it would be ridiculous to have the tournament in Edmonton each year. Richard said that John made a good point stating that the ACA provides funding for the event. Jim says that the ACA supports junior chess in all of Alberta and has a responsibility towards this event. Mike suggested we ask Bruce to hold the event in Calgary or Edmonton. Aaron thinks it should be in Red Deer each year to avoid confusion or misconceptions, end of story. Richard said Bruce is the organizer and has the choice where the tournament will be held. Ford said the ACA gave Bruce approval to run the tournament, and that since the volunteers are coming from Edmonton, it costs more to run the event. Vlad asked how many people came from north of Edmonton, Richard said maybe 10. 23 from Calgary. He said Edmonton makes sense. Jim was astounded that Bruce said only 23 came from Calgary. Micah thought if the tournament was held in Calgary, there would have been more players from Calgary. Jim made one more comment, Jim feels Edmonton is a victim of a successful junior program. Calgary has a less effective chess program, but produces more winners. Mike said the root problem is geographical. Ford said this has been an ongoing battle for years. Calgary has been unsupportive, they only send their elite players, and didn't run qualifiers. One year Calgary only sent their elite players. Richard disagrees. The Edmonton champs this year are pretty good, reason why Edmonton gets these grades is because they concentrate on grades 2-6. Tom his daughter played in junior events, but wasn't allowed to play in the tournament because her rating was too low. All players should be included. Jim proposed a motion. First Richard added, him and Bruce work together, if relationships between aca and sac deteriorate, he will scrap the associate members. If the aca doesn't want to support this, why should he support them. Ford, has Bruce does something wrong to justify him losing the position. Rick said Bruce is making a threat. Kent said there are pros and cons on a practical basis, but gets the feeling that the numbers would change if it moves back to Red Deer. Jim said its not just a question of money. Red Deer is a better solution as it is fair. Jims motion: The tournament be run in Red Deer for 2010, ACA funding contingent on where the tournament is held. Micah suggested: 2010 chess challeng, the aca will provide money for the venue in Red Deer. 2nder, Rick, Ford disagrees and we should let Bruce make the decisions on this tournament. He believes we have to trust Bruce. In favour, 5, opposed, 3, motion carried. Richard, Bruce will still try to hold it in Edmonton.

## 7. ACA Equipment purchase (Tony)

We have \$3,000 budgetted for equipment for this year. Tony said he has a price for clocks from CFC and Chess n math. Ford said we don't have enough digital clocks and we should buy lots. 25 clocks and the rest of the money on sets. Richard will get Bruce to quote on the DGT 2010's.

Vlad, new business: the CFC is out of wack on FIDE rating fees, not the same as what FIDE is charging, undercharging on rr, overcharging on swiss. Vlad wants to approach FIDE to make a veiled threat. Micah noted the CFC staff is changing in a few days, new guy is Gerry Litchfied, good guy, we should talk to him. We should contact the new guy and clear up the FIDE rating fees. Vlad feels we are overpaying. Vlad says that FIDE charges 1 euro per player. CFC charges 2.20 per player in the tournament. Micah feels that the CFC is making a clerical error. Ford suggests that if they don't fix the problem, we don't FIDE rate tournaments. Vlad would make a suggestion that we wouldn't FIDE rate Alberta events.

Richard: still confused about Canadian Chess Challenge. The \$750 expense cheque. If the air fare is 450, and the parent is 450, can they get &750? Ford said that we pay for the child only. That covers food, transportation. Jim: November meeting to fund 2 coaches was based on the fact that adult supervision was needed. The coaches are Bruce and Richard (not parents). With Calgary junior, 2 coaches are paying their own way to go. Richard: not arguing about what is good or not good, just wanted clarification, airfare, food, accommodation for child only.

Vlad: Insurance, Tony said we are now insured. Cash boxes are out, not collected.

Mike: Health benefits: can we get this.

## 8. ED Printer for the ACR (Tony)

## 9. Motion to adjourn & date of next meeting Micah, Rick seconds.

Date of next meeting: no date, web meeting