



The Alberta Chess Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2010, 2:30 pm (Between rounds 3 & 4 of the Alberta Open)

Calgary Chess Club, #274 3359 27th St. NE

Present: Jim Daniluk, Tony Ficzero, Rick Pedersen, Phil Holmstrom, Dale Haessel, Jordan Schibler, Len Steele, Ali Razzaq, Rob Bezjack, David Miller, Simon Ong, Hafiz Karmali, Arthur Milne, Paul Usselman, Hemant Persaud, Tom McKay, Edward Porper, YueKai Wang, Krishneel Singh

Called to order: 2:41 pm

(1) Call to Order and introduction of Officers (President): Rick called the meeting to order at 2:41 pm.

(2) Reading of the minutes of the last AGM (Secretary)

As Vlad was not able to attend, Tony read the minutes from the 2009 AGM, Jim motioned to accept, Paul seconded. All were in favour. Minutes approved.

Tony then read the minutes from the last ACA meeting (Budget Meeting, January 2010). Tom motioned to accept, Jim seconded. All were in favour. Minutes Approved.

(3) President's Address (President)

Rick said there was some good news. Tony's position as ACA Executive Director is now permanent. Our operating budget has been reduced, but the ED budget takes some of the pain away. We experienced a small setback when former president, Mike Sekuloff had to move out of province. This created some problems with bank and Canada Revenue Agency. Problems are now fixed and we have been reviewing things to ensure everything is running good. Rick said the ACA need to start some committees and asked for any suggestions. Please contact Rick if you have any. Dale asked how much will be cut from our revenues. Rick said \$8,000 has been cut from our ASRPWF Support Grant each year going forward.

(4) Financial Report and Statement (Treasurer)

Phil: read the bank balances from the casino & revenue accounts as of Sept 30:

Casino Account - \$40,333

Revenue Account - \$95,508

Next casino will be in the 3rd quarter of 2011

Phil commented that these are healthy balances and that the ACA has been fiscally prudent and is currently under budget this year. Phil noted that approx. \$27,000 of the money in the Revenue account is actually for the 2011 fiscal year...

Phil stated that the ED position is now permanent; however other funding cuts from ASRPWF are significant. Our Support Grant has been cut from \$12,000 annually to \$4,000 annually.

Tony mentioned that about \$3,500 would have to be transferred from the Revenue account to the Casino account.

Phil noted that ED must be spent entirely to avoid carry over, for example, in 2008; under-spending meant that the ACA lost \$12,000 which could have been used for a variety of administrative needs.

Phil said that casino revenues are on the decline, going down to \$60,000 or even \$55,000 every 18 months. Phil anticipates only \$60,000 for the 2011 casino. This is just a projection. Phil noted that the economy is part of the reason for this decline.

Phil read the YTD report. Phil stated that we are currently under budget on everything.

Phil broke expenditures down to 4 categories:

Tournaments: down in spending, mainly due to BATB venue cost (lower than projected) and not holding the Junior Battle of Alberta.

Administration: we are on target but may go slightly over budget on this as the ACA failed to include casino expenses in the 2010 budget (approx \$2,600).

Travel to National Events: all cheques have not been issued for both the CYCC and the Canadian Chess Challenge but it appears that we will be right on budget and perhaps slightly under budget in this category.

Other programs: there are still outstanding expenditures for the GPCC and SACK. Tony has spoken to SACK officials and it appears they may only spend approx half of their approved budget.

Tony explained the situation with the CCC & CYCC and explained most of these cheques have now been issued, but will come in under budget. Ali Motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Paul Usselman seconded. All approved.

(5) Old Business (President)

No old business was brought up.

(6) New Business (President)

Parents letter from CYCC parents. Rick addressed this issue with some of the parents who signed the letter. Rick said Tony did a 3 year report showing we haven't decreased funding and actually went over budget in one year. Rick would like to answer the letter directly. Dale said there is more ways to spend money on juniors now than in the past with programs like the CYCC and Canadian Chess Challenge. It uses to be just the

Canadian Junior. Paul suggested making an open letter available to everyone and post it by email or mail copies to them. Rick thought this was a good idea.

(7) Election of Officers and Directors (President)

Positions up for election (2 year terms)

Vice President (outgoing Micah Hughey): Dale nom Vlad Rekhson (who was not present), Tony seconded. Tony read an email from Vlad stating that he would accept any position available at the time of the election. Vlad was acclaimed.

Secretary (outgoing Vlad Rekhson): Paul nom Len Steele, who declined. Ali nominated Jim, who declined. Dale Haessel volunteered for the position. Dale was acclaimed as Secretary.

Director (outgoing Dale Haessel): Tony nominated Tim Pradzinski, (who was not present) and Dale seconded.. Tim requested to accept a Director's position. Tim Pradzinski was acclaimed Director.

Director (outgoing Geoff Newton): Jim nominated Paul Usselman, Tom seconded. Paul accepted.

Director (outgoing Tom McKay) Jim nominated Len Steele, Tom seconded, Len accepted.

Director (outgoing Aaron Sequillion): Simon nominated Hemant Persaud, Jim seconded. Hemant accepted.

Director (Vacant, one year left on term): Jim nominated Rob Bezjack, Tony seconded, Rob accepted.

(9) Adjournment

Paul Usselman motioned to adjourn, Simon seconded. All were in favour. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Minutes recorded by Tony Ficzero