



The Alberta Chess Association

Budget Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2010, 10 a.m.

Black Knight Inn, Red Deer

Present: Mike Sekuloff, Rick Pedersen, Vlad Rekhson, Roy Yearwood, Richard Pua, Rob McCullough, Dale Haessel, Tom McKay, Aaron Sequillion, Phil Holmstrom, Ali Razzaq, Tony Ficzer, Geoff Newton

1. Presidents Address: Mike brought the meeting to order at 10:27. Micah Hughey has resigned as VP, looking for someone to step up. Rick Pedersen will step up to fill the position as VP. We will need to fill the position of Secretary. Vlad will take the position of Secretary. We now have a vacancy as a director.
- 2 Old Business: No old business
- 3 Approval of minutes from last meeting. Roy Motioned to accept the minutes, Phil seconded. Approved.
- 4 ACA 2010 Budget (on projector) \$60,000 cap.

Budget Proposals:

Grande Prairie Chess Club (Tim Pradzinski). Roy motioned to accept the motion from Grande Prairie CC as is. Discussion: Vlad said it was better not to make a motion for each budget item, and conditionally accept each item. A motion should be made at the end of the budget meeting to approve the budget. Roy withdrew his motion.

Society of Albert Chess Knights Rural Chess. SACK had several budget items to review as follows:

\$420 for venue rentals for regional chess challenges for areas that can't get free space or use school facilities. Approved.

\$630 for venue rentals for Alberta Chess Challenge finals in central Alberta (Red Deer). Approved.

Note: If any of the above money for regionals is not used, that this money be used to hold two new events. (All details of this proposal and all of SACK's proposal are detailed in the attachment handed out at the meeting. Approved.

Canadian Chess Challenge (SACK). Proposal calls for sending the 12 champions of Alberta (grades 1-12) to Montreal, plus sending 2 coaches as well. Total budget request: 14 attending at \$800. Approved.

SACK workshop hosting. The proposal called for bringing in Eric Hansen to Edmonton to conduct one or two weekend workshops. Full details contained in SACK attachment. Approved.

SACK proposal to use \$3,000 towards the Rural Education Program which would develop chess outside of major centres. Note that the money that was budgeted for this program in 2009 was not used and that this proposal was actually an extension from last year. Approved.

Medicine Hat Chess Clocks (Bill Taylor, see attachment) The proposal called for \$800 to be used to purchase chess clocks for the Medicine Hat Chess Club. Approved.

Battle at the Border (Jamin Gluckie, see attachment). This proposal called for \$1,000 to pay towards expenses for GM Pascal Charbonneau to attend the 2010 Battle at the Border. Approved.

King Edward Academy Chess Sets (Geoff Newton, see attachment). The proposal called for the purchase of 15 chess sets for King Edward Academy. A total of \$200 was approved.

Other Proposals

ACA Instructors Accreditation Program (Vlad Rekhson, see attachment)
Vlad proposes an Arbiter Certification program. It is seconded by Roy Yearwood. The certification calls for two levels of instructors to be created. Master instructors would be: Players with highest ever achieved CFC or FIDE ratings of 2200, a minimum of 2 years of teaching experience and a valid Criminal Background check.

A developmental instructor title would be awarded to persons with highest achieved rating of 1800 CFC or FIDE and a valid Criminal background check.

The approved instructors would be listed on the ACA website.

The vote is 8 for with one abstention by Dale Haessel

Vlad proposes a title of head of the instructor's certification program to be created. Phil seconds it. The board unanimously approves the title.

Mike approves Vlad to be the head of instructor's certification program.

Vlad proposes to amend the ACA Championship rules to create a blitz playoff match for the title. Tom seconds it. Under the proposal, in case that two or more players tie for first the prize money will be split equally, however, a two game playoff match with a time control of 3 minutes and 2 seconds increment per side will be played in order to decide the official champion and the sole recipient of the travel incentive award. The motion is defeated 5-2.

Richard proposes that the road warrior incentive be increased to \$1000. Vlad seconds the motion. 1st place will be \$400 2nd \$200 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th will be \$100. The motion is unanimously approved.

Tony suggests a discussion related to whether the ACA should limit the amount of FIDE rated events in the province. The board decides to officially approach the CFC with a suggestion to change the current rating fee formula.

Roy discusses a possibility of creating a special travel incentive program. The board agrees to table the discussion until specific details can be provided.

Vlad proposes to accept the budget, Tom seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

5 Other Business

Moving the ACA Post Office Box to Calgary (Tony Ficzero). Tony asked if the ACA would consider moving the post office box to Calgary where he could check it on a regular basis. He noted that sometimes the mail does not get checked for months at a time. Mike said that the PO Box had been in existence for more than 20 years and that we find someone in Edmonton to check it on a regular basis.
Changing the mailing address for the ACA Bank Accounts (Tony Ficzero). Tony asked if it would be possible to have the bank statements sent to his home/office address in Calgary as he was having a problem doing financial statements

without them. Phil said he would contact the bank to make arrangements to change the mailing address of the statements.

ACA Credit Card (Phil Holmstrom). Phil described how having an ACA credit card would actually streamline ACA accounting. He proposed a limit of \$5,000 and that the executive director could use the card to pay ACA bills on a monthly basis. Mike asked Phil to look into this at the TD Bank that we deal with.

- 6 Motion to adjourn Roy proposes to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned.