



Alberta Chess Association

2010 Planning Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2011 11:00 am

Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, AB

Present: Tim Pradzinski (by Skype), Vlad Rekhson, Rob Bezjack, Dale Haessel, Len Steele, Rick Pedersen, Richard Pua, Ali Razzaq, Paul Usselman, Roy Yearwood, Tony Ficzer

1. Meeting called to order by the president (11:10 am).
2. Tony Ficzer read the minutes from the last meeting. Vlad made a motion to approve the minutes, Rob seconded, all approved-motion passed.
3. Vlad presented an amendment to the instructional program and suggested that there doesn't have to be a criminal record check for instructors if they are only advertised online. Tim asked whether ACA would mandate how much the instructors would charge, Vlad said that the instructors could put whatever they wanted in the ad. In the future the program could be expanded to charge fees.
Vlad made a motion: Drop the criminal background check from the instructors program.
Seconded by Dale. All in favour-motion passed.
4. Tony proposed holding the Canadian Closed in 2011. Rick proposed to table the discussion for the budget meeting. Paul made a motion-To table the Canadian Closed 2011 discussion after the 2011 budget is decided. Rob seconded. All in favour-motion passed.
5. Rick proposed sending a representative-Cornelia Dinca to represent Alberta in the chess Universiade in China. The event will take place in the summer of 2011. Paul proposed a motion-To approve to raise the money, but not to use money from our budget. Tim amended to motion-to sponsor the event with ACA, CCC & ECC as a backstop. Rob seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 vs. 2. With the rest abstaining.
6. New board committees: Tim volunteers to chair the fund-raising committee. Rob and Paul join the committee.
Planning committee: Vlad agrees to chair the committee which is joined by Rick and Len. Tony asked about the reporting to the board. Tim suggests monthly emails to the board about the committee activity. Rick said that committees should report at every board meeting. Vlad agrees to chair the appeals committee, he is joined by Dale and Tony.
7. ACA Fee review. Vlad said that the \$5 per entry fee has not been paid to the ACA. In 2009 only 3 tournaments have paid the fee, in 2010 the compliance was better but still not perfect.

Vlad suggests to either restructure or cancel the program. It is currently under suspension for the upcoming events. Len proposes to hold TD fee until the money is deposited. Tim suggests holding the room rental fees. Vlad suggests that to make this program work, someone needs to oversee it, like the ED. Dale made a motion-TD will not be paid until the fee is collected and deposited. Paul seconded. 6 vs 3-motion passed.

8. Budget cap-Vlad said that for 2011 we can expect to receive an income of approximately \$45,000 plus \$50,000 for ED position. He makes a motion that \$95,000 should be the budget cap. Len seconded. 8 in favour, 1 abstention. Motion passed.
9. Tournament schedule.
10. Tim made a motion to approve \$1100 to cover January and February fees for GPCC. Roy seconded. 6 in favour, 1 abstention. Motion passed.
11. 2011 Canadian Closed. Paul made a motion: To agree in principal to fundraise until the budget meeting and decide then. Dale seconded. 5 for, 2 against, 2 abstain-motion passed.
12. Paul made a motion: The planning meeting would be called something else. Vlad seconded. Paul suggests that people who have long term goals are generally more successful. The ACA doesn't do long range planning. Rob suggests calling it: Organizational meeting. Paul agrees to the amendment. Tim seconded. 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstain-Motion passed.
13. Tim makes a motion to allow the sponsorship and fundraising committee to seek sponsorship for AB Closed, Calgary International, Edmonton International, Canadian Closed, AB Open. Dale seconded. Rob would like to amend this to make it possible to fundraise for all ACA events. Tim doesn't agree to amend since we should focus on the prestigious events. 8 for, 1 abstained-motion passed.
14. Vlad makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favour-motion passed. Adjourned at 4:15 pm.