



The Alberta Chess Association

Strategic Planning Meeting

October 23, 2011, 11 a.m.

Black Knight Inn, Red Deer

1. Board called to order 11:15 am Red Deer – members attending Rick Pedersen, Richard Pua, Roy Yearwood, Ali Razzaq, Len Steele, Brad Willis, Jim Daniluk and Executive Director Vlad Rekhson. Tim Pradzinski and David Miller attended by Skype starting from 12:20 pm.
2. Brad makes a motion to adopt last meeting minutes. Len seconds. Passed unanimously.
3. President Rick Pedersen gives a speech.
4. Executive Director Vlad Rekhson gives a speech.
5. Ali Razzaq provides the board with current account figures. As of October 23rd, the Association has just over \$5800 in its casino account and just under \$100000 in its Operating account \$75000 of which is in a GIC.
6. The board discusses whether it should save funds for future major events.
7. David Miller and Tim Pradzinski join the discussion at 12:20 pm.
8. Brad Willis suggests a motion to save \$75000 for future events.
9. Tim suggests that the association shouldn't set a budget amount.
10. Jim suggests that the association should set a projected target figure rather than a set amount.
11. Jim makes a motion to put forward a projected 2012 budget of \$108000. \$50000 in ED spending, \$10000 for the Calgary International and \$48000 for other programs. Brad seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.
12. The meeting is adjourned for lunch-1:10 pm.
13. Meeting resumes-1:40 pm.
14. Brad makes a motion to accede to the request of 2012 Canadian Junior to pay \$1700 to purposes requested by the organizing committee. Len seconds. Passed unanimously.
15. The board discusses Sack proposal for Fort McMurray and future cooperation. Brad makes a motion to table the discussion. 6 in favour, 2 against.
16. The board will meet with Bruce Thomas to discuss future co-operation.
17. 2012 schedule is discussed. Roy asks to move the Battle of Alberta to August. The board unanimously agrees with this position. Tim makes a motion that two positions should be provided for people outside of Edmonton and Calgary as long as their rating is over 1900. Brad seconds. Passed unanimously.
18. Jim makes a motion to accept tournament schedule. David seconds. 7 for with one abstention.
19. Calgary International contract is discussed: Brad proposed a motion that the letter is sent as written together with the proposed amendment. Len seconds. 7 in favour with one abstention.
20. Alberta Junior trophy request is being discussed. Rick says that this may be out of order, since the financial request is made after the Association set its 2011 budget. Tim proposes a motion for \$200 to be spent on Alberta Junior trophies every year including this year. David seconds. Jim suggests an amendment to the motion adding that a permanent trophy should be added for names of winners. Tim accepts the amendment and suggest a place on the website. The motion is carried unanimously.

21. Tim suggests that the former Trumpeter Junior trophy can be used as a permanent Alberta Junior trophy.
22. Committee setting:
23. Appeals committee: IA Vlad Rekhson, FA Ali Razzaq and FM Dale Haessel.
24. Planning committee will be decided at a later date.
25. Fundraising committee: Bradley Willis (head), Tim Pradzinski. The board will also approach Bill Bentley and Dr. Bill Taylor.
26. Rick brings up the need to discuss the age of voters that can vote in board elections and can run for a position, as the Association currently has no age limits. Changes on that have to be made in the bylaws. The board will look at what Bylaws it should change and Vlad will approach AGLC to see what bylaws have to be there.
27. Rick asks the board if a 1-800 number is needed. Discussion on that is tabled.
28. The board discussed having a board building meeting through the Community Initiative Program. The meeting would be to the board free of charge and it is agreed that we would try to have it in Edmonton in the near future. Vlad will find out further details on it.
29. Brad makes a motion to allow Rick, Vlad and Ali to investigate a retention of an Accountant to make sure that we are providing proper financial information. Roy seconds. Passed unanimously.
30. Brad proposes that AB Closed tie-breaks would be according to current FIDE regulations unless the TD and the players decide otherwise. The motion is tabled.
31. Jim makes a motion to adjourn. Brad seconds. Unanimously approved.
32. Meeting is adjourned at 4:35 pm.