



Alberta Chess Association 2013 Budget Meeting

December 9, 2012

Black Knight Inn, Red-Deer, AB

In attendance: Jim Daniluk, Rick Pedersen, Ali Razzaq, Terry Seehagen, Dale Haessel, Roy Yearwood, Mike Zeggelaar, Jina Burn via Skype and ED Vlad Rekhson.

11:30 am Rick Pedersen calls the meeting to order.

1) The board discusses a proposal from Simon Ong to send the University of Calgary team to the Canadian University championship at the cost of \$3500. Rick says that not enough information is available about that tournament. We are not even sure who is organizing the national event and affiliation with CFC is uncertain. Also, the UofC is not the Provincial champion, so if funding is provided to them, the same funding should be provided to 4 other University clubs in the province, thus he suggests that as no more information about this event is available to us, the funding cannot be approved. Roy suggests not to dismiss the request completely and to fund it up to 50% of the requested amount. Dale makes a motion to table the discussion until next year's budget meeting when more information could be provided to us. Mike seconds. All in favour, with Roy abstaining.

2) Paul Gagne asked the ACA for support of chess in the libraries program. Vlad will check with Paul how many boards and sets he would need in libraries so that ACA can provide that.

3) The Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK) sent a request asking for \$9100 in funds for travel support for the Canadian Chess Challenge Alberta team. The board noted SACK is not an ACA affiliate and did not indicate that they would make their members ACA members. Discussion favoured denying the funding request, especially since ACA is expanding its own junior program and will maintain junior funding levels without SACK (which withdrew from the ACA more than a year ago). The board approved a letter to SACK organizers to explain why funding was denied. Roy moves to agree to the board response. Jina mentions that she will abstain from the vote as she is not sure about all the information related to the response. Ali seconds. All in favour, with Jina abstaining.

4) Meeting is adjourned for lunch: 12:30 pm.

5) Meeting resumes: 1:15 pm.

6) The board discusses how much funding to provide to AB Senior's and Women champions for national events. Dale suggests spending the same amount on Seniors and Women as on youth, which is \$1000 for travel. Jim asks what are the Senior's championship regulations for age. Vlad says that in the past it has been 60 plus, but now FIDE changed it to two sections and it will be 50+ and 65+. It is unclear whether Canada will also hold two sections but ACA will do whatever CFC agrees on, thus we will either have two or one sections. Dale suggests that if there is one winner he will receive \$1000 of funding support. If there are two winners, the support will be split. The women will receive \$1000 in funding. All are in agreement.

7) Jina leaves the meeting: 1:38 pm.

8) Terry presents an ECC request to provide the Edmonton International with \$1000 of additional funds to help with accommodation costs of titled players, because the International in 2013 will be 9 days long. Frank Kluytmans, President of the Calgary Chess Club asked for \$1000 to provide titled player accommodation in the Calgary International, as well. Jim suggests that Calgary's request has less validity since Edmonton's request is based on a specific need that comes from the increased number of days. Terry and Roy favour Calgary's proposal as one that would help a top level event in Calgary, everyone else abstains. Rick asks Terry why he likes the proposal from Calgary? Terry says that he likes the parity and Calgary may want to extend the amount of days to 9 in the future. Dale says that he changed his mind and will now support Calgary's proposal. Jim suggests to approve Calgary's proposal conditional on Calgary Chess Club matching the \$1000 grant amount. Terry says that he thinks that the grant doesn't have to be conditional. Jim makes a motion to pass the \$1000 accommodation support for Calgary International. Dale seconds. Dale, Roy and Terry are in favour, Mike and Ali are opposed, Jim abstains. The motion passes. There is unanimous support for the Edmonton proposal.

9) The board discusses where to hold the initial new Scholastic event which would alternate between Edmonton and Calgary. Roy suggests having it in Edmonton in the first year. Rick says that he will check with Brad regarding space availability at the University. The ACA postpones the decision which would be made preferably by mid-January over email.

10) Wade Caughlin sent a request for a prize fund support of the 30th Trumpeter Classic in Grande-Prairie. He indicated that his company will sponsor the event to the tune of \$300. Roy suggests providing \$500 for prizes. Rick suggests having it as matching funds, thus if Wade's company will provide funds for \$500 to the event the ACA will match it, or any amount lower than that. Wade would have to transfer those funds to the ACA which would then be matched. Everyone agrees to this proposal.

11) Vlad brings up a discussion about the Alberta Open location which may be too large for the club. The 2013 event is in Edmonton. Rick is the organizer of the 2013 event and he suggests keeping it in the club. Roy suggests increasing the allotted amount to try and move it to a hotel if necessary. Rick suggests that it won't be necessary as the club would be the ideal location, thus the boards allocated \$100 a day for the Edmonton Chess Club rental as normal.

12) The Alberta Junior 2013 would be an invitational event and board members discuss whether to extend it to three days or not. Rick and Jim say that it might be too much of an inconvenience for parents to have it over 3 days. Roy suggests making it over 3 days. All other board members agree that it should stay 2 days long.

13) Dale suggests cutting the ACR costs to \$1200 from \$2000 a year by cutting the amount of printed issues to 300 per issue with 4 issues per year. All board members agree.

14) Chris White from LaCrete asks for \$200 to help with CFC rating fees and \$50 for club advertising costs. The board is in favour of the proposal unanimously. 15) The board discusses the new Junior programs. Roy moves that contingency for coach's travel be included in the AYCC coaching award proposal. Jim seconds. Roy favours that, Ali abstains, 4 are against. ACA agrees that Junior program will remain as presented, but changes to it could still be made throughout the year when deemed necessary.

16) Jim makes a motion to nominate David Zhang and Richard Wang as Junior Ambassadors for 2013.

The Junior Ambassadors will receive \$500 from the ACA provided that they help promote chess in Alberta through; simuls, lectures, articles for ACR and be available for other promotional events. Terry seconds. Passed unanimously.

17) The board agreed standards should be developed to approve coaches for the juniors. The board asked four participants to take responsibility for doing that: president Rick Pedersen, vice-president Mike Zeggelaar, director Jina Burn and ED Vlad Rekhson.

18) The board agrees that funding that the President will have a discretionary fund for programs and events unforeseen in the meeting.

19) ACA board agrees to provide \$200 for rural club matching fund library program, where if a rural affiliate wants to buy books, ACA will match the funding up to \$100 per affiliate.

20) Dale Haessel makes a motion to accept the 2013 budget. Mike seconds. All are in favour with Roy Abstaining.

21) Rick suggests future meeting tentative meeting dates as: February 24th (in Edmonton), June 16th, October 27, December 1st (in Red-Deer) The board will also organize a meeting of club presidents in the summer in Edmonton.

22) Dale makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconds. All in favour. Meeting is adjourned at 5:40 pm.