



## ACA Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2016

Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer

Meeting called to order at 5:18 PM by the ACA President Vlad Rekhson (VR). In attendance: Treasurer Ali Razzaq, Past President David Miller, Executive Director Vladimir Pechenkin (VP), General Directors Terry Seehagen, Jim Daniluk, Robert Brazeau, Dustin Koperski, Dale Haessel, Tristan Tran-Ly and Leah Hughey. Jina Burn attends the meeting over Skype.

Motion to accept the Budget meeting minutes – all in favor with 1 abstention.

VR and VP deliver their presidential/ED addresses to the Board.

**Diwen Shi has requested** to use his \$1,000 travel grant won at the 2015 Alberta Junior Championship towards a trip to the 2016 Canadian Open. Dustin moves to accept Diwen's request – 9 in favor and 1 against.

VP gives an explanation of the current ED hours distribution, then the Board discusses the actual job description. The Planning Committee is to review ED hours and to revisit the job description.

The following motion was passed at the 2016 Budget meeting: *the ACA will give a \$20 discount to 10 players from La Crete purchasing an annual CFC membership for the first time.*

**Additional request by Chris White:** *Could I also use the discounts for the surrounding area? Specifically McKenzie County which is La Crete, Fort Vermilion, High Level, Rainbow Lake and Zama City.*

Dustin moves to accept the request, David seconds – unanimous.

**Alberta Seniors Championship regulations** (a recommendation by the Technical Committee): *Non-Albertans can participate in the provincial Seniors championship but are not eligible for travel grants. The travel grant(s) are to be awarded to the top finisher(s) from Alberta.*

Robert moves to accept the recommendation, Dustin seconds – all in favor with 1 abstention.

**Bylaws Amendment Committee:** Leah joins as a third member.  
Leah then leaves the meeting at 6:12 PM.

### Terry Seehagen's proposals

Terry makes a motion that the ACA allocates \$300 to the "Wall of Fame" plaques for both Calgary and Edmonton, Dustin seconds – unanimous.

Terry then makes a motion that *the ACA allocates \$300 to a permanent Alberta Championship trophy*, Dustin seconds – unanimous.

**Junior Chess Discussion.** In 2016 there are four streams of junior tournaments on the ACA calendar. The Board discusses whether to support all four streams in the future and how the funds are to be allocated. There is also a request from the Calgary Junior Chess Club to provide additional funds to the players going to the 2016 Canadian Chess Challenge.

David makes a motion that *the ACA provides \$150 per player/team coordinator participating in the 2016 Canadian Chess Challenge*, Jina seconds. The total is \$2,100 (12 players and 2 team coordinators). All in favor with 1 abstention.

The Board discusses the 2016 Alberta Schools Championship that still doesn't have an official organizer. David makes a motion that the tournament be cancelled, Dale seconds. 3 in favor with the rest of the Board abstaining. Motion passes so the event is cancelled in 2016.

**Alberta Susan Polgar Invitational Qualifier** – this new tournament will be held in Calgary in May, as determined by a random draw prior to the meeting. David moves that *the ACA gives a travel grant of \$500 to the winner of the provincial qualifier towards a trip to the 2016 Annual Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational tournament in St. Louis, Missouri. The ACA will also pay \$70 to the Tournament Director of the Qualifier*. Jina seconds. 7 in favor, 1 against with 1 abstention so the motion passes.

**Motion concerning the structure of the existing ACA School Programs in Edmonton** (Dovercourt, Crestwood and Bessie Nichols schools). David moves that *the existing school programs be restructured beginning in September. The instructor will be responsible for designing the program and collecting payments. The ACA will receive the membership fee for every student attending the program*. Robert seconds – all in favor with 1 abstention.

**Road Warrior Program.** The Board agrees to do outstanding draws retroactively. In particular, the Alberta Reserves Road Warrior draw will be done at the Edmonton International Qualifier.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:59 pm.