



## ACA Budget Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2016

### Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Red Deer South

Meeting called to order at 11:25 AM by the ACA Vice-President Jim Daniluk. In attendance: Treasurer Ali Razzaq, Secretary Ian Findlay, Executive Director Vladimir Pechenkin, General Directors Terry Seehagen, Dale Haessel and Brad Booker. Jina Burn attends the meeting from Fort McMurray over Skype.

Jim opens the meeting with a quick remark on why he is going to be the chair this time instead of the ACA President Vlad Rekhson.

Ian moves to approve Strategic Planning meeting minutes, Brad seconds. 5 in favor; Dale abstains because that is just how he does it.

**2017 ACA Tournaments.** The Board goes through the list of scheduled tournaments adjusting proposed amounts where necessary. The following decisions are made in the process.

1) **Coffee and tea served at the 2017 Red Deer tournaments (Alberta Active, Red Deer Open and Battle of Alberta).** Ian moves to budget \$60/day to cover these expenses. Terry seconds, and the motion passes with 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

2) **T-shirts for Team Alberta at the Canadian Chess Challenge.** The Board agrees to follow the same model as in 2016: Alberta Chess Challenge entry fees will be used to offset the cost of trophies and to provide lunch for the participants. The remaining (excess) funds will be used to purchase customized T-shirts for 12 Team Alberta players and 2 coordinators. If there is not enough excess money left after the provincial championship, the ACA will commit up to \$400 more to pay for the T-shirts. Ian moves to accept this proposal. Dale seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

3) **Travel from Fort McMurray to Alberta Chess Challenge.** Jina presents her vision of junior chess in the province and explains her proposal to the Board members. The ACA is asked to provide 12 travel grants (\$100 each) to 12 winners of the Fort McMurray Regional Chess Challenge. The grants will be used towards a trip to the Alberta Chess Challenge in Red Deer. After some discussion Ian moves to accept Jina's proposal for just this year (as an experiment). Jina seconds, and the motion passes with 5 in favor and 1 abstention. The meeting is then adjourned for lunch at 12:35 pm.

The meeting is called back to order at 1 pm. The Board then agrees to add Ian as another CFC governor (a.k.a. voting member) from Alberta.

4) **\$500 matching grant to enhance the prize fund of the 34th Trumpeter Classic.** Ian moves to accept Wade Caughlin's proposal. Terry seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

5) **Alberta Open organization.** Leah Hughey's letter to the Board is discussed. Ali presents his perspective and addresses concerns mentioned in Leah's proposal. Jina leaves the meeting at 1:32 pm. Ian moves that the 2017 Alberta Open be held at a hotel. Brad seconds, and the motion passes with 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Ali will be the organizer.

6) **Alberta Open prize enhancement.** Ian makes a motion that a prize fund of \$3,000 be guaranteed for the 2017 Alberta Open. No one seconds though. Ali then moves that the ACA guarantees a \$3,000 prize fund for the 2017 Alberta Open, along with a minimum enhancement of \$1,000. That is, if the sum of the entry fees happens to be \$2,500, the ACA will add another \$1,000 to make the total prize fund \$3,500. Dale seconds, and the motion passes with 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

7) **Banff Open budget.** Ian presents his report on the inaugural Banff Open and explains his proposals pertaining to the 2017 edition of the tournament. Similarly to the previous motion, Ian moves that the ACA guarantees a \$1,000 prize fund for the 2017 Banff Open, along with a minimum enhancement of \$250. Terry seconds, and the motion passes unanimously. The Society of Chess Aficionados had already pledged \$150 to enhance the prize fund further.

Ian then moves that the ACA budgets \$750 for venue rental and \$200 for a wine and cheese party. Dale seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

As in 2016, the 2017 Banff Open will probably need an out of town Tournament Director (TD). Dale moves that the ACA covers the TD's travel expenses up to \$350 but no one seconds. Ian then moves that the ACA covers the TD's travel expenses up to \$500. Terry seconds, and the motion passes with 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

**Jim Daniluk's proposal.** Ian makes a motion to purchase 50 chess sets (25 for Edmonton and 25 for Calgary) to be used *exclusively* in ACA tournaments outside Edmonton and Calgary Chess Clubs. Ali seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

Terry moves that the ACA gives \$5,000 to each of the 2017 Calgary International Tournament and the 2017 Edmonton International Tournament. Dale seconds – unanimous.

**Edmonton Chess Club (ECC) renovation.** Terry revisits the Board motion that was passed at the Budget meeting on January 17, 2015. Dale then moves that the ACA allocates \$2,000 in 2017 to renovate the ECC building in order to solve the noise problem from the clothing store downstairs. Casino funds will be used. The Board approves this proposal unanimously.

**Junior chess program in Edmonton.** Terry makes a motion that the ACA allocates \$900 to the ECC to help pay an honorarium for a special coordinator or a lecturer several times a year. Ali seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

Terry revisits the ACA Board meeting minutes of April 17, 2016, and then makes a motion that the ACA allocates \$300 to the "Wall of Fame" plaques for both Calgary and Edmonton, as well as \$300 to a permanent Alberta Championship trophy. Dale seconds – passes unanimously.

**Calgary Junior Chess Club (CJCC) teaching program** (proposal by the CJCC President Guoliang Wu). Terry makes a motion to allocate \$900 to support the CJCC school program in 2017. Ian seconds – unanimous.

**Travel Grants for Alberta Youth Chess Championship (AYCC) and Alberta Junior Chess Championship (AJCC) winners.** Ian proposes to leave the travel grant structure for these tournaments as is, Dale seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention. Ian then makes a motion that if a Canadian Junior Championship is not organized, the AJCC winner may ask the ACA Board to use his travel grant towards a trip to a different major tournament. Dale seconds – unanimous.

**Team Alberta travel to Canadian Chess Challenge.** In 2017 the tournament will be held in Toronto. The ACA is asked to budget \$450 per player and \$250 per team coordinator to offset their travel expenses to Toronto. The total is thus \$5,900. Ian makes a motion to approve the proposed amounts, Brad seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

Dale moves that the ACA allocates \$150 to cover the CFC rating fees for adult tournaments in Grande Prairie and La Crete in 2017. Terry seconds – unanimous.

**Request by Anastasiya Kazakevich.** Ian makes a motion to donate 6 chess sets and a demo board to a Spruce Grove Public Library chess program. Ali seconds – unanimous.

The Board examines the remaining budget items, and Ali makes a motion to reject paper copies of the Alberta Chess Report in 2017. Dale seconds – 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Coaching grant amounts for Regional Youth Championships are adjusted: \$100 per section in 2017 instead of \$160 (in 2016).

**Guaranteed Investment Certificates** – Ian will investigate opportunities available at the TD Canada Trust bank and will report back to the Board.

Terry moves that the ACA allocates \$1,200 (\$600/day) to the venue rental of the 2017 AJCC, Ian seconds. 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Ali makes a motion to approve the 2017 budget, Brad seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

The next ACA Board meeting is tentatively scheduled on May 14, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Red Deer Lodge after the last round of the 2017 Red Deer Open.

Brad moves to adjourn the meeting, Ali seconds – 4 in favor with 1 abstention. The Budget meeting is adjourned at 4:54 pm.