



**Alberta Chess Association
Board of Directors
Skype Meeting
Minutes
May 22, 2017**

Attending: President Vladislav Rekhson, Vice-President Jim Daniluk, Secretary Ian Findlay, Treasurer Ali Razzaq, Directors Terry Seehagen, Tristan Tran-Ly, Dale Haessel, Brad Booker, and Executive Director Leah Hughey.

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM by President Vladislav Rekhson.

The board reads and comments on the minutes from the 2017 Budget meeting. Ian motions to accept the minutes, Tristan seconds. 6 in favor, 1 abstention.

President Vladislav Rekhson addresses the board. He goes over events since the last board meeting. He addresses the change in position of the Executive Director, upcoming and completed tournaments, and the new FIDE rules that will come into effect as of July 2017.

He addresses the issues of keeping cell phones in secure bags during tournaments, as well as arbiters playing in tournaments that they run. It is pointed out that FIDE does not have an explicit rule against arbiters playing in tournaments (other than title tournaments). The board agrees that it is important to allow arbiters to play in smaller tournaments outside of the major cities, as this helps draw arbiters to the tournaments.

Rekhson closes by mentioning that he will not run again as President of the ACA. That position will be become open during the October 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Jim raises issues with the website for the Edmonton International & Open.

Ian clarifies the FIDE bag policy, arbiters playing, and the new FIDE rule on displaced pieces.

Leah Hughey gives an address as ED. She gives an overview of the first few months on the job, as well as the challenges faced.

At the President's request, Hughey details problems with the Alberta Chess Challenge. After a discussion, the board conducts a straw poll about moving the location of the ACC, having it rotate between Edmonton and Calgary, rather than staying in Red Deer. The poll results with 4 in favor and 3 abstentions. The board will look at further input from the members, particularly those in the far north and south, ahead of the 2018 Planning meeting.

Hughey then updates the board on the upcoming casino event, which will be held in Edmonton on May 27-28, 2017. There has been a lack of interest in volunteering. The board discusses options for bringing

in more volunteers. It is decided that it would be best to bring in groups of volunteers from Calgary who have said they are willing to come & may be able to share expenses.

Ian moves that the ACA bring in volunteers from Calgary and cap expenses at \$400 for Dale and Bhavik for two days of work and \$200 for Jim and Laurie for one day. These volunteers will be reimbursed for gas, hotel, and food in accordance with ACA reimbursement policies. Tristan seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

The board considers whether the next casino should be in Calgary or Edmonton. Rekhson points out the reasons it has recently been held in Edmonton, and it is decided that it will remain with Edmonton.

The board needs a new member of the audit committee. Ian volunteers. Dale nominates Ian, Tristan seconds. Unanimous.

The board needs new signers for checks. The ED describes the difficulties in getting new signers, as well as who is eligible for the position. Tristan volunteers as a signer and is approved.

The board asks the ED to find a list of people who would be willing to fill the vacancy on the board until the AGM. The ED is to find a list of people and report back to the board with potential candidates.

The board addresses reimbursing Mohamed Fellah for his trip to the 2016 CYCC. His request for reimbursement fell just outside the ACA's allotted six month time limit. Ian addresses the extenuating circumstances, particularly the changeover at ED, communication difficulties, and the fact that it barely fell outside the time limit. Dale motions that the ACA board approve the \$1,000 reimbursement. Ian seconds. Unanimous.

The board considers the matter of the outstanding phone bill for the ACA. The history of the bill is given, as well as that of the phone. The board requests that the ED look into the matter further.

The board discusses budget matters. The ED describes three items that have come in significantly underbudget, which frees up \$2,000 toward other expenses. The ED then describes several items that were missed in the original budget. Terry leaves the meeting at 4:45 PM. The board discusses licensing new FIDE Arbiters, due to new FIDE regulations.

Ian motions that the ACA include up to \$480 toward licensing new National Arbiters, \$339.15 towards purchasing ACA scoresheets, \$309.71 toward the annual rental on the PO Box, and up to \$200 on reimbursing background checks on ACA coaches in the budget." Brad seconds.

Dale motions that the ACA reimburse the full amount for the FIDE Arbiter course for someone who passes, or 50% if failed. Ali seconds. The cost is estimated at \$400 on the year. Unanimous.

Jim wishes to no longer be a voting member of the CFC. Tristan volunteers.

Ian discusses holding a Canadian Closed. The matter is discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ian. Dale seconds. Unanimous. The meeting is adjourned at 5:14 PM.