



The Alberta Chess Association

Strategic Planning Meeting

December 4, 2011, 11 a.m.

Black Knight Inn, Red Deer

1. Board called to order 11:40 am Red Deer – members attending Rick Pedersen, Richard Pua, Roy Yearwood, Ali Razzaq, Brad Willis, Jim Daniluk, Dale Haessel, Executive Director Vlad Rekhson and SACK representative Terry Seehagen. Tim Pradzinski, David Miller and Len Steele attended by Skype.
2. Brad points out a mistake in the Strategic Planning Meetings where in number 14, the word exceed should be replaced by accede. Roy moves to adopt minutes from last meeting. Brad seconds. Passed unanimously.
3. Terry Seehagen gives an explanation regarding SACK position and answers questions from the board.
4. 12:10 pm, Richard leaves the room for the remaining of SACK discussion due to conflict of interest.
5. Roy makes a motion to go into a committee of the whole. Brad seconds. Passed unanimously.
6. Brad proposes a contract with SACK-Chess N' Math, Roving ChessNuts and CJCC. David seconds. Passed with 6 in favour and 2 abstentions.
7. Richard re-enters the room. 1:30 pm.
8. Board begins to discuss the 2012 budget.
9. Dale suggests that the ACA only FIDE rate the top section of sectional Round-Robin events due to high rating costs. Brad seconds. Motion passed 5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.
10. Jim proposes that venue rental for Calgary International Chess Classic will be paid for, at a rate of \$100 per day at \$700 total even though the event will not take place at the Calgary Chess Club. Roy seconds. Brad makes an amendment that within a reasonable amount of time Calgary will make a proposal as to what this money can be used for. Rick will approve it if deemed reasonable. 8 in favour, Tim abstains.
11. Vlad provides details for a junior rating fee program, under which all the rating fees (either CFC or Chess N' Math) of Alberta Junior only tournaments will be covered by the ACA provided that all the participants are ACA members. The program is expected to cost a maximum of \$3000. Program is adopted by the board.
12. Rick Pedersen will get \$1000 as the discretionary fund to help organize the Alberta Women's championship.
13. 3:00 pm. Len Steele leaves the meeting.
14. Brad makes a motion to support NATO championship trip for Regis Bellemare and Stephen Stone at a rate of \$200 each as long as they agree to: 1) Provide a report for the ACR. 2) Conduct an internet blog during the event. 3) Do their best to promote chess and a junior chess club on the base and report quarterly. Roy seconds. 7 in favour 1 opposed.
15. Roy suggests to increase the Road Warrior amount from \$300 to \$500. Board agrees.
16. Brad proposes to table the coaching program. Roy proposes to form a committee and seconds. Motion is carried 5-3.
17. The board decides to extend the Junior Ambassador program. In 2012 ACA nominates David Zhang and Jamil Kassam to be their ambassadors. They will each receive \$500 for

their chess improvement and be asked to help promote chess in Alberta through various activities.

18. The board agrees to Tim Pradzinski's proposal regarding funding of Grande-Prairie Trumpeter Classic. ACA will provide the following for the Alberta Champion, should he decide to attend the 2012 Trumpeter: \$200 in appearance fees, increase the first prize by \$150, up to \$100 for food expenses, up to \$150 for travel and up to \$250 for hotel accommodation. Receipts for expenses will be required.
19. Brad makes a motion that ACA will accede to requests of Lethbridge and Fort McMurray for book purchases if matching donations will be provided to the ACA. Maximum amount of donations will be \$200 and ACA could purchase an additional \$200 of books with them. Jim seconds. All in favour.
20. Brad makes a motion to accept the budget. Roy seconds. Motion is carried, 6 in favour with 2 abstentions.
21. ACA will have its next meeting via Skype in January.
22. Brad makes a motion to adjourn. David seconds. Passed unanimously.
23. Meeting is adjourned. 6:15 pm.