



**Alberta Chess Association
Board of Directors
Skype Meeting
Minutes
May 26, 2019**

Attending: President Angelo Tolentino, Vice-President Jim Daniluk, Past-President Vlad Rekhson, Directors Dale Haessel, Wojtek Kowalczewski, Magda Marais, Rafael Arruebarrena, Frank Kluytmans, and Executive Director Leah Hughey.

Meeting called to order at 3:56 PM by President Angelo Tolentino.

The board reviews the minutes of the budget meeting. Vlad motions to accept, Frank seconds. All in favor with one abstention.

Angelo welcomes everyone and turns it over to Leah for the ED address. Leah updates the board regarding the recently completed casino event and the fact that the CFC's National Appeals Committee declined to hear a recent appeal. Also, her last work day as ED will be August 24.

Leah also updates the board on the ACA's financials. The operating account is in good condition with approximately \$90,000 in the bank. The ACA has budgeted an additional \$30,000 more for 2019, with a deposit of approximately \$27,000 expected in May/June. The casino account currently has approximately \$21,000. The ACA budgeted \$32,000 more for 2019, meaning the casino account will be running quite low. The ACA is expecting a deposit of approximately \$75,000 into the casino account in late August.

The Planning Committee is next. Wojtek questions what preparations have been done to ensure a good transition once the ED position has ended. The ED is to send a report to the Planning Committee regarding what duties must be taken over by board members. Vlad wants to ensure that the ACA continues appealing RPAB's decision to end ED funding, especially in light of there being a new provincial government.

Jim and Wojtek have been doing work regarding the Bylaws Committee. Jim would like to report back to the board by June 30.

The board wants to reduce the number of members on the Appeals Committee to three. Dale volunteers to leave the committee; Ali Razzaq, Vlad, and Rafael will remain.

The board begins reviewing the draft version of the new ACA website. Wojtek wants different people to control different areas. Jim motions that Dale and Guoliang Wu be appointed as backup webmasters as needed. Wojtek seconds. Unanimous.

The board skips ahead in the agenda to the Calgary Masters/Calgary International. The Calgary Masters IM has received outside funding and will function as an independent tournament. Vlad and Dale will run the Calgary International, scheduled for July 31-August 5. It will be a ten person round robin.

The board wants to move the Over/Under 1800. Vlad suggests August 3-4, having it run alongside the Calgary International. Jim seconds. Dale proposes moving it to August 17-18. Angelo conducts a straw poll. 2 members vote in favor of August 3-4 and 4 in favor of Aug 17-18; there is one abstention. The Over/Under is now scheduled for Calgary on August 17-18.

Vlad leaves at 5:15.

The board resumes looking at the new draft website. Wojtek wants to reserve up to \$75 USD for a new template should the webmasters wish to use it. Magda questions details. Rafael leaves at 5:35 PM. Dale wants the sidebar moved to the left and to be stationary, or for the menus to be drop-down. The ED will continue working on the new website.

Cristian Ivanescu has requested that Matthew Ivanescu be allowed to use his \$800 travel grant for winning the U-8 AYCC to go to the NAYCC rather than the CYCC. Jim motions to accept; Magda seconds. Unanimous.

Dale requests to use his travel award for winning the Alberta Seniors to attend the World or Pan-Am Seniors. Frank motions; Wojtek seconds. 4 in favor with 2 abstentions.

The problems with the wording of the tiebreak used for the AYCC are discussed. Magda will adjust the wording and send the new version to the board.

Vlad will be hosting a TD Workshop in Calgary, with a target date of June 22. People in Edmonton and Fort McMurray are welcome to attend by Skype.

Jim suggests that the ACA needs a Code of Conduct Committee with a deadline to report back to the board. Vlad and Wojtek will work on finishing a draft code of conduct. It will be one code of conduct with defined rules for board members, TDs, players, parents, coaches, etc. Jim will assist Vlad and Wojtek.

The next scheduled meeting is the AGM on October 13 in Edmonton.

Frank motions for adjournment, Jim seconds, 1 opposed. Meeting adjourns at 6:08 PM.