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Minutes

The Planning Meeting took place on November 28th, 2020, via Zoom. Starting time 2 pm.

- (1) Attendance – Present were Rafael Arruebarrena (President), Ian Findlay (Secretary), David Ludwig (Treasurer), Jim Daniluk (Vice President), Dale Haessel, Leah Hughey, Cristian Ivanescu, Michael Ludwig, Magda Marais, Richard Pua, Vlad Rekhson, Terry Seehagen
- (2) President's Address – Rafael gave an update of the present chess situation in Alberta. COVID has made over the board chess impossible since mid-March and to the foreseeable future. Rafael stated that we would try to hold important events online. Rafael also noted that Zoom licence had been purchased by the ACA on November 27th. This is a one year licence, which enables us to have 6 hour meetings.
- (3) Assign Committees
 - a. Planning committee – Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), Ian Findlay, Angelo Tolentino, Richard Pua
 - b. Junior and coaching committee – Michael Ludwig, Magda Marais, Cristian Ivanescu, Vlad Rekhson, Angelo Tolentino (Chair)
 - c. Audit committee – Ian Findlay, Dale Haessel
 - d. Bylaws amendment committee – Jim Daniluk, Terry Seehagen, Rafael (Chair)
 - e. Technical committee – Michael Ludwig, Vlad Rekhson (Chair), Angelo Tolentino
 - f. Appeals committee – Dale Haessel, Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), David Ludwig
 - g. Conduct committee – Jim Daniluk, Rafael Arruebarrena, Leah Hughey
 - h. Signers – Rafael Arruebarrena, David Ludwig

It was moved by Jim Daniluk, seconded by Magda Marais, that Leah Hughey be given signing authority. This passed unanimously.

(4) Online Workshop for TD's and Organizers

It was suggested by Vlad Rekhson that there be an online workshop for TD's and organizers. Vlad Rekhson volunteered to run this workshop himself. Richard Pua noted that some TD's might need an upgraded laptop to run events. It was decided however, that online tournaments are a temporary measure and that we would have to make do with the TD's that already had the necessary equipment.

(5) 2021 Calendar Events

It was decided that the first over the board tournament will be the Trumpeter Classic in Grand Prairie, the first weekend in June, provided conditions permit. The Board went over the 2021 Calendar schedule and decided which events will be held, postponed and moved to online. This will be put on the ACA website in a day or two.

(6) Proposals for Tournaments

The proposals submitted for tournaments included Grand Prairie, Fort McMurray, Banff, and the Medicine Hat Open. These will be looked at again at the Budget Meeting on December 5th.

(7) General Proposals – General Proposals were given by the Calgary Chess Club and the Calgary Junior Chess Club. These will be voted on December 5th, at the Budget Meeting.

(8) Budget Meeting Preparation

From David Ludwig, the bank balance in the Casino account is about \$61,000 and the balance in the General account is about \$101,000. David pointed out that due to the uncertainty of when the next Casino Night will be held, that we do not have to spend all of the Casino Account by 1st quarter 2021 and that it is possible to ask for an extension of up to two years from the AGLC. Also the next Casino night will most likely be less than the approximate \$75,000 we normally would raise. David is to prepare a budget spreadsheet for the Budget Meeting on December 5th.

(9) Adjournment – It was moved by Ian Findlay, seconded by David Ludwig, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

(10) Next Meeting – The next meeting will be the budget meeting to be held on Saturday, December 5th, starting at 2pm via Zoom.

At 4:45pm, the meeting was adjourned.

