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Minutes

The Planning Meeting took place on May 23rd, 2021, via Zoom. Starting time 2:30 pm.

- (1) Attendance – Present were Rafael Arruebarrena (President), Ian Findlay (Secretary), David Ludwig (Treasurer), Jim Daniluk (Vice President), Leah Hughey, Michael Ludwig, Magda Marais (2:46pm) , Terry Seehagen, Steve Sklenka (guest)
- (2) Canadian Open – Steve Sklenka presented his bid for the 2023 Canadian Open to be held in Calgary. This will be voted on in early August. Steve gave a detailed budget and outlined some of the highlights of the tournament. He was hoping the ACA would be able to donate money to this tournament. The ACA was supportive of this bid, but did not commit to an amount, as this would be dependant upon the upcoming ACA Casino night and the funds in the ACA Casino Account.
- (3) ACA Financial Position
David Ludwig gave the current balances of the General Account and the Casino Account. Due to COVID the expenses of the ACA have been greatly reduced, but the revenue has also been greatly reduced. Because of the delay in our Casino, David will try to contact the AGLC for an extension in spending the money remaining in our Casino Account. David thought our next Casino would not be till 1st quarter 2022. (Subsequently we learned that our casino will be August 3-4, 2021 in Calgary)
- (4) Upcoming Tournaments.
Ian Findlay announced that the 2021 Banff Open will most likely take place November 12-14. He has been in touch with the Banff Centre, and they are anxious for the event to take place. Steve Sklenka will be hosting the 4th Steinitz-Menchik Chess Classic on Nov 19-21. Steve Sklenka was also willing to host the 2021 Alberta Closed at the Calgary Chess Club. It will consist of the participants who qualified for the last Closed which was postponed due to COVID.
- (5) Next Meeting
The next meeting will take place on Sunday, October 10 most likely via Zoom. This will be the Annual General Meeting.
- (6) Adjournment
It was moved by Jim Daniluk, seconded by Ian Findlay that the meeting be adjourned. This was approved unanimously.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(10) 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.

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

(12) 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.

