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## Minutes

The Planning Meeting took place on November 19th, 2022, via Zoom. Starting time 2:00 p.m.

- (1) Attendance – Present were Rafael Arruebarrena (President), Michael Ludwig (Secretary), Jim Daniluk (Vice President), David Ludwig, Nick Zacharias, Bhavik Dave, Lars Lowther, Terry Seehagen, Angelo Tolentino, Jaiveek Dave, Jyn San Miguel.
  
- (2) President's Address – Rafael gave an overview of the meeting: setting up committees and planning the calendar chess year. He mentioned being impressed by high interest in the return to over-the-board chess and emphasized the importance of improving advertising of events and outreach activities.
  
- (3) Assign Committees
  - a. Planning committee – Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), Michael Ludwig, Angelo Tolentino, Nick Zacharias
  - b. Junior and coaching committee – Angelo Tolentino (Chair), Michael Ludwig, Cristian Ivanescu, Jaiveek Dave
  - c. Audit committee – Lars Lowther, David Ludwig
  - d. Bylaws amendment committee – Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), Jim Daniluk, Terry Seehagen, Lars Lowther
  - e. Technical committee – Jim Daniluk (Chair), Angelo Tolentino, Bhavik Dave
  - f. Appeals committee – Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), Dale Haessel, Jim Daniluk
  - g. Conduct committee – Jim Daniluk, Rafael Arruebarrena (Chair), David Ludwig, Nick Zacharias, Jyn San Miguel
  - h. Signers – Rafael Arruebarrena, David Ludwig, Dale Haessel (to be added), Jim Daniluk (to be added)
  
- (4) 2023 calendar

A few regular events have yet to be confirmed, including the Fort McMurray Open and Medicine Hat Open following Bill Taylor's final event. It was noted that Ian Findlay wishes to continue running the Banff Open. Rafael brought up that Edmonton continues to have trouble finding directors. A proposal was made that Rafael and Terry will seek out more players to assist. David moved, seconded by Jim, to accept the calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.

(5) General proposals for spending

The Board briefly discussed how many previously purchased sets are on-hand, and considered acquiring more FIDE-standard sets. Michael and Terry mentioned recently being informed of a sharply-growing chess club at the University of Alberta, who were looking for support. A couple other clubs around the province were mentioned as seeking support as well.

(6) Budget Meeting Preparation

The Board discussed the ACA's financial standing – roughly \$90,000 in the general account and \$100,000 in the casino account. Lars moved, seconded by Angelo, to target a budget of \$70,000 in 2023. Passed unanimously.

(7) Other Items

Jim suggested that the casino chair be from Edmonton given the upcoming 3rd-quarter 2023 casino is in Edmonton. Terry volunteered. Lars suggested that the ACA have tournaments put up on the CFC webpage to increase exposure. Rafael spoke about simuls being good at introducing more people to chess, and commented on media exposure for big events. Michael suggested looking into more direct ways to support school chess programs. Nick said he would look into online/targetted advertising.

Terry asked about streamlining the payment process at tournaments, with regards to navigating e-transfers and cash payments. No clear solution was found. Terry also asked whether it would be worth bringing back the Executive Director position to take over much of the executive's workload. Rafael said it did not seem needed at this time.

(8) Adjournment – It was moved by Michael, seconded by Angelo, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

At 3:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.