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Minutes

The Planning Meeting took place on November 18th, 2023, via Zoom. Starting time 2:00 p.m.

- (1) Attendance – Lars Lowther (President), Michael Ludwig (Secretary), Dale Haessel (Treasurer), Jim Daniluk (Vice President), David Ludwig, Zeeshan Munir, Lili Ou, Rafael Arruebarrena, Sam Hoekman.

- (2) Budget Meeting minutes – David moved, seconded by Lili, to accept the minutes from the previous Budget meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- (3) President's Address – Lars briefly explained the purpose and procedure of the meeting.

- (4) Assign Committees
 - a. Planning committee – Lars Lowther (Chair), Michael Ludwig, Nick Zacharias, Rafael Arruebarrena, Jim Daniluk
 - b. Junior and coaching committee – Michael Ludwig (Chair), Sam Hoekman, Lili Ou, Sean Wu
 - c. Audit committee – Lili Ou, Zeeshan Munir
 - d. Bylaws amendment committee – Lars Lowther (Chair), Jim Daniluk, Terry Seehagen, Zeeshan Munir
 - e. Technical committee – Michael Ludwig (Chair), Sam Hoekman, Rafael Arruebarrena
 - f. Appeals committee – Lars Lowther (Chair), Dale Haessel, Jim Daniluk
 - g. Conduct committee – Lars Lowther (Chair), Jim Daniluk, David Ludwig, Nick Zacharias, Sean Wu
 - h. Signers – Rafael Arruebarrena, David Ludwig, Dale Haessel (to be added), Lars Lowther (to be added)

- (5) 2024 calendar

Calgary would like to submit a bid for hosting the 2024 North American Junior Chess Championship in August. Dale motions, seconded by Lili, to support a bid with an amount of \$3000 from Casino funds. Passed unanimously.

Ian Findlay has announced he will run the Banff Open in 2024. There is uncertainty on the state of chess in Fort McMurray. If an Edmonton International is not held, Edmonton will host a Spring Sectional in place of the International Qualifier and a new 45+30 event in place of the International, to encourage more players to try out classical in a faster format. Tentatively, Calgary would like to hold an International in late July. Lethbridge has volunteered to host a tournament when the Medicine Hat Open previously was.

Michael moved, seconded by Sam, to accept the calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.

(6) Budget Meeting Preparation

The Board discussed the ACA's financial standing – roughly \$95,000 in the general account and \$120,000 in the casino account. Jim moved, seconded by David, to target a budget of \$60,000 in 2024. Passed 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

(7) Other Items

It is the ACA's 50th anniversary, having been incorporated in 1973. A tournament was added to January 2024 to recognize the occasion.

The Edmonton Chess Club is unable to collect pre-payments, which is problematic for some tournaments. For the upcoming WBX Team Tournament, the proposed solution is having the Calgary Chess Club collect entries from Calgary-based teams and the ACA will assist where needed. The Board will consult the ECC on whether its bank allows e-transfers, and check into fees associated with transactions such as PayPal.

A suggestion was made regarding compensation for board members who do the most work. It is pointed out that the AGLC does not allow the executive to be compensated at all, in order to be eligible for Casino funding.

It was suggested that the ACA Board choose CFC voting members at a future meeting rather than immediately prior to the CFC AGM.

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

At 4:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.