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## Minutes

The Spring Meeting took place on May 24th, 2026, via Zoom. Starting time 7:00 p.m.

- (1) Attendance – Present were Alex Nguyen (President), Michael Ludwig (Secretary), Sam Hoekman (Vice President), David Ludwig, Gordon Campbell, Selena Yang, Dale Haessel, Michael Anderson.
- (2) President's Address – Alex presented the agenda for the meeting. Recent highlights include Alberta's first win in the BC vs. AB match, three grade winners at the Canadian Chess Challenge, and Tymur Keleberda achieving the IM title.

### (3) Improvements

Alex wants to make sure Edmonton has the resources to hold large events, between equipment and arbiters. Sam says there should be enough assuming appropriate delegation.

A conversation is held on the state of the Treasurer's office. Alex and David emphasize the importance of cheques being written and sent out in timely fashion. Attending board members were informed of the difficulties had in ensuring all paperwork was submitted to the AGLC. Alex will consult with Avery on the path forward.

### (4) Tournaments

Investigation is still underway on holding the Banff Open. It is agreed that it should take priority over Edmonton/Calgary Internationals, and be Alberta's marquee event. Sam comments that it is the preference among the top players he has spoken to, too. Alex will have more info soon.

There is some discussion on hosting options for the Alberta Chess Challenge, after the rent costs were dramatically increased this year. Ideas include alternating between Edmonton and Calgary, or splitting it into two parts so that the Edmonton and Calgary Chess Clubs could be hosting options.

Alex shares that the Canadian Junior & Senior Championships are currently above expectation, a month ahead of the tournaments.

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

At 8:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.