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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

October 10th, 2026 at the Alberta Open and via Zoom @ 3:30 p.m.

(1) Call to Order and introduction of Officers – President

Attendance

9 Board members present:

Alex Nguyen (President)
Michael Ludwig (Secretary)
Sophie Gao (Treasurer)
David Ludwig
Gordon Campbell
Selena Yang
Zeeshan Munir
Michael Anderson
Garth Dunn

24 general members in attendance.

Alex outlined the meeting procedures.

(2) Minutes of the last AGM

It was moved by Zeeshan, seconded by Roy Yearwood, to accept the minutes of the 2025 AGM. Motion passed unanimously.

(3) President's Address – President

Alex listed some of the things that have been done to grow chess in the province over the last year, including a new facebook page, and the expanded Alberta Open, which reached 73 players across three sections. He noted the increase in National Arbiters. He also encouraged more involvement from people in different areas of the province, and pointed to Alberta’s higher rate of CFC member growth than Ontario.

(4) Financial Report and Statement – Treasurer

David went through the 2025 financial statements. The ACA had a Casino deposit in 2025 that brought in approximately $90,000 that must be spent over three years. The previous Casino build-up continues to be steadily worked through.

It was moved by Roy, seconded by Michael A., to accept the financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

(5) Election of Officers and Directors

Alex nominates Anthony Graham as Secretary, seconded by Jim Daniluk. (Accepts)

Anthony speaks on his experience building up chess in Strathmore, and his strengths in communications and technology.

Secretary – Anthony Graham by acclamation.

Alex nominates David as Vice President, seconded by Sophie. (Accepts)

Vice President – David Ludwig by acclamation.

The following candidates are nominated for Director:

Michael Ludwig
Vitalii Shtepa
Gordon Campbell
Ling Tong
Michael Anderson
Roy Yearwood
Terry Seehagen
Sam Hoekman

The nominees all make short speeches.

Michael L. remarks on his four years as Secretary, as well as several years of involvement as a Director prior to that.

Vitalii speaks on his recent activity as an organizer in Calgary.

Gordon speaks on his role as Calgary Chess Club Treasurer and experience dealing with the AGLC.

Ling shares her prior involvement with the CJCC, and her desire to come back to chess.

Michael A. talks about being the CCC manager.

Michael L. speaks for Terry and Sam in their absence. Terry is the long-time Edmonton Chess Club President, and has been an ACA Director in the past. Sam is the outgoing ACA Vice-President, with connections to most local players and a wish to expand the junior chess presence in Edmonton.

Roy compliments the strength of the field, and withdraws his candidacy.

A vote was held for the four positions, with the following results:

Directors: Vitalii Shtepa (25 votes), Michael Ludwig (23), Gordon Campbell (18), Ling Tong (16).

Not elected: Michael Anderson, Terry Seehagen, Sam Hoekman.

(6) Other items

No other business.

(7) Adjournment – It was moved by Zeeshan, seconded by Roy, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

At 4:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.