



**Alberta Chess Association
Board of Directors
Skype Meeting
Minutes
May 27, 2018**

Attending: President Vladislav Rekhson, Vice-President Jim Daniluk, Directors Terry Seehagen, Dale Haessel, Brad Booker, Jina Burn, Wojtek Kowalczewski, Jordan Rohatynski, and Executive Director Leah Hughey.

Meeting called to order at 3:08 PM by President Vladislav Rekhson.

President Vladislav Rekhson addresses the board. On May 18, the ACA found out that the Recreation and Physical Activity Division (RPAD) of Alberta Culture and Tourism is cutting the ACA's funding. The ACA will receive the full grant for 2018, followed by a half-grant in 2019, and nothing thereafter. The grant is used to fund the Executive Director position and associated administrative costs. The Board enters a general discussion on the matter. Leah will set up a meeting with RPAD for informative purposes. Further decisions by the Board will depend on the outcome of that meeting.

The Board recesses for two minutes and reconvenes at 3:53 PM.

The Board discusses Terry's request for clarification regarding the roles of committees in relation to the Board. Vlad believes there is a need to establish clear rules regarding this.

The Technical Committee has no report. The Planning Committee has looked at reworking the Road Warrior program, and there is a proposal for spending \$500 of the \$1,000 of the Promotion budget. The Planning Committee had wanted to set aside the other \$500 for potential use with the new website; however, given that the ED position is up in the air, this plan is currently on hold.

There are no objections to the new Road Warrior Proposal, which is based off the old version. The new version is as follows:

One point will be given to any player who travels at least 75 KM to an event. At the end of the year, money will be awarded based on the following principles.

Highest number of points: \$200

Second highest: \$150

Third highest: \$100

Random draw among people who traveled to at least 2 events: \$50

The points will be awarded for open-to-all ACA sponsored events starting from January 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2018.

Next, Jina discusses the progress of the Junior Committee, which met the previous day. The committee discussed opportunities to increase junior membership through two main streams - increasing number of school chess clubs and supporting any chess clubs with large numbers of kids.

Jina emphasizes the need for approval for spending requests to be issued to the Junior Committee before any events take place. The Junior Committee has given a one-time exception to that policy to approve Richard Pua's \$200 expenses, as requested by Terry Seehagen, for a tournament held earlier in the spring. The Junior Committee recommends budgeting \$100 for the Canadian Chess Challenge team dinner next year to replace the purchasing of pins, which have been procured by volunteers.

The Junior Committee also discussed future development and how to approach schools. They want to support coaches to go in and establish school programs to help raise awareness about chess. The Committee also discussed an idea for coaches to apply for funding; however, the details will need to be sent to the ED.

At 4:28 Terry leaves.

The Board discusses insurance options. The ED is to look into the matter further to clarify what coverage the ACA, members, and clubs currently have.

Wojtek speaks to some problems the Membership Committee has been having, and Leah does as well. Discussion is started on the Club Development Program, but Wojtek has to leave suddenly at 4:48 PM. The discussion is suspended; Vlad will put the Club Development Program up for an email vote.

Jordan requests on Terry's behalf that Terry's discussion topics regarding out of city players and cell phone policies go to the Technical Committee.

Jim motions to accept the new ACA Policy on Membership Data. Dale seconds. The motions passes.

Ian Zhao's request to attend the Canadian Open instead of the Canadian Juniors, due to the tight scheduling problems between the Juniors and the Calgary International is heatedly discussed. Jim motions to accept the request. Dale seconds. 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

The rest of the proposals are tabled and the meeting adjourns at 5:13 PM.