



**Alberta Chess Association  
Board of Directors  
2019 Budget Meeting  
Black Knight Inn, Red Deer  
December 8, 2018**

## **Minutes**

Attending: President Angelo Tolentino, Vice-President Jim Daniluk, Secretary Ian Findlay, Treasurer Ali Razzaq, Directors Dale Haessel, and Guoliang Wu, and Executive Director Leah Hughey.

Meeting called to order at 11:06 AM.

The board reads and comments on the minutes from the 2019 Planning meeting. Ian is willing to head the ED task force. Terry Seehagen has agreed to join the bylaws committee. Jim motions to accept a corrected version of the minutes; Ian seconds. Unanimous.

Leah speaks to two needs for the ACA - first, the ED needs a new laptop, preferably with accounting and Microsoft Word software. There is room in the 2018 ED budget to make the purchases. Second, the ACA website is continuing to experience malware attacks. Leah recommends prioritizing the ACA website renewal, which has been planned for some time. The board discusses options for a new website. Guoliang will do a report to the Planning Committee (which will include Dale for this purpose) about the new website. There is a January 31 deadline for making decisions on the website.

Next is committee reports. The Planning Committee still needs to come up with a recommendation for the ED position.

The board begins a line-item review of the budget. More than \$20,000 will need to be cut from the proposed expenses.

The board breaks at 12:07 for lunch. During lunch, Magda Marais joins over skype. Meeting recalled at 12:47. The board receives two options for ED funding, depending on whether additional sources of funding can be found. Several of the requests from junior clubs are combined into a grant for the junior committee to disperse as it sees fit.

The situation between the CJCC and CCC is discussed at length. The CJCC has submitted a request to the ACA to help with expenses. The request is approved, with the final amount dependent on how much the ACA has available in the budget.

The board approves a few requests to come out of the 2018 Budget - the money for Chess in the Libraries and to support a Red Deer School. The University of Calgary needs to become ACA members to get further support, but the ACA puts aside a small amount to help with expenses for the University Battle of Alberta.

The CJCC request to help send CYCC players to the AYCC is approved for first place finishers only.

The board discusses Brad Booker's request to use his 2017 Alberta Seniors travel money. The money will have to come out of the 2019 budget. The board asks that Leah include a one-year time limit on the advertisements for travel awards. The board ultimately decides to allow Brad to use the travel request, but at a reduced amount of \$500, which will match the amount given to the 2019 Alberta Senior Champion.

Ali leaves the meeting at 3:20.

The board examines the new prize and entry fee structure for the Banff Open. Dale motions that the board allow 25% of all gross entry fees to go to administrative costs. Jim seconds. Unanimous. Dale proposes that for the 2019 Banff Open, the entry fees will be at the reasonable discretion of the organizer. Jim seconds. Unanimous.

The ACA decides to purchase 20 DGT clocks out of the 2018 budget.

The board goes through the budget again, looking for more cuts as the budget is still too high. Road Warrior prizes are reduced to \$200 for first and \$100 for second. AYCC champions will only be given \$800 for this year, as the CYCC is in Saskatchewan (with the idea of raising it again next year).

Jim motions to approve the 2019 budget. Ian seconds. 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

Ian seconds Guoliang's motion to return the entry fees from the Calgary Girls Chess camp to the CJCC for a future camp; amended to make it a girls' chess camp. 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

The board tentatively sets the next meeting for April 27 over skype. The meeting is adjourned at 5:30.