
Minutes

The Budget Meeting took place on December 7th, 2024, via Zoom. Starting time 2:00 p.m.

- (1) Attendance – Present were Lars Lowther (President), Michael Ludwig (Secretary), Dale Haessel (Treasurer), Sam Hoekman (Vice President), David Ludwig, Michael Anderson, Gordon Campbell, Zeeshan Munir, Terry Seehagen, Avery Michalchuk.
- (2) Planning Meeting Minutes – It was moved by Sam, seconded by Gordon, that the Planning Meeting minutes be accepted. Passed 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- (3) President's Address – Lars encouraged an efficient meeting, recognizing that the Budget Meeting is typically the longest meeting.
- (4) Tournament Proposals

The ACA has approximately \$80,000 in its Casino account.

The Board went through the calendar and proposals for tournaments.

- i) Banff Open – \$4725 for the venue; up to \$500 expense money for each of the chief TD and assistant TD; \$720 for the standard TD honorarium (\$360 each, for six rounds); \$250 for scoresheets – approximately \$6700 total. This is a significant increase from last year, as discussed at the Planning Meeting.

Avery has been checking for a less expensive alternate venue in Canmore. Zeeshan and Gordon advise that Banff is definitely preferable as a destination. It was moved by Sam, seconded by Dale, to set aside a max of the above numbers for the Banff Open. Adjustments down may be made (namely, TD expenses reduced to \$450) if the event takes place in Canmore. Passed unanimously.

- ii) Trumpeter Open – The request is \$500 for venue rental, plus \$500 prize support. The Board is in agreement that \$500 is not reasonable as a prize fund for a small event. The Board considered waiving dues for the event in lieu of a prize contribution, but it was

decided against. It was moved by Gordon, seconded by Sam, to provide a \$200 prize fund contribution. Passed unanimously.

- iii) BC vs. AB Match – BC would match a larger prize contribution from the ACA. Dale proposes supporting some of the venue cost instead, since that can be paid out of the Casino account. The estimate is set at \$600.

(5) Other Budget Items

Lars said that the CFC still has not provided info on or payment of the ACA's share of membership fees, so the ACA has continued not paying rating fees. Gordon proposed looking for lower-cost insurance. Gordon also proposed increasing the TD honorarium for the Calgary International, given its higher requirements. It is set at a flat \$1000.

The allocation for the Calgary International is increased from \$2500 to \$4000, since there is not going to be a 2025 Edmonton International. Further review of the Internationals' purpose and structure may be taken by a partnership of the CCC and ACA.

Terry has requested up to \$1000 to replace some of the ECC's equipment – 15 sets and 6 clocks. The general equipment budget is also set at \$2000. Michael suggests purchasing air purifiers (PC fan Corsi-Rosenthal boxes) for the ECC and CCC, at a cost of about \$2000.

- (6) Budget Approval – The total 2025 expenditures are projected at approximately \$61,000. It was moved by David, seconded by Sam, that the 2025 Budget be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

(7) Other Business

There was a technical committee meeting in September on the administration of Youth travel grants. Michael moved, seconded by Sam, that "Section winners at the AYCC will be given three weeks after the event to inform the ACA, in writing, that they will be travelling to the CYCC, in order to be eligible for a travel grant. After that, the second place finisher will be informed they are eligible instead." Motion passed unanimously.

Lars said that Jim Daniluk would be willing to continue assisting as Casino Chair, provided he has support. Lars and Jim will co-operate on it.

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

At 3:58 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.