



**Calgary Junior Chess Club Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2017 12:00 – 1:00**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Position	Name
President	Guoliang Wu
Secretary	Sharron Spicer
Treasurer	Ved Sharma
Chess School Coordinator	Diwan Shi
Chess in the Library Coordinator	Kevin Zhao
Director	Vera Li
Director	Steven Peter
Director	Yilong Qin
Youth Member	Lauren Spicer
Past President	Paul Gagne

**Regrets:**

Position	Name
Vice-President	Angelo Tolentino
Tournament Coordinator	Vlad Rekhson
Director	Giri Koneru
Director	Chandra Popneja
Youth Member	Druv Jindal
Youth Member	Jerry Li
Youth Member	Andre Tolentino
Youth Member	Jeff Wang

**1. President's Report**

Guoliang welcomed everyone.

Several major tournaments are upcoming, including Calgary Youth, Chess Challenge, and Schools Tournament.

There is over \$5000 in account with about \$1000 in expenses anticipated this month. We are giving more in prizes this year and also paying TDs more. Tournaments with larger expenses are coming up. Overall, our financial position is favourable.

## **2. Financial Update**

Current bank balance \$5,541.60.

CCC has not paid for all of travel expenses from last year. They will soon have a new treasurer so we will await that person's appointment to the role.

(Following the meeting, Ved noted that we will need two auditors to review the financial records.)

## **3. Overview of Programs**

### **Monthly Tournaments**

December enrollment less than usual (26), usual 35-40.

Paul raised that advertising at schools may be a venue for increasing attendance.

### **Chess Schools**

Numbers similar to last year. Supported by ACA for \$900 per year.

### **Chess in the Library .**

Expanded to four new libraries with ongoing good turnout. We need more volunteers. Vera and Ved have offered to help. We could approach high school players to help. Paul will assist Kevin with marketing ideas (brochures, business cards, etc.).

## **4. New Business**

### **4.1. Communication**

Website – Guoliang continues to update.

Dropbox – Sharron is posting minutes/agendas and posters; not widely used by members. Will continue to use e-mail and website for information.

Membership List – Sharron is updating on website. Some discussion occurred about whether players registered to other clubs (eg. Bearspaw or South Calgary Junior Chess Clubs) with ACA affiliation could have no-cost membership in CJCC. This was left unresolved as we do not have a mechanism to share lists. Ved suggested discounted memberships to these clubs if they provide member names in a batch.

### **4.2. Upcoming Events**

Monthly Chess Tournaments (January – June)

Monthly Chess Schools (January – June)

Calgary Youth Chess Championship – January 28, 2017, University of Calgary

Calgary Chess Challenge (Grade Level Regionals)- March 18, 2017 Notre Dame School

Calgary School Championship – April 29, 2017, Renert School

### **4.3. Grand Prix**

Paul will take on a role of school co-ordinator with Sharron's help. Players' school names will be collected if players/parents agree.

### **4.4. CJCC Summer Camp**

Steven will start organizing a camp.

#### **4.5. Tournament Referee workshop**

Not currently planned by CJCC. Guoliang will check if workshop is being planned by CCC.

#### **4.6. Tournament Coordinator position**

Vlad needs help to work on tournament organization as he is busy with family. Guoliang will contact Giri to see if he is available.

#### **4.7. Fees**

We will continue current fees.

We will consistently pay tournament directors \$20 per day.

#### **4.8. Prizes**

Some discussion occurred about prizes given for past tournaments. Mention was made that schools are not always receptive to receiving trophies for school tournaments if they have not specifically sent their students.

#### **4.9. Ratings**

A lengthy discussion arose about a gap for advanced junior players to play in rated tournaments. Opportunities include adult CCC and ACA tournaments. Diwen will explore creating a new youth tournament with 60-minute time control suitable for ratings.

#### **4.10. Involvement of Junior Members**

Suggestions by junior members:

- a) Chairs in the back room are prone to tipping. (The furniture belongs to CCC. Following the meeting, Ved offered to change the configuration of the seating and suggested the soft furniture be used by adults/parents with payers directed to tables and chairs.)
- b) Could there be a second-place medal for girls' section?

### **5. Unfinished Business**

#### **5.1. Registration of CJCC under Societies Act**

Constitution – Ved is reviewing.

Application for casino funding – Ved is completing this application.

#### **5.2. Insurance for off-site activities**

Sharron will confirm with CCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.