

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC. d/b/a Casino Collectibles Association

This the annual meeting of the Corporation held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, held on CCA Annual Meeting,, for the purposes of reviewing the prior six months business, discussing corporate operations for the up coming year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting

David Spragg led the meeting as our elected President, James Hogg as elected Secretary recorded the minutes

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 8am

The following directors were present at the meeting:

## Name of Director

David Spragg - President

Jim Follis – Vice President

Bud Wisinski – Treasurer

Jay Sands – Membership

James Hogg – Secretary

In the room we had 19 people observing the meeting including Barry Sherwood and Eric Freedner

The Board meeting began at 8.02AM

The meeting was declared open by the President David Spragg.

The previous annual minutes were approved. Doug voted to approve them with Charles seconding this and the whole room saying “ in in favor”

## Membership Report

Jay gave the membership report and told the room:

- We have currently 907 Members
- We have seen the membership reduce by 80 members since the last meeting
- Since we began the club we have had over 300 members die, but the information was very difficult to get as record keeping has not always been accurate.

Jay said that” he was looking forward to seeing an increase due to Doug’s committee works and also to the changes that Charles is making”

Doug voted to approve

Charles seconded this

The whole room said “ all in favor”

## Financial Report

**Spragg noted that this had been posted on line for a long while and all should have seen it. There were no comments or questions.**

Doug voted to approve

Jim seconded this

The whole room said “ all in favor”

## MoGH Report

Charles gave a verbal report to the room as he had not brought his notes from the MoGH board meeting.

In general there are two main developments:

- The MoGH was now looking at a physical location possibility due to the addition of a new board member. She has great contacts and is really helping the club to move forward.
- That there are changes coming to the Chip Guide, members of the CCA and MoGH will still have access to all of the functions of the Chip Guide but non members will not. They will be encouraged to become members of the CCA.
  - Non members will not be able to access items like the search functions.
  - They will not be able to trade or do the “my collection”
  - New features developed would also be restricted to members only
  - This change will happen on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

There were a few questions from the room

- “in regards to a physical location could the MoGH sign a lease?” Spragg answered that they could not but the CCA could

- “could we still do the virtual museum?” yes this is possible said Charles as most organizations have both

## Election Report

This statement was read in full by Doug. James Hogg accepted this on behalf of the CCA and the election of the next Board was complete.

# 2025 CCA Nominations Report

Twenty One (21) Valid Nominations were received by the January 18, 2025 deadline and no Nominations were voided.

Eleven members received a minimum of two nominations from current CCA Members, per the requirements, for the CCA Board Of Directors positions shown.

Ten members, Jerry Vergatos, Doug Smith, Dan Madrigrano, Dick Bartley, Barry Sherwood, Ed Hertel, John Zoesch, Doug Balduini, Bill Lange, and Sam Wagmeister received one nomination, however based on the CCA Constitution, a minimum of two nominations are needed to run for a position.

The nominees responses regarding whether they accepted or declined their nominations are shown below.

**President:** Barry Sherwood (Accepted) / Sarah Bulanda (Declined) / David Spragg (Declined) / Ed Hertel (Declined)

**Secretary:** James Hogg (Accepted) / David Spragg (Decline) / Bob Miksztal (Decline) / John Benedict (Decline)

**Member at Large#1:** Eric Freedner (Accepted) / Dick Bartley (Declined) / Bob Miksztal (Declined) / Joe Bulanda (Declined) / Oscar Lappalainen (Declined)

With only one acceptance for each of the 3 positions we will no longer need to conduct an election as those 3 nominees are now uncontested and declared the winner of the positions they have accepted.

Congratulations to Barry Sherwood (President), James Hogg (Secretary) and Eric Freedner (At Large #1)

These 2025 BOD Candidates will be certified at the annual CCA Business Meeting on Saturday June 14, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted, Douglas Smith, CCA Election Chairperson

President - Barry Sherwood

Secretary – James Hogg

Member at Large #1 – Eric Freedner

The board thanked all for being part of the process and wanted to extend our thanks to Doug and his team

Spragg also thanked Dick Bartley for his service to the board as the out going member at large.

At this point in the meeting ( 8:30am) Spragg invited Barry to come to the front and accept the Presidency of the CCA.

**We have a new President who at this point began to Chair the Meeting ( Spragg at this point went and sat in the Audience)**

## **Newly Elected CCA President (Barry) welcome speech ( taken from his notes)**

Hello, fellow CCA Members. My name is Barry Sherwood and I'm honored to have received 100% of your votes in the last election.

A little background for those of you who don't know me. I live in Reno Nevada with my wife, Gayle.

Gayle and I own Great Basin Internet Services. We provide fiber and copper internet connections, host websites, lease IP addresses and provide VoIP phone service.

I am also a part time poker dealer and poker room floor supervisor at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. I'm also an on-call banquet server and fledgling bartender. I use these

additional sources of income to hide my chip collecting and poker playing addictions from my wife.

I like to mountain bike, golf, drive around in my mid-life crisis red lifted Jeep Gladiator pickup truck, share questionable memes and generally post too damn much on Facebook.

We have 2 sons, both married and living in the Reno area. We welcomed our first grandson literally while I was manning a CCA table at the FUN show in Florida and he's naturally the most adorable baby on the planet. My boys aren't that interested in collecting anything, but I might have a shot with the grandkid. Fingers crossed, right?

In July, I'm riding my mountain bike 700 miles across Oregon. All dirt trails, self-supported, with about 70,000 feet of climbing and camping in the open under the stars for around 20 days and nights. Hopefully, if I'm not eaten by bears or mountain lions, you'll still have a club President come August.

As for what I collect, I want to be very clear about this... I ONLY collect \$5 Nevada chips. Nothing else and I only have 64 more to go and then I'm done. For sure. Well, except I also have some chips from other states. And I guess I also have chips from other countries, but again, to be clear, I ONLY collect \$5 Nevada chips.

I have 2 mechanical slot machines in carved Pirate figures from Dick DeLong. But there's only 2 so that's not a collection, right? That's just art. Just because I'm keeping my eye out for other ones doesn't mean I have a problem, er, addiction, er, interest in them. It's NOT a collection.

Nor are the stamps I've had since I was a kid, nor the coins from around the world. Not the dice and not the carousel of chips from Smith's North Club.

I won a few silver strikes over the years and joined their club. But just because a guy has 30 or 40 of something doesn't mean he's a collector, does it? Surely not. Oh, I forgot that I recently acquired about 2000 silver strikes in Dansco albums. But that's was buying someone ELSE'S collection, so it's not like I collect them. Just Nevada fives, remember? That's it. Are we clear on this? Ok. Good.

Anyway, in case you haven't already realized this, my initials are B.S. I like to have fun and joke around and I hope you all do, too. For some, this may be a business, but for most, it's a hobby and a chance to socialize with like-minded people.

For the last year, I have served on the growth and engagement committee, headed by Doug Smith and comprised of 12 club members.

I volunteer to help set up and tear down at the annual convention and act as a gopher as needed.

I've made a great many friends in this club, but I have to admit there are far more members that I haven't had a chance to meet, much less talk to. I hope to rectify that in the next two years.

Although I am but one vote on the board, my personal goals are:

1. Optimize and clarify the organizational structure of the club. This includes creating an organizational chart and job descriptions. It also includes designating chairs as well as co-chairs for each segment of the club, to provide a safety net as well as continuity of knowledge.
2. Implement a billing and ticket system to handle membership renewals, provide a purchasing mechanism for club merch, provide a trackable ticketing system for issues, feedback, and suggestions, and provide a real-time database that can be used to verify membership status for access to the Chip guide. It will also act as a registration mechanism for the convention, poker tournament, and other activities we may undertake. Tracking and reporting will be much easier.
3. Provide avenues of engagement for members to more directly help implement improvements to the club. In other words, find more ways for members to volunteer and seek out members willing to help out who have not previously done so.
4. Provide incentives to new members
5. Provide incentives for referrals by existing members.
6. Take a comprehensive inventory of all CCA & MOGH assets and donations. I'm starting this project on Sunday, June 22, and if you will be in town that week, I'd love to have your help.
7. Sell undesignated donations in auctions to raise funds.
8. Give away donated items as incentives to join the club.
9. Figure out what to do with the club library. Digitize everything to start with. See if it's feasible to continue an online lending library. If not, donate the library to a brick & mortar library.
10. Make all regular board meetings open to the membership via zoom. Executive sessions that require discretion will be excluded from public participation.
11. Distribute meeting minutes within 48 hours on the club website, with links to same published on various social media outlets.
12. Set up a cloud based repository to store all club knowledge, files, and electronic assets, with various levels of access for board members, committee, chairs, general members, and the public.
13. Implement an acceptable, long-term mechanism for distributing the club magazine, newsletters, and other forms of communication. This is probably one of the most contentious action items I intend to delve into. My favored option is to distribute the magazine electronically to everyone, but also upload the magazine to a one-off publishing company where anyone interested in getting a copy in the same format as it's currently distributed can do so on their own at their own expense. This will save the club tens of thousands of dollars per year.
14. And finally, do all of the above with love and care for the club and its members to ensure that the club remains viable and thriving long into the future.

If you are called on to pitch in, either with your knowledge or labor or finances, I hope we can count on you. A great many of you have already approached me, shaken my hand, congratulated me, and offered your assistance. I am grateful to witness so many have that attitude, and you can rest assured I will be taking you up on it.

I thank you for this opportunity. It's an honor to serve you and I hope to make you happy that I'm in this seat.

Thank you.

-- Barry

### **Other business**

Jay Sands: He resigned from the Board from his role in Membership. He stated " he had enjoyed the role and was excited to see what was coming next for the club in terms of growth and its changes"

Jay was thanked by the Board for all of his hard work, over the years ears it was mentioned that his was VP of the CCA and its Secretary too.

Jim Follis asked to give a statement of thanks to David Spragg for all of his efforts for the CCA and its whole organization. He spoke well and at length thanking David and the whole room agreed with him on his points.

Jim Follis: asked for the boards support and direction on the MoGH announcement on the changes to the Chip Guide. Barry pledged the boards support to these changes and reminded the room that the changes to the MoGH were asked for from the CCA and were necessary for the club as a whole.

There was a general question on the South Point and also how long we would be coming here: Spragg answered this, we are currently committed until 2026 by contract. In August we would begin the process of looking at the new contract for 2027 and 2028.

There were comments that the Poker tournament was not as good as it could have been and that we wanted to go back to the older format. This was agreed by all who were in it that attended this meeting. This will be discussed further after the Convention.

Final business: Barry appointed Mike Nawrock to the board as the new Membership Director: this received a round of applause from the room and Mike acknowledged this and gave his thanks.

This was the final business and with no further comments or questions from the room the meeting was closed by Barry at 9am

