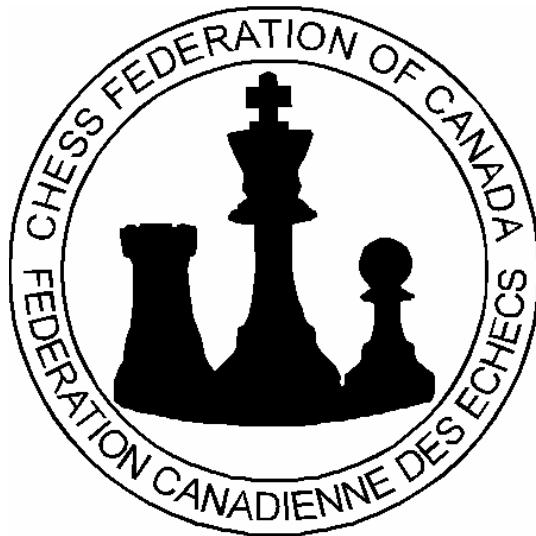


CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER FIVE 2002-2003



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Deadline for submissions to GL #6: February 10th 2003

Message from the President

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years Holiday.

Financial

December was another very good month for us. We achieved an Operating profit of \$5,700. This puts us year to date to more than \$18,000 in the black! Our thanks go to Gerry for running such a great office operation.

But as Gerry points out, we have to remain vigilant regarding any new expenditure. We are still some \$15,000 short of recouping our loss from last year.

Eric Lawson

Congratulations to Eric, who achieved his first IM Norm this month at the Hastings Tournament in England.

New Canadian Junior Champions

Congratulations to Anne Marie Charbonneau and Wang Hao Yuan on becoming our new Junior Champions. I'm sure they will do us all proud at the World Championships.

Stephen Glinert

Congratulations also to IM Stephen Glinert who turned in one tremendous performance at the World Junior Championship in far away India.

Membership Drive

I'm still working on the Confidentiality Form that all of us will have to sign off on before we can release addresses of our current and past members. Privacy protection is a big issue. So we should start our drive February 1st.

Peter Stockhausen

Results of Votes:

Motion 2003-04: (Cecil Rosner/John Remillard)

Be it resolved that the CFC support the Abe Yanofsky Memorial Tournament in Winnipeg by funding the travel and

expenses of the Canadian champion and Canada's active grandmasters to facilitate their participation in the tournament, to a maximum of 2,500 dollars.

For: L. Craver, F. Dixon, W. Ferner, A. Mendrinos, J. Remillard, C. Rosner, M. Smith, P. Stockhausen, G. Taylor
Against: K. Craft
Abstentions: H. Brodie

Votes: 9-1 with one abstention. PASSED

Motion 2003-05: (Stockhausen/Smith)

Be it resolved that the CFC adjust the Rating Fees for FIDE rated events as follows:

A, Round Robin and Matches:

Category 0 – 3 \$55
Category 4 & 5 \$110
Category 6 & 7 \$165
Category 8 to 10 \$220

For higher categories, multiply Category by \$44

B, Swiss Tournaments

Players 1 to 300 = \$2.20 per player
Players 301 and up = \$1.10 per player

C, Team Tournaments

Per Team \$33

For: A. Mendrinos, J. Remillard, C. Rosner, M. Smith, P. Stockhausen
Against: H. Brodie, K. Craft, L. Craver, G. Taylor
Abstentions: W. Ferner

Votes: 5-4 with one abstention. PASSED

New Motions: None

Discussion on Motions

General Comments from Governors:

Maurice Smith: This is in answer to Hal Bond's question to me regarding the possibility that the FIDE rating floor will be lowered. In Bled this situation was discussed at one of the meetings I attended. It does seem apparent that the floor will eventually be lowered to 1000. However, it may not be

until 2005 or beyond. There did not seem to be much opposition from member nations about all tournaments being rated by FIDE, which in effect means one world wide rating system. The concern was whether FIDE has the ability to do this efficiently. The answer at the moment is no, because the software is not there to properly process the tremendous increase in the number of tournaments that would be rated. However, FIDE is working on this, and that is a goal which they are confident in achieving. The feeling I took from the meeting was not if, but when this would happen.

Frank Dixon: Happy New Year 2003 to you and all employees of the CFC!!

1) A small suggestion for naming Governors' Letter disk files: the last file sent by email from the CFC office to the Governors was named GL4.doc. If one is saving these files to a floppy disk, as I will be (they take up a lot of space on an email directory), it would be more efficient and less confusing to name the file GL40203.doc, with the additional '0203' indicating the year the file was produced. This way, if one is saving files from several years, there will be no confusion or over-writing of files.

2) Response to Alvah Mayo's comment on Life Masterships: Mr. Mayo mentions the discrepancy between ratings of players from the Maritimes and those from the rest of Canada. Mr. Mayo is the CFC's Rating Auditor, so perhaps he could explain in greater detail what he means here. The Maritimes is a relatively less populated region, with fewer players, and fewer strong players, located far from heavily populated central Canada, and separated

geographically by Quebec, which runs very few CFC-rated events. So, perhaps the mathematics of the rating system are not working properly in the Maritimes. However, since the Maritimes is an outlying area, compared to Central Canada, the Maritimes' stronger players do not often meet players in the 2300+ class, unless they travel, so perhaps their ratings are a bit inflated, not deflated, as there is no one very strong available who can take the measure of these players over the board.

3) I want to congratulate IM Stephen Glinert on his fine showing at the recent World Junior Championship in India, IM Pascal Charbonneau on his fine showing (5.5/6 on board four for the top-rated team) at the recent Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship in Florida, FM Eric Lawson on his recent fine showing at the Challengers' event in Hastings, England, and the recent winners of the 2003 Canadian Junior Championship in Shawinigan: Anne-Marie Charbonneau (Girls') and Hao Yuan Wang (Boys'). This string of good results really shows that many of our young Canadian players are rising to the challenge against strong competition. Bravo!!

I am wondering what, if anything, is being done as far as future Canadian participation in World Junior Team Chess championship events. This new event began last year without a team from Canada involved.

Motions for Final Vote:

None

Motions for Second Discussion

None

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