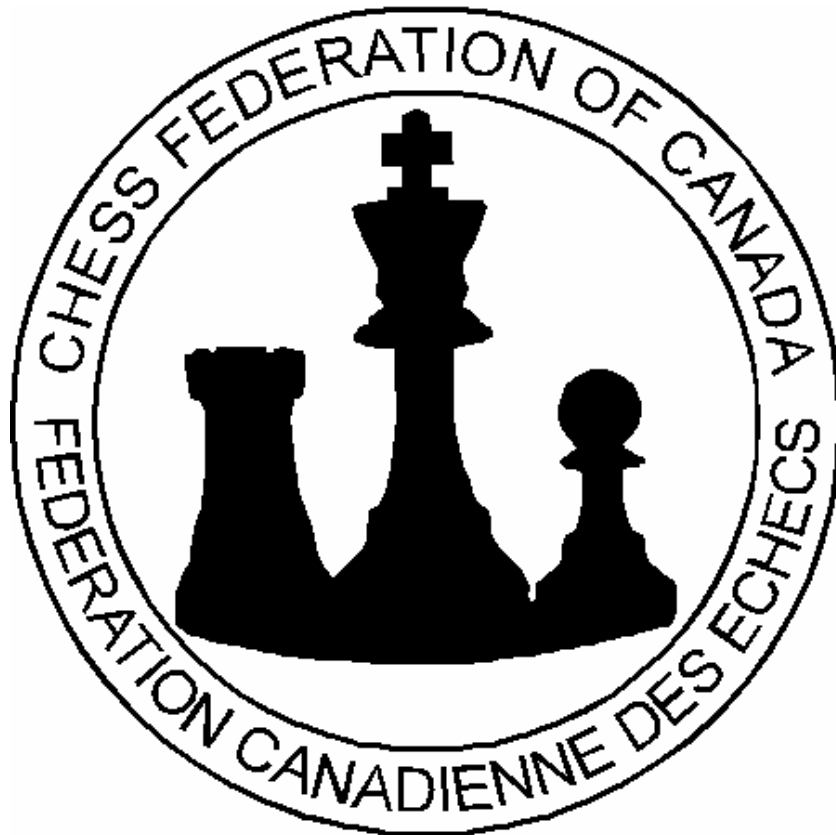


**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
GOVERNORS' LETTER EIGHT
2005-2006**



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ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS: Anyone with an E-Mail address can have their Governors' Letter sent to them via E-Mail and save the CFC paper and postage costs. Please E-Mail info@chess.ca if interested.

Deadline for submissions to GL#9 is Friday May 19th, 2006

President's Report

First of all, congratulations are in order to Pascal Charbonneau and Tomas Krnan, for being confirmed by FIDE with the GM and IM titles, respectively, just in time for the upcoming Olympiad. I'm sure I'm not alone in wishing them and the rest of the teams good luck in Turin later this month!

The CFC is also extremely pleased to welcome la Fédération québécoise de sports échiqués (FQSE) as our interim provincial affiliate for Québec. We look forward to working with them to promote chess and the CFC in that province. They will be holding elections shortly for their first executive, and more information is available on their website, <http://fqsportechecs.info>.

The CFC will be distributing certificates to players who have achieved the title of Canadian National Master, which requires a rating established above 2200 for at least 25 consecutive games. There is an order form on the website, and we also hope to get a form of some kind in the next magazine. The certificates will also be available in English or French, and the first one is free for each player.

After announcing those on our website, one player approached me with the idea of Candidate Master certificates. He suggested charging a nominal fee, with a 2000 for 25 games requirement, and those players could get certificates of their own. I don't plan to implement this until we've cleared the initial log of Master's certificates, however I do welcome comments about this idea.

I would again like to invite bids for major tournaments for 2007 and 2008, including the Canadian Open and Canadian Junior. It would be especially nice to see non-Ontario bids for these two events especially in 2007, and it would also be nice if such bids were in some form available for publication in one of the two remaining GLs before the AGM.

A few notes of things to look for in this GL. First of all, you'll again find the AGM notice. There are also a few motions to look over. There is a public letter received by the CFC from the FQE, and my response to that letter. You'll find some recent financial statements, as well as a membership report with a preliminary list of number of governors per province for next year. A final list will be sent out to the provinces on the 15th; if you see any errors PLEASE contact either myself or Lyle Craver immediately!

One final point concerning the membership figures: Yes, they are down again, which I find very disappointing, with most of the dropoff in the Junior Participating members. I'm not prepared to comment further on that until I've had a chance to talk it over with the office first. Stay tuned for the next GL for more on that.

Thanks

Christopher Mallon

Notice to Governors concerning the 2006 Annual General Meeting:

The CFC AGM will be held this year in Kitchener in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on July 17th and 18th, with the Outgoing AGM the first day and the Incoming AGM the second day.

The AGM will be broadcast online however we're not sure at this point how interactive that will be.

We will aim to get started each day at 9:30am, so we'll begin registering governors and proxies at 9am.

The organizers of the Canadian Open have assured me that all efforts will be made to allow those governors playing in U2000 sections to play their games in the evening on those two days. They could also elect to take one or two byes for the AGM.

Message from the Secretary:

I am disappointed with the number of votes on motion 2006-08 – on an important matter like this I would have expected us easily to reach the amount required for quorum under option A. As things stand a final decision must await the Annual General Meeting.

I ask that all members of the CFC Executive with reports for GL#9 get them in not later than one week after the voting deadline.

There has been an exchange of letters between FQE President M. Daniel Rousseau and our president. These are both important and of general interest to the Governors and have been included for the Governors' reference in Appendix 3.

Alan McGowan (ON) has resigned as a governor.

Last but certainly not least I have received the following membership information from the Business Office concerning CFC memberships by province as of April 30th along with their calculation of the number of Governors each province is entitled to in 2006-2007. Any corrections should be forwarded to myself, to the President and to the Business Office.

	Family	Honorary	Junior	Jr Part	Life	Adult	Total	Per Capita	Calc. Govs	2006-2007 Governors
AB		1	27	27	26	177	258	231	4.62	5
BC		6	30	22	68	107	233	207	4.14	5
MB	2		7	2	5	61	77	72.5	1.45	2
NB	4		12	10	6	78	110	99	1.98	2
NL			1	10	6	22	39	33.5	0.67	1
NS			9	1	13	41	64	59	1.18	2
NT						1	1	1	0.02	1
NU					1	1	2	2	0.04	1
ON	9	22	116	106	155	687	1095	984	19.68	20
PE			1	1	2	6	10	9	0.18	1
QC		17	3		28	61	109	107.5	2.15	3
SK	1		10	6	13	29	59	51	1.02	2
YT					1	2	3	3	0.06	1
Totals	16	46	216	185	324	1273	2060	1859.5	37.19	46

Several of you have expressed kind thoughts in your notes with your votes. My thanks to all of you.

Lyle Craver

RESULTS OF VOTING:

Motion 2006-08: Quebec Affiliation (Moved/Seconded Pierre Dénommée / Bela Kosoian)

That the CFC recognise the Fédération québécoise de sports échiquéen as the new CFC affiliate in the province of Quebec according to the following rules

- (a) An ballot will be added into the March or April (whichever is real) issue Chess Canada Échecs sent to Quebec addresses so that every CFC member could vote for the new FQSÉ executive.
- (b) until the election, the CFC shall keep the provincial part of every membership sold in the province of Quebec. After the election, the provincial part shall be remitted to the new Association.
- (c) a temporary executive with the sole mandate to draft the Constitution and bylaws will be put in place until the election.
- (d) the temporary executive is also empowered to bid for National Championships and to organise Provincial Qualifiers.

Option A: (Full Affiliation)

Votes Yes (17): Barron, Cashin, Dénommée, Dougherty, Dutton, Farges, Ferner, Henson, Jaeger, Kosoian, Mallon, Nadeau, Pacey, Smith, Starr, Stockhausen, Urquhart

Votes No (4): Brodie, Craft, Geley, McGowan

Abstentions (4) Bluvshstein, Craver, Friesen, Wu

Motion Fails due to not reaching Quorum

Option B: (Interim Affiliation)

Votes Yes (21): Barron, Cashin, Craver, Dénommée, Dougherty, Dutton, Farges, Ferner, Friesen, Geley, Henson, Kosoian, Mallon, McGowan, Nadeau, Pacey, Smith, Starr,

Stockhausen, Urquhart, Wu

Votes No (2): Brodie, Craft

Abstentions (1): Bluvshstein

Motion Passes

Motion 2006-10: (Moved Barry Thorvardson / Seconded Lyle Craver): Be it resolved to approve the OCA Bid for the Canadian Womens and Zonal for 2007 be approved.

See Appendix 1 for details

Votes Yes (21): Barron, Bluvshstein, Brodie, Cashin, Craft, Craver, Dénommée, Dougherty, Dutton, Farges, Friesen, Geley, Henson, Kosoian, McGowan, Nadeau, Pacey, Smith, Starr, Urquhart, Wu

Votes No (1): Stockhausen

Abstentions: none

Motion Passes

Motion 2006-11: (Moved Barry Thorvardson / Seconded Lyle Craver): Be it resolved to approve the OCA Bid for the Canadian Closed and Zonal for 2007 be approved.

See Appendix 2 for details

Votes Yes (19): Barron, Bluvshstein, Brodie, Cashin, Craft, Craver, Dénommmée, Dougherty, Dutton, Farges, Friesen, Henson, Kosoian, McGowan, Pacey, Smith, Starr, Urquhart, Wu

Votes No (2): Geley, Stockhausen

Abstentions: none

Motion Passes

Peter Stockhausen: This motion should not be there for vote without discussion in the first place. There is AMPLE time to discuss something like this.

On the other hand, WHY do we need another Zonal? The World Championship will be in 2007 and in 2009. The next Zonal should be in the summer of 2008.

MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE:

Motion 2006-09: (Moved Barry Thorvardson / Seconded Lyle Craver): Be it resolved that it be the policy of the Chess Federation of Canada hold its Zonals in odd-numbered years, effective 2007

Mark Dutton: This makes perfect sense so as to align with the World Championship Cycle.

Motion 2006-12 (Moved Christopher Mallon / Seconded by Patrick McDonald)

To remove from the CFC Handbook section 711.2 concerning Junior Ratings:

"

711.2 Rating of Junior Events.

All pure Junior and Scholastic tournaments will be regular rated unless 50% or more of the participants have regular ratings over 1500, or the time control is less than 30 minutes per player per game. [See GL2 1999-2000, October 1999]

"

Mark Dutton: This makes perfect sense so as to correct the Junior Ratings situation. Good change.

Motion 2006-13 (Moved Christopher Mallon / seconded by Lyle Craver)

That the CFC re-affiliate with the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association. As per an agreement in principle between the CFC President and the CCCA President, the CFC will remove the charge of \$1 per member for Correspondence players (By Law One, Section 11), and the CFC will reinstate the Governor position to be selected by the CCCA to represent them on the CFC Board of Governors. Both the CFC and the CCCA will endeavour to promote and support each others' events and encourage their members to join both organizations.

THIS IS A CONSTITUTIONAL VOTE AND REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY.

Mark Dutton: This sounds like a great idea to include the CCCA once again. Good idea.

MOTIONS FOR SECOND DISCUSSION:

Motion 2006-14 Establishment of National Rating Committee (Moved by Hal Bond, Seconded Eddie Urquhart)

Whereas it is widely accepted that the CFC rating system is in need of both near term adjustments and an accurate longer term method of monitoring the rating system to ensure the ongoing integrity of the rating system.

Be it resolved that the CFC establish a National Rating Committee responsible for both implementing near term adjustments to the rating system and establishing a credible long term monitoring process.

Composition: The National Rating Committee will be chaired by Robert Hamilton and will include as voting members the President and the Rating Auditor.

The committee shall seek input from experienced individuals such as Jonathan Berry, Vlad Dobrich, John MacPhail and Eduardo Azmitia in implementing both near term adjustments and long term monitoring processes for the rating system.

Hal Bond: Robert and I have had several lengthy discussions on the ratings issue. Action is required, and the sooner the better. Adult memberships are falling and the ratings are part of the problem.

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:

None

General Comments from Governors:

Michael Barron: A "point of order" on Olympic Team selection:

"Since the Olympiad regulations were changed twice during the activity period, players who qualify under any of the three versions of the activity rules are eligible for selection for 2006 Olympiad Team".

Thanks to CFC Executive for keeping monthly schedule of Governors' Letters!
Unfortunately, this time we didn't see a CFC Office financial report.

I believe we should get such report in every Governors' Letter with appropriate comments. Financial matters should be completely transparent.

For example, the following expenses related to WYCC 2005, need additional explanation:
\$ 8,426 Registration Fee (with the French Organizers)
\$ 270 Registration penalty for 3 late entries
\$4,000 needs to go towards the WYCC registrations

According to FIDE Regulations (<http://www.fide.com/official/handbook.asp?level=DD604>):

"Financial Regulations

16. The travel expenses of the participants and accompanying persons shall be paid by their national federations. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the night

before the official day of departure shall be covered by the organizing federation for all participants and one accompanying person per federation represented in the Championships. The organizing federation shall state in the invitation the daily cost of board and lodging for participants and accompanying persons not covered by the above.”

This regulation is for the original nominees - “each FIDE member-federation shall have the right to send one representative to each Championship”.

Besides of them, “each federation shall be entitled to register any number of participants it deems necessary provided the following conditions are met:

payment to FIDE of the approved fee of SFr. 200 per player in advance;

payment of the full board and lodge of the additional player(s) to the host chess federation;

the additional participants shall not be entitled to any other privileges such as payment of pocket money, etc. (if any), already reserved to the original nominee(s) of each federation (GA97)”

I understand these regulations that the CFC should pay only travel expenses for 10 first place finishers and coach plus \$1000 Registration Fee to FIDE for 10 first place finishers.

All expenses of additional participants (including any penalty for late entries) should be covered by the participants themselves (or their parents), and should not be included in the CFC expenses (unless they are included in the CFC income as well).

If it's not the case I would like to see a detailed explanation.

In the January report the main source of CFC lost is “Other International Expenses” – \$3,559. We need to know that exactly this means.

One more problem is the accuracy of the CFC Office financial report.

As pointed out by Gerry Litchfield, in GL#5 equipment sales totals included May to November, and the December figure was not included in the total. In GL#6 equipment sales total is still unchanged, and now excludes both the December & January figures.

Mr. Litchfield would like to ask the following question:

should we all be expected to add each row manually to check if each row total is accurate or can somebody responsible be expected to put some effort into this reporting?

Regarding the controversy what surrounding Olympic Team selection, as one of the authors of the current Olympiad regulations, I admit that it was arithmetic mistake on my side (I was under impression that Olympiad 2004 was included in the activity period) and apologize for this mistake.

To solve the problem I would like to present the following Point of Order (the wording was suggested by Jonathan Berry):

"Since the Olympiad regulations were changed twice during the activity period, players who qualify under any of the three versions of the activity rules are eligible for selection for 2006 Olympiad Team".

I would like to ask the CFC President:

please put this Point of Order to snap vote to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

Patrick McDonald: Michael has asked “I understand these regulations that the CFC should pay only travel expenses for 10 first place finishers and coach plus \$1000 Registration Fee to FIDE for 10 first place finishers.

All expenses of additional participants (including any penalty for late entries) should be covered by the participants themselves (or their parents), and should not be included in the CFC expenses (unless they are included in the CFC income as well).

If it's not the case I would like to see a detailed explanation.”

Michael is correct and the payment for the additional persons should absolutely be showing in the income and expense sides. The persons that accompanied the players and the additional players should have all paid for their participation before having been paid for to the organizers of the WYCC. Unfortunately, many such persons had only partially paid their fees and as this was holding up everyone being paid for, the office went ahead and paid for these people to the organizers in France.

Wilf Ferner: (fiscal year 05/06 as per detailed spreadsheets received in this year's GLs)

1) Why are we in the business of making grants to clubs? A total of \$1982 has been recorded in the budget actuals but no amount was foreseen in the budget.

2) CCE advertising sales- I am mentioning this item again as it seems that we are not able to get any revenue compared to previous years. I think the business office committee should attempt to get this revenue stream back on track. Why did we not get paid for the back page in the Dec.05 issue?

3) Why do we have to pay close to \$6,000 per year for credit card costs? I thought we had no cash flow problems according to assurances from last year's president. These costs were especially high in May, June, and July of last year. During those three months credit card costs were about \$3000, or about \$1500 above the norm.

4) Income: CFC rating fees- the budget for the item was about \$20,000 for the first nine months of the year. The actuals show a shortage about \$2,200 so far. Why? Well, it looks like the active rating income segment is a main reason for this decrease. I only looked at the 2nd half of 2004 and 2005 under the Ontario crosstables on the CFC website: July to December 2004 the listing shows 33 events with 448 participants. In 2005, during the same six months, only 19 events with 241 participants can be seen. That is a huge 45% (about) decrease in attendance. I think we better figure out what is causing this decline. Perhaps a survey is overdue.

Martin Jaeger: I am unsatisfied with the level of detail of explanation in the GL concerning the deviation from the rules in choosing the team. Lets get the info into the GL please.

Appendix 1:

**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2007 Canadian Closed Chess Championship Bid**

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Organizing Body	The Ontario Chess Association Inc.
Chief Organizer	S. Barry Thorvardson President, OCA
Organizing Committee	The OCA 2007 Closed Committee
Advertising	6 – issues of CFC En Passant (free full page advertising to be provided by CFC for this event) WCN, Newspapers, Magazines
Publicity	EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS –Pre-Event Starting October – Onsite Live Coverage -- Post Event Updates Complimentary Awards Banquet at 6:30 PM Sunday August 26,2007
Internet Site/ Coverage	High-speed Internet Access at site Will have Live and Daily Internet Updates
City	Toronto
Address	Tartu College (Conference Centre) 310 Bloor Street West Madison and Bloor (1 blk east of Spadina)
Location Description	Downtown Toronto Location Over 1 dozen restaurants in 5 minute walk, plus Second Cup & Tim Hortons
Tournament Rooms	Deluxe well lighted meeting room Top 4 Boards will have updated Presentation Boards showing games
Analysis Rooms	separate analysis rooms, plus separate Media Area

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2007 Canadian Closed Chess Championship Bid

Registration	<p>Advance Registration, prior to 1 July 2007, Late registration additional \$100 upto 6 PM EST on Thursday, 16 August subject to availability.</p> <p>The OCA reserves the right to limit participants to 70 players, and to guarantee space for last years Canadian Champion, last years Runnerup and for each province (and the Territories) up to 3 representatives including their provincial champion, and up to 6 additional players at the discretion of the OCA.</p>
Dates	August 17-27, 2007 (assuming CFC Acceptance by 20 May 2006)
Format	9 Round Swiss
Time Controls	G/120 plus 30 seconds per move
Rounds	9 rounds, 1 game per day starting at 6PM, Friday 17 August to Sunday 26 August with rest day and no game Friday 25 August Games at 6PM weekdays, 11 AM weekends
Playoffs	Monday, August 27th if required
Rated By	CFC and FIDE
Equipment Provided	All equipment including clocks provided by the OCA.

<p>Prize Fund</p>	<p>\$20,000 Prize Fund in CANADIAN CLOSED</p> <p>1st - \$5,000 plus \$2,500 fare to FIDE World Championship 2nd - \$2,000 plus \$2,000 fare to FIDE Americas Championship 3rd - \$1,500 plus \$2,000 fare to FIDE Americas Championship 4th - \$1,000 5th - \$800 6th - \$700 7th - \$600 8th - \$500 9th - \$500 10th - \$500 Brilliancy \$200 Top Youth \$200</p> <p>(All travel fares are paid to the CFC for their reimbursement to Canada's Champions above or their respective substitutes if they do not attend)</p> <p>NOTE: THIS BID REQUIRES THAT THE CFC DESIGNATE THIS ZONAL AS THE QUALIFIER OF THE 2008 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS. This will allow our Champions to be better trained and prepared to represent Canada in 2008.</p>
<p>Entry Fees</p>	<p>Special Package which includes entry fee, 11 nights accommodation with linens at Tartu College plus finale banquet and special Event Booklet for Only \$700.00 Entry fee, Event Booklet and banquet only \$300.</p>

TDs	Mark S. Dutton - International Arbitrator.
Side Events	none.
Accommodation	<p>Special Tartu College Residence Accommodation which is in nearby building with private room with linen for included in package special for entire period, assuming arrival Thursday, 16 August and departure Monday 27 August.</p> <p>The Quality Inn is 1 block away at \$95.00 per night, and numerous downtown hotels are available from \$80 - \$240 per night.</p>
Budget	<p>Revenues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry fees (70x\$300) \$21,000 - Sponsors \$10,000 Total Revenues \$31,000 <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prizes \$20,000 - Advertising \$ 500 - TD Fees \$ 2,500 - Banquet \$ 2,000 - Meeting Space \$ 4,000 - Event Books \$ 1,000 - DGT Rental \$ 500 - Misc \$ 500 Total Expenses \$31,000 <p>The OCA reserves the right to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise our main sponsor as part of the event title, ie Belzberg Invitational Canadian Closed Championship - Advertise a sponsor as part of all or any prize award ie

	<p>The Tim Horton Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advertise sponsors in all our advertising- CFC to pay for CFC and FIDE ratings,- and to provide free, 6 full pages of advertising in Chess Echechs
Date Submitted:	22 February, 2006
Submitted by:	S. Barry Thorvardson
Accepted by:	

Appendix 2:

**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2007 Canadian Womens Championship Bid**

Organizing Body	The Ontario Chess Association Inc.
Chief Organizer	S. Barry Thorvardson President, OCA
Organizing Committee	The OCA 2007 Womens Committee
Advertising	6 – issues of CFC En Passant (free full page advertising to be provided by CFC for this event) WCN, Newspapers, Magazines
Publicity	EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS –Pre-Event Starting October – Onsite Live Coverage -- Post Event Updates Complimentary Awards Banquet at 6:30 PM Sunday July 15,2007
Internet Site/ Coverage	ill have Daily Internet Updates
City	Richmond Hill, Ontario
Address	Knights Inn, 10711 Yonge Stret, Richmond Hill, L4C 3E1
Location Description	Just North of Toronto Many restaurants in 5 minute walk, plus Tim Hortons. Playing Site in same building.
Tournament Rooms	Deluxe well lighted meeting room
Analysis Rooms	separate analysis room

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2007 Canadian Womens Chess Championship Bid

Registration	<p>Advance Registration, prior to 1 June 2007, Late registration additional \$50 upto 6 PM EST on Sunday, 8 July 2007.</p> <p>The OCA reserves the right to limit participants to 30 players, and to guarantee space for last years Canadian Champion, last years Runnerup and for each province (and the Territories) up to 2 representatives including their provincial champion, and up to 3 additional players at the discretion of the OCA.</p>
Dates	<p>July 9-15, 2007 (subject to change once the dates for the Canadian Open 2007 are finalized, and assuming CFC Acceptance by 20 May 2006)</p>
Format	7 Round Swiss
Time Controls	G/90 plus 30 seconds per move
Rounds	<p>7 rounds, 1 game per day starting at 6PM, Monday 9 July to Sunday 15 July 2007</p> <p>Games at 6PM weekdays, 11 AM weekends</p>
Playoffs	Monday, July 16th if required
Rated By	CFC and FIDE
Equipment Provided	All equipment including clocks provided by the OCA.

Prize Fund	<p align="center">\$6,000 Prize Fund in CANADIAN CLOSED</p> <p align="center">1st - \$2,000 plus \$2,000 fare to FIDE World Championship 2nd - \$1,000 3rd - \$,500 4th - \$300 5th - \$200</p> <p align="center">(Travel fares are paid to the CFC for their reimbursement to Canada's Champions above or their respective substitutes if they do not attend)</p> <p align="center">NOTE: THIS BID REQUIRES THAT THE CFC DESIGNATE THIS ZONAL AS THE QUALIFIER OF THE 2008 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS. This will allow our Champions to be better trained and prepared to represent Canada in 2008.</p>
Entry Fees	Entry fee, and banquet only \$200.
TDs	Barry Thorvardson - Senior Adjudicator.
Side Events	none.
Accommodation	<p align="center">Special Knights Inn Residence Accommodation of <i>\$65.99 weekday rates and \$74.99 weekend rates have been arranged</i></p>
Budget	<p>Revenues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry fees (20x\$200) \$4,000 - Sponsors \$6,000 Total Revenues \$10,000 <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prizes \$6,000 - TD Fees \$ 500

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Banquet \$ 1,000 - Meeting Space \$ 2,000 - Misc \$ 500 Total Expenses \$10,000 <p>The OCA reserves the right to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise our main sponsor as part of the event title - Advertise a sponsor as part of all or any prize award ie The Tim Horton Award - Advertise sponsors in all our advertising - CFC to pay for CFC and FIDE ratings, - and to provide free, 6 full pages of advertising in Chess Echecs
Date Submitted:	22 February, 2006
Submitted by:	S. Barry Thorvardson
Accepted by:	

Appendix 3:



Fédération québécoise des échecs

PUBLIC LETTER

INTENDED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE TO THE GENERAL CHESS AUDIENCE IN CANADA

4th of may, 2006

From: Daniel Rousseau

FQE president

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Montréal, Québec

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To: Chris Mallon

CFC president

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Ottawa, ON

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CC : FQE board of administrators

SUBJECT : The FQSE affiliation

Dear Mr. Mallon and CFC executive, dear members of the CFC,

I make this letter public for reasons of clarity. I think it is important that the chess community at large in Canada is well informed of the whereabouts of what is happening right now and of the position of the Fédération Québécoise des Échecs (FQE) in all of this.

I would like to express first my disappointment when I read the news that the CFC recently voted to recognize the Fédération Québécoise des Sports Échiquéens (FQSE) as its interim provincial affiliate in Quebec. This gesture can be assimilated to nothing less but a major blunder and is certainly not something the CFC can be proud of. It is deplorable that the CFC associates itself with an individual only seeking personnel vengeance and then orients its policies accordingly.

That this same individual is also member of the CFC executive and uses his influence to promote his personnel goals, and then the executive obliges as if it was blind, is close to conflict of interest from the part of its Treasurer as well of irresponsible management practices from the rest of the executive. The CFC and the FQSE are using one another, taking profit of each other's situation in a way that lowers the moral standards that I thought prevailed at the CFC. It has shown it is ready to use its willing Treasurer to represent against their will and consent a group of players that has been represented very well over the years by the FQE. By pretending to represent the players and ignore the FQE at the same time, thereby trying to undermine it, and then not even being able to provide bilingual services other than cosmetic in its web site nor its magazine, not speaking of its day to day administration at the office, the CFC only shows that it has not given up the dream to one day completely do without it if not annihilate it, showing no respect for its achievements over the last 25 years and more as well as for the players that give it their overwhelming support.

If the CFC plans to use this fake FQSE organization as proof of presence in Quebec for a future recognition as a national sport organization by the federal government, it can expect that the FQE will strongly oppose such a manoeuvre at every levels and in due time, with all the means at its disposition.

Regarding the FQSE, CFC members should know it has no membership base in Quebec, no organization to speak about and no collaboration from anyone in Quebec. It's an organization not even incorporated and composed of one, and only one, member. It even less has any premises where to keep its records and organize events, apart from the own belongings of its sole representative. Even its name has been chosen so close to the one of the FQE, its goal can't be no other than to create confusion. The CFC only shows its low key management style and lack of imagination when it accepts to associate itself with such an empty body of representation and an individual putting up such dubious schemes. The FQSE does not even have the support from prominent and well known CFC members in Quebec. To recognize the FQSE as its affiliate, and by the same token relegating the FQE to the level of recreational chess organizers, is absurd considering that the some of the best players in Canada and even many of its champions grew up in the FQE system and are now the proud and joy of the CFC.

The only body of representation for chess players in Quebec is the FQE. It has the full support of all its players. It has been this situation for the last 25 years or so and I don't see any reason why this should change. The FQE is recognized by the Government of Quebec as the only federation representing chess players in Quebec and funded accordingly. It has also been recently transferred under the responsibility of the ministry of Education, a situation promising new developments in youth chess. Maybe the CFC should start contemplating the idea of recognizing the FQE too.

If the CFC had wanted a real affiliate in Quebec, it had to address the issue first by talking to the FQE. The governors, the members of the executive and the CFC members at large should know that Mr. Mallon was first contacted by the FQE last September, immediately after his election as president. The conference call was made in the presence of Christian Lacasse (DG), Christian Rochefort (VP Development) and myself , representing the FQE, and Mr Mallon, representing the CFC. Mr. Patrick McDonald was to attend but could not at the last moment. The subjects to discuss were youth development, championships organization and date conflicts between the Quebec Open and the Canadian Open Championships. After a brief overview of the situation, each exposing its ideas, Mr. Mallon agreed those subjects deserved serious considerations and that exploratory talks could be undertaken a couple of weeks later in Ottawa, as he was about to move and was not available until then. Mr Mallon was to call back to schedule a meeting but never did and obviously chose another way of doing business. He cannot today claim that the FQE is responsible for not being able to resolve the issues.

We are still available to discuss chess matters with the CFC anytime in an honest, timely and direct fashion. We'll be glad to receive your call and meet with you. But the current attitude of the CFC cannot last. Such destructive behaviour done in a spirit of negativism will not be beneficial to either side and cannot be good for our respective futures, whatever it will be. I think the CFC should rather envisage a more common sense approach toward the FQE. Of course, the issue of the FQSE will be added to the list of things to discuss.

Regards,

Daniel Rousseau,
President



Fédération québécoise des échecs

LETTRE PUBLIQUE

À L'INTENTION DE L'AUDITOIRE ÉCHIQUEEN CANADIEN

Le 4 mai 2006

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À : Chris Mallon
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Sujet : L'affiliation de la FQSE

Cher M. Mallon, chers membres de l'exécutif, chers membres de la FCE,

Je rends cette lettre publique afin de clarifier certains points concernant les derniers événements. Je crois qu'il est important que la communauté échiquéenne canadienne soit bien informée de la situation et de la position de la Fédération Québécoise des Échecs (FQE) sur le sujet.

Je voudrais premièrement exprimer l'immense regret que j'ai eu lorsque j'ai su que la FCE avait récemment reconnue la Fédération Québécoise des Sports Échiquéens (FQSE) comme organisme provincial affilié par intérim. Ce geste ne peut être qu'une erreur majeure dont la FCE ne peut se targuer. Il est déplorable que la FCE s'associe avec un individu ne recherchant qu'une vengeance personnelle et oriente ses politiques en conséquence.

Ce même individu est aussi membre de l'exécutif de la FCE et utilise son influence afin de faire la promotion de ses objectifs personnels auprès de ses collègues, qui suivent ses recommandations aveuglément. Cette situation frôle le conflit d'intérêt de la part du Trésorier, et démontre de graves lacunes de gestion de la part du reste de l'exécutif. La FCE et la FQSE s'utilisent l'un l'autre, prenant profit de la situation de chacun de telle sorte que l'on peut se questionner sur les standards moraux que l'on croyait exister à la FCE. Elle a ainsi démontrée qu'elle était prête à utiliser son Trésorier, qui ne demande pas mieux, pour représenter au sein de la FCE les joueurs du Québec sans leur consentement ni leur volonté, joueurs qui ont toujours été très bien représentés par la FQE au cours des années. En prétendant représenter les joueurs tout en ignorant en même temps la FQE, et sans pouvoir même donner le moindre service bilingue autre que cosmétique sur son site web ou dans la revue, sans parler de ses bureaux, la FCE démontre qu'elle ne cherche qu'à miner la FQE et n'a pas laissé tomber son rêve d'un jour l'ignorer sinon l'éliminer complètement, ne montrant ainsi aucun respect pour ses succès connus au cours des 25 dernières années de même que pour les joueurs qui lui donnent leur appui entier.

Si la FCE tente un jour d'utiliser la FQSE comme preuve de sa présence au Québec, tentant ainsi de se faire

reconnaitre comme organisme national de sport par le gouvernement fédéral, elle peut s'attendre à une forte opposition de la part de la FQE, qui utilisera alors tous les moyens à sa disposition au moment opportun afin de contrer une telle manoeuvre.

Quant à la FQSE, les membres de la FCE dans tout le Canada doivent savoir qu'elle n'a aucune base de membership au Québec, aucune organisation digne de ce nom et la collaboration de personne. Il s'agit d'une organisation non incorporée composée d'un seul membre. Elle n'a pas encore moins de locaux où tenir ses réunions et événements autres que ceux appartenant personnellement à son unique membre. Même son nom a été choisi afin de semer la confusion dans les esprits. La FCE montre un style de gestion très pauvre et un manque flagrant d'imagination quand elle accepte d'être associée à un tel organisme vide de contenu ainsi qu'à un individu prêt à échafauder des plans aussi douteux. La FQSE n'a même pas le support de membres connus et haut placés de la FCE au Québec. Reconnaître la FQSE, et par le fait même reléguer la FQE au rang d'organisateur d'événements de récréation, est absurde considérant que plusieurs des meilleurs joueurs au Canada, et même ses champions, ont été formés au Québec et font la joie et l'émerveillement de la FCE.

Le seul organisme représentatif des joueurs d'échecs au Québec est la FQE. Elle a le support entier de tous ses joueurs. C'est la situation qui prévaut depuis plus de 25 ans et il n'y a aucune raison pour que ça change. La FQE est reconnue par le Gouvernement du Québec comme étant le seul organisme représentatif des joueurs d'échecs au Québec et supportée financièrement en conséquence. Elle a récemment été transférée sous la responsabilité de ministère de l'Éducation, ce qui promet éventuellement de nouveaux développements dans le secteur Jeunesse. Peut-être que la FCE devrait elle aussi commencer à penser à reconnaître la FQE.

Si la FCE avait voulue un vrai organisme affilié au Québec, elle devait s'adresser en premier à la FQE. Les gouverneurs, les membres de l'exécutif et les membres de la FCE en général doivent savoir que M. Mallon avait été contacté en septembre dernier par la FQE, immédiatement après son élection comme président. Participaient à l'appel conférence à l'époque M. Christian Lacasse (DG), M. Christian Rochefort (VP Développement), et moi-même, ainsi que M. Chris Mallon, représentant de la FCE. Devait également participer à cet appel conférence M. Patrick McDonald, qui avait du s'absenter à la dernière minute. Les sujets de discussion étaient le développement Jeunesse, l'organisation des championnats et le conflit d'horaire à chaque année entre le COQ et le Championnat Ouvert Canadien. Après un bref survol de la situation, M. Mallon avait reconnu l'importance des sujets discutés et des rencontres exploratoires devaient être entreprises dans les semaines suivantes. M. Mallon avait demandé un délai de deux semaines pour cause de déménagement afin de lui permettre de réorganiser ses affaires personnelles, après quoi il devait nous recontacter afin de fixer un rendez-vous. Mais il ne l'a jamais fait et de toute évidence a choisi une autre voie pour faire des affaires. Il ne peut pas aujourd'hui blâmer la FQE de ne pas avoir voulue négocier afin de régler les problèmes en suspens.

Nous sommes toujours disponibles si la FCE désire encore discuter d'une façon franche, honnête et directe des problèmes qui nous préoccupent mutuellement. Nous serons heureux de recevoir votre appel et de vous rencontrer. Mais l'attitude actuelle ne peut durer. L'approche destructive et l'esprit négativiste ne peuvent durer ni être bénéfiques pour aucun d'entre nous dans le futur, quel qu'il soit. Je crois que la FCE devrait plutôt adopter une attitude plus réfléchie et pleine de bon sens dans son approche avec la FQE. Évidemment, la question de la FQSE sera au menu.

Bien à vous,

Daniel Rousseau
Président



RESPONSE TO FQE PUBLIC LETTER

May 4th, 2006

TO: Daniel Rousseau, FQE President

FROM: Christopher Mallon, CFC President

SUBJECT: The FQSE affiliation

Dear Mr. Rousseau,

I would like to thank you for your letter earlier today, as I have always encouraged people to get involved with the CFC and chess in Canada through any means including discussion of a broad range of issues.

I do have a number of issues with your letter that I would like to raise at this time. First of all, I am not sure why you refer to the FQSE as an "individual" in your letter, as it is clearly an organization, and one in the process of electing a fairly large executive. I am also curious as to why you would continuously attack a "certain individual" on the CFC Executive without ever naming this individual, or for that matter, presenting any evidence to back up your claims.

I'm not sure in what way the FQSE will represent anyone "against their will". Nobody is required to have a CFC membership. Moreover the FQE has no official standing with the CFC to represent any players in Québec. Consider this issue: The CFC Governors, in the absence of an affiliate, choose for Québec who represents them on the CFC Board of Governors. Now tell me this: How will having an affiliate in Québec make this situation, for one, worse for players there?

Your paragraph about "proof of presence in Québec" makes no sense to me at all. The CFC already has a presence in Québec of over 100 members. While this is not yet in sync with the rest of the country, it is still around 6% of our members. The FQSE allows those players to be properly represented in the governance of the CFC. I am also simply astounded that the FQE would be interested in preventing government money from being invested in chess in any way.

The information you mention concerning the FQSE to support your arguments is also flawed. The FQSE certainly has more than one member. They also are in the process of starting up. I'm sure at some point in the beginning the FQE and even the CFC had only a single "member" so even if this was true it's hardly something to be held against it at this early stage. The motion to affiliate with the FQSE made no mention of recognizing the FQE as a "recreational chess organizer". The motion places no further limits upon the FQE beyond the few already in place concerning FIDE.

I'm very happy to hear about the recent successes of the FQE and I wish you all the best in your new endeavors with the Ministry of Education. Again however you are not clearly stating how the CFC affiliating with the FQSE affects this in any way.

At last we come to what seems to be the crux of the situation: "Maybe the CFC should start contemplating the idea of recognizing the FQE too." You go on to talk about a conference call which took place last year – which, incidentally, was in July, not September. What you don't really mention about the call is that the information in that paragraph in your letter was pretty much the entire call. We had emailed back and forth a few times and you went to all this effort to put together a call from Olympic Stadium, introduced everyone and gave me a list of what you wanted to discuss.

I had been expecting since you had all these ideas that you would already have fleshed them out but it was basically talking points. You then said we should speak again which I agreed to, and I said to send along the additional information you had promised so I could go over it with the CFC Executive before we talked again. That was never received despite at least two further emails from me, which received no response.

The other interesting thing, relating to your point above, is that prior to the talks, the CFC Executive in fact did consider recognizing the FQE, and we had three rough scenarios under which some level of affiliation could occur. I was prepared to present these to you when we talked however I was told flat out almost at the outset of the call that you had no interest in affiliation, you just wanted to cooperate on a few items.

If that changed at some point the FQE could certainly have let us know. At this point it seems like you don't want to affiliate and you don't want anyone else to affiliate either. You also could have made your opinions known during the discussion and voting process concerning the FQSE rather than after it was a done deal. That would have been constructive. You accuse us of being destructive but that is also what you are doing now.

Your letter coming at this point is not likely to change anything in the near term, especially given the numerous inconsistencies it contains. If you still wish to continue this conversation, I would certainly be happy to discuss it with you further. At this point, however, I'm still waiting for that additional information from last July.

Sincerely,

Christopher Mallon
President,
Chess Federation of Canada

Motions for Final Vote:

Motion 2006-09: (Moved Barry Thorvardson / Seconded Lyle Craver): Be it resolved that it be the policy of the Chess Federation of Canada hold its Zonals in odd-numbered years, effective 2007

Vote Yes No Abstain

Motion 2006-12 (Moved Christopher Mallon / Seconded by Patrick McDonald)
To remove from the CFC Handbook section 711.2 concerning Junior Ratings:

Vote Yes No Abstain

Motion 2006-13 (Moved Christopher Mallon / seconded by Lyle Craver)

That the CFC re-affiliate with the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association.

Vote Yes No Abstain

Motions for Second Discussion:

Motion 2006-14 Establishment of National Rating Committee (Moved by Hal Bond,
Seconded Eddie Urquhart)

Motions for First Discussion:

Deadline for submissions to GL#9 is Friday May 19th, 2006
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