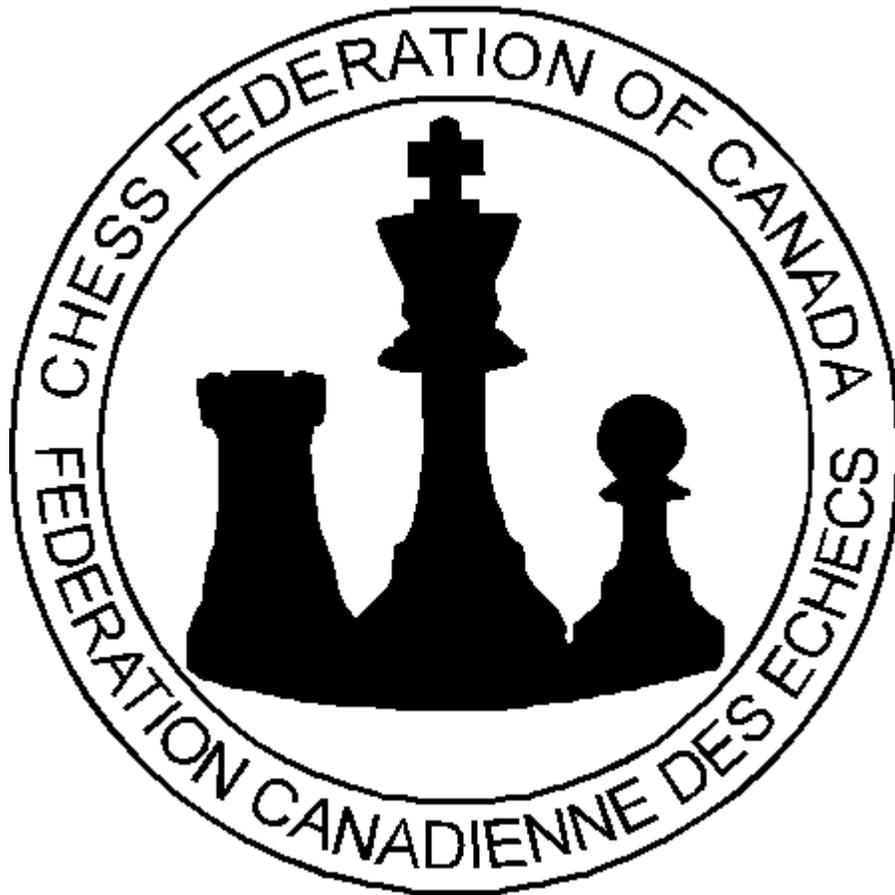


CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER ONE 2011-2012



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President's Message

With a new executive term upon us, I am happy to report that a fair bit has been accomplished. As of this writing, the governors have approved a bid for the 2012 Zonal and Women's Closed. In addition, the 2011 Women's Closed, 2012 Canadian Open, and 2012 CYCC have all been awarded to competent organizing teams. Coming off an excellent 2011 Canadian Open, which built on the experience of Brian Fiedler's team in 2010, I pause to give thanks to Ted Winick, David Cohen, Aris Marghetis, Mark Dutton, Michael Sutton, Vlad Dobrich and Zeljka Malobabic for facilitating an excellent event, with hopes that 2012 brings many more wonderful memories for participants.

In other news, you may notice that Edward Porper has been assigned as Interim Editor of the newsletter. Unfortunately, while settling into new employment, Tony Ficzer has found himself in a position necessitating his immediate departure. I would like to thank him for the quality publication he has managed to nurture over the past couple of years and look forward to applications from equally capable individuals in the coming months. Meanwhile, for those that have been waiting in eager anticipation, the CFC Store is nearing its debut on the website, at which point the contract with ResolutionIM will all but be complete. Going forward, I would like to investigate options for the reimplementing of the ratings calculator, which fell outside of the scope of this contract.

Finally, with the first governors' online meeting scheduled for October, I would like to remind all governors to register for the Governors Discussion Board, if they have not already done so. Questions/comments in relation to the registration process can be directed to Christopher Mallon, administrator for the boards. As we near that aforementioned meeting, I would like to outline my intentions for the short term: 1) engage the membership (and potential membership) through use of YouTube; what I envision in this regard is a series of video clips put out by as many of the governors/executive as possible, in which the emphasis is placed on local chess activity in their respective regions - I must stress that this project hinges on your individual participation; and 2) revive the affiliate program, which can be discussed further in October. It is my hope that the governors embrace these initiatives and, perhaps, we might see moderate growth in our membership as a result. Other ideas are most welcome!

Best wishes to all for now,

Michael von Keitz
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Message from the Secretary:

Part 1 – Introduction

First a warm welcome to both first-time members of the Assembly of Governors and to those who are returning as Governors. Thank you for your confidence in returning me to what is often a thankless job!

The following is mostly aimed at new Governors so old-timers please be patient! If you're NOT patient feel free to skip down to Part 2

There are 4 main methods of communication between Executive and Governors and each other: (1) the Governors' Letters which are a more archival feedback method than the other three, (2) the CFC Online Message Forum Governors' Area which is open all the time, (3) the Quarterly Online Governors' Meeting which takes place during the first month of each quarter usually during the first week (except August since the AGM takes place at the Canadian Open each July) and (4) e-mail which is the most informal method of all.

The main thing Governors need to keep in mind is that the fastest method of getting to all the Governors is by e-mail since only roughly half to two-thirds of the Governors check the Forum more often than once per week – but it is very easy to send to some but not all Governors. No method is perfect so choose whatever method of communication works best for you.

If anyone here is unfamiliar with the CFC Online Forum please check out <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/> The Executive hopes to use the Forum as a way to provide better two-way communication with the Governors and the membership in this way. Special thanks to Chris Mallon for his work on maintaining and moderating the forum. If you are NOT already registered, please register at <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/register.php>. Make sure you use a valid email address. Then it takes 24-48 hours for their account to activate.

For the benefit of newcomers to the Governors, the CFC's Constitution is the CFC Handbook which is available either online or via the CFC Business Office. Each Governors' Letter consists of a message from members of the Executive, the results of motions voted upon in the previous GL and discussions on any motions pending. In addition all bids for national events are presented to the Governors in the Governors' Letter.

I try to edit the Governors' Letter with as minimally as possible with most of my work copying and pasting from e-mails and applying a standard format. (For the techies out there – headers are size 14 Times New Roman Bold with bodies size 11 Times New Roman with most paragraphs justified) As a matter of policy there are no political parties in the Assembly of Governors and I don't publish comments that impugn the motives of any Governor or Executive member of the Federation.

Financials are usually presented as Excel spreadsheets or PDF files.

What this means is that no one should think that any Governor's comments represent CFC official policy or in fact anyone's views except the authors. Others' views may differ often quite strongly and that is to be expected. Occasionally I send e-mails questioning whether someone actually wants a contribution published “as is” but that is rare. I will publish material from non-Governors when judged to be of national interest.

As per normal parliamentary procedure it is possible for a motion to be amended. Many motions originate from members of the Executive but motions from any Governor are welcome – please note that motions do require a seconder. Usually if you want to move a motion you need to find another Governor to second your motion although I often will second motions “for discussion” when I feel they are of general interest that should be pushed forward as quickly as possible. While I don't pretend to be the world's greatest parliamentarian I can assist with the wording of motions to ensure they are both consistent with the Handbook and properly reflect what the mover means.

The normal method is that a motion gets discussed in two Governors' Letters and voted on in the third. Please do not send in votes on motions not up for final vote – your votes will be ignored. In rare cases the President may at his discretion ask for an earlier vote. Non-binding “straw votes” may be put forward both in the Governors' Letter or on the Governors' Section of the Forum so please watch for these.

Governors will need to watch their inboxes for information on the CFC Online Governors meeting to be held in the first week of October. Details on this will be found in the Annual Meeting minutes where the motion was passed.

When a motion would amend the Handbook, it is very helpful if a motion says “Paragraph ___ will be changed to read ...” so that no one is confused. (It should be noted that I receive lots of e-mails from both Executive and Governors some of which is for publication, much of it not. If I am in doubt I will ask but **it is very helpful** when e-mails for publication in the Governors' Letter are clearly marked as such.) In general I will assume messages sent to secretary@chess.ca are for publication unless stated otherwise – as before you are welcome to e-mail me at lcraver@shaw.ca if desired.

Most of all though we have the following objectives: (a) that all Governors feel welcome to participate, (b) that the business of the CFC gets done effectively and (c) that the business of the various affiliates gets disseminated at a national level. This is often done in what I feel is one of the most important sections of the Governors' Letters the “Comments from Governors” sections where information is shared among Governors. Past general comments have involved information on inter-collegiate events, FIDE news, how one goes about proposing stamps to Canada Post and much more besides.

Part 2:

There are 3 main items in this Governors' Letter. First (and appearing second) are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada held in Toronto.

Secondly there are the financial statements for the first quarter of 2011-2012 (the CFC financial year ends on April 30th of each year) These have been previously posted on the October 2011 Online Meeting Forum as an appendix

Governors – at this point all but one Governor receives the Governors' Letter by e-mail. One thing I ask is that each of you please check that the e-mail address the CFC uses for the Governors' Letter and other CFC related correspondence. If anyone wishes their e-mails redirected for another e-mail address please get in touch immediately. (This may sound pedantic but some addresses are work e-mail addresses that chess related e-mail must not go to – everyone here is a volunteer and we rely on ensuring we get the right information! This is a serious matter as some Governors have faced discipline at work due to e-mails sent by well meaning Governors to their work address.)

I have more to say in this Governors' Letter but at this point let me quickly get you all into the “meat” of this GL. Again – to the newcomers, “***Welcome Aboard!***”

This GL is coming out concurrent with the October Quarterly Online Governors' Meeting – my apologies to my fellow Executive and Governors for the late issue.

Last of all a VERY VERY special note of thanks to former CFC President (and my good friend) Maurice Smith for his having acted as meeting secretary for the 2011 CFC Annual Meeting. Having taken dozens of meeting and various AGMs for several non-profit organizations I have nothing but huge respect for those who take on that role.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Treasurer's Report

Since the time of the report I made for the AGM, I have remained busy with the CFC Web site. The last piece of the "puzzle" should fall into place later this week, when we can finally reopen the CFC Equipment store.

As of this writing we still have the final 50% of the contract fee to pay to Resolution IM, so there is still time for a little last minute tweaking if it is important enough.

Please send any comments or queries regarding the CFC website to me at fred_mckim@hotmail.com

Past President's Report

Now that my year as President is in the history books, it gives me pause to reflect on the experience. Most certainly frustration, anger, and despair played their part, but glancing back, I see three major achievements. The quarterly governors meetings are now the norm, strengthening our governance structure. Launching of the CYCC qualification system has been a shot in the arm for our youth program. The new website is now a reality after many years of neglect. There are numerous other smaller achievements, thus giving the CFC the strength now to grow the membership. To continue the analogy I begun several years ago, after the near death experience of the CFC in 2006/2007 and the subsequent restructuring (surgery), the CFC is now out of the hospital and out of rehab.

I want to thank the many people who contributed to our success, and in particular the executive team. Making the CFC work is a monumental task. It isn't pretty and is often brutally criticized, but it works due to the dedication and sacrifice of its many supporters. The CFC presidency is often described as a thankless job. You would certainly get that impression from chesstalk and other blogs. But I must confess to receiving many private thank you's. Believe me, I cherish each one. Thank you everyone for a year I will never forget.

My best wishes to our new President, Michael von Keitz. IMHO, he has shown excellent leadership to date and has my full support.

Sincerely,

Robert Gillanders

FIDE Representative's Report

Most of the activity since the annual meeting concerns title applications. The following applications have been submitted to FIDE for approval at the Congress in Krakow, Poland, from October 15-22.

International Master: Bindi Cheng

International Arbiter: Aris Marghetis

International Organizers: Mark S. Dutton, Patrick McDonald, Simon Ong, Andre Langlois

The titles earned this year at our Zonal Championship have yet to be awarded, for reasons unknown. I expect the matter to be resolved shortly.

I acted as FIDE Observer and assistant lecturer for two FIDE Arbiter Seminars this summer – one in Toronto during the Canadian Open and another shortly thereafter in Montreal. Each seminar attracted 9 participants. The test results of these seminars will also be approved in Krakow.

Federation transfers have been submitted to FIDE for GM Anton Kovalyov and Under 18 Champion Loren Laceste. Loren's transfer has already been approved and we wish him good luck in Brazil!

At this writing I am preparing for my trip to the World Cup in Khanty Mansiysk. I look forward to seeing Mark Bluvshstein and Eric Hansen in action there.

Hal Bond

Youth Coordinator Report

I have been quite busy since the CYCC in July and after being elected as your new CFC Youth Coordinator.

With the new more inclusive rules, we have a few extra players beyond the players that qualified through the CYCC. That together with the enormous success that the CYCC this year was (Special Congratulations go to this year's CYCC organizing committee) has put together a Canadian Youth Team going to this years WYCC in Brazil that may well break previous records for number of participants from Canada.

At time of writing, a few more confirmations have to be received, but we may well have a team of about 40 players!

I would also like to thank both Gary Gladstone and Andrew Giblon for the extra help they are already giving me in this organizational task.

More will be reported on the Youth team and the WYCC in the next report.

Interested has also been shown in the U-16 olympiad in Turkey in October. At this time, though, there appears to be very little info on the FIDE site about this tournament.

Personally, I have also been invited to run a workshop on the Benefits of Chess in Education at the Grand Valley Mathematics Association conference at the beginning of November. (wish me luck)

Thank You,

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Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Chess Federation Of Canada was held on Monday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 12th.

Outgoing Governors in attendance on Monday were:

Patrick McDonald
Paul Leblanc
Hugh Brodie
Michael Von Keitz
Mark Dutton
Maurice Smith
Hal Bond
Rick Pedersen
Vlad Birarov
Bob Armstrong
Michael Barron
Chris Field
Bob Gillanders
Chris Mallon

Outgoing Governors participating by internet were:

Fred McKim
Ken Craft
Vlad Rekhson {On at the beginning, but there were computer problems and he did not participate.}

There were thirteen proxies that were assigned as follows:

Kevin Pacey to Bob Gillanders
Garvin Nunes to Bob Gillanders
Richard Keep to Hugh Brodie
Lynn Stringer to Paul Leblanc
Lyle Craver to Paul Leblanc
Bill Doubleday to Mark Dutton
Aris Marghetis to Mark Dutton
Egidijus Zeromkis to Michael Barron
Nikolay Noritsyn to Michael Barron
Ilia Bluvshstein to Michael Barron
Steve Brammall to Michael Von Keitz
Ellen Nadeau to Gerry Litchfield
Halldor Palsson to Bob Gillanders

Since Governors were allowed two proxies each

Michael Barron sent Noritsyn to Vlad Drkulec
Bob Gillanders sent Nunes to Paul Roschmann

Ted Winick and David Cohen on behalf of the organizers welcomed the Governors and officially opened the Meeting.

President Bob Gillanders took the Chair. He asked if anyone would volunteer to be Acting Secretary.

Since no one seemed interested, Maurice Smith said he would do the job.

The first item of business was the Minutes of the 2010 Meeting.

Motion - Smith/Dutton – Approve Minutes. Passed unanimously.

The next items were the reports of the Executive, Officers and Committees.

The Executive reports can be found in GL4.

However several of the Executive did also make verbal statements.

PRESIDENT BOB GILLANDERS said that a majority of Governors attended the quarterly meetings on the Discussion Board. This showed a leap into the future and it was a good sign that so many participated.

The new website was mentioned as an excellent achievement and something to be proud of.

Also mentioned were changes to the Youth program and the Qualification System. This year a record number of players participated in the CYCC.

Hal Bond mentioned that he thought that the President did an outstanding job and there was good transparency on matters emanating from the President. This drew a warm round of applause from the Governors.

VICE PRESIDENT MARK DUTTON said that he worked closely with Gerry Litchfield in helping to answer inquiries to the Office. He said that communications were excellent between him and Gerry. He also mentioned about the good transparency between the Office and the Executive.

FIDE REP. HAL BOND mentioned that the FIDE Presidential Board was making decisions that were not theirs alone to make in particular changes to qualifications for International Organizers.

Also of concern were changes coming to the WYCC which would create two events in 2014.

Smith asked if FIDE was still considering rating all tournaments with a minimum floor of 1000.

Bond replied that it is happening with some Countries. This might not be so good for Canada as our own rating system is updated weekly and FIDE's is not.

YOUTH COORDINATOR MICHAEL BARRON made several remarks emphasizing that not all Provinces went in to the new Qualification System for the CYCC.

The achievement of Jason Cao becoming a World Champion was well received.

The Youth Coordinator mentioned that the young players are getting better faster than ever before.

We have more international players than before.

We participated in the u1600 Youth Olympiad for the first time and finished 10th which was an excellent showing.

Thanks were given to Gary Gladstone for being the Captain of that Olympic Team and also for being very active on the Youth Committee.

Gillanders said that 237 players were in the CYCC. Unfortunately there was a disagreement among the Organizing Committee on how to distribute the prizes to winners and what to do with surplus funds.

Bond said that the next Youth Olympiad will be in Turkey at the end of October.

At this time there was a break in the reports and Bond introduced the new Masters Rep. Vlad Drkulec.

Next, Gillanders introduced Paul Shuster the Director of Outpost Management Group.

This organization now has the contract to manage the CFC office.

He explained what his organization did. That it was in fact a satellite office for the CFC.

The goal was to grow the CFC and keep prices low. He said that the contract was more specific than the one we had before.

Leblanc asked what CFC officers could do because he did not know what was in the contract.

Bond asked what was the a la carte rate. The answer was time plus half.

Gillanders said that there was no way to list everything that could happen.

McDonald asked when are the reviews. The answer was monthly but there is no formal arrangement.

CHESS FOUNDATION REPORT – PAUL LEBLANC

The Chess Foundation Report was passed out to those in attendance. Then Leblanc gave a verbal report. He explained each item. Then he mentioned that losing the charitable status did not have a significant impact on the Foundation.

Barron asked when did the financial year end for the Foundation. Answer April 1st.

Fiedler mentioned that the Foundation gave money to the CFC two ways, interest goes to the CFC

and the Foundation sets up the Pugi Fund.

Fiedler also mentioned that actually it was the CFC and not the Foundation that had the charitable status. He suggested that perhaps the CFC could list itself as a sports organization and get tax back in the future. He said better to wait a year before trying that.

Barron asked why two separate accounts. The answer was bank and investment.

Bond asked were there any cancellations because of the tax situation. The answer was no.

TREASURER'S REPORT – FRED McKIM

This was given over the internet by the Treasurer. Since we all had the Statement of Profit and Loss as well as the Balance Sheets in front of us, the Treasurer made just a few remarks.

The financial reports were actually done by the Executive Director.
He was pleased that we were able to stay in the black.
The Treasurer wanted the proposed budget to be voted on later.
Fiedler said that no cash was paid from the CFC to the Canadian Open, but \$750 provided for FIDE Seminar.
Armstrong mentioned that Gordon Ritchie donated for future CYCCs, but did money just go to general revenue.
Gillanders said that when he arrived on the scene the books were a complete disaster., but money raised for the CYCC went to the CYCC. Does anyone want to go through all the financial documents?
On Chesstalk everything is vastly exaggerated.
Barron said that surplus from CYCC went into general revenue and we have to acknowledge that and then the case is closed.
McDonald wondered how do we know it was not spent on youth programs.
Gillanders said that Chesstalk just pulls numbers out of the air.
Barron insisted that the CFC should provide a complete account.
Armstrong said that where the money goes is dependent on the terms of the bid.
Bond mentioned that the expenditures for Camp Karpov were \$11,000 and the CYCC organizers agreed to it.
Gillanders pointed out that in Deferred Contributions \$74,000 was raised and that \$72,113 was spent
but they are just numbers and there is no visibility.
Litchfield answered that Barron had told him not to spend so much time on financial reports.
Fiedler asked about an Auditor's Report. He was told that there was no auditor, we could not afford one and that Litchfield did the financial reports.
Gillanders said that the Deferred Contributions were confusing.
Dutton mentioned that in 2007 it was interpreted as an established policy that surplus CYCC funds go into funding for youth. No way is it a policy to put them into general revenue. We are trying to move forward with accountable and transparent policies.
McKim said that there was some kind of a statement in 2007 that those funds were to be put in youth programs. To the best of his knowledge they were.
Barron said that you cannot be sure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GERRY LITCHFIELD

The ED mentioned first that every day of every week entries have to be made that in the end go into monthly reports. Even when a large Club such as Scarborough Chess Club sends in a tournament report of over 100 players, they all have to be entered one by one.
A minor decline in membership was due in part to the elimination of participating memberships. The ED did not feel that there should be a big cause for concern there. He felt that the new website should help and membership should grow. Then both the ED and the President explained the items on the financial reports and on the Profit and Loss statement.
Field asked if the Provincial Organizations were exempt from HST because they were small. The answer was that when a member pays his fee, the Provincial part is included and the HST covers it all.

McDonald mentioned that rating fees were down. The explanation was that there was not the usual big tournament in Quebec and also 2010 was a record year.

Smith asked why there was nothing budgeted for the Americas Zonal Fee for 2011. The answer was it is every two years.

Bond said that in looking at the fees the storage fee really stands out.

Smith said that a year ago Litchfield had mentioned he could store the items in his basement for half the cost.

General comment indicated that someone should go to the site and catalogue all the items and see what we really needed to keep.

That concluded discussions on the reports.

MOTIONS

Moved – 2011K Armstrong/McKim That Article 14 of Section 2 of the Bylaws titled Limitation of Rights be deleted.

Discussion: Armstrong said that a substitution would be brought forward at a later date.

Dutton said that as it stands it just is not happening the way the Article is worded.

Motion passed 20 in favour, 8 against, 1 abstained.

MOTION – 2011L Bluvshstein/Zeromkis That Section 1205b be replaced with the wording they provided. However both Barron and McDonald said the wording was not clearly written. Therefore McDonald/Von Keitz made the following amendment:

Section 1205b be replaced with The Selection Committee shall select three players to be eligible for the National Team in a ranked order and three players to be eligible for the Women's team in a ranked order, taking into account the players' recent results, potential for improvement and such other factors as they consider relevant. These selections shall be made no later than 165 days before the start of the Olympiad.

Amendment passed 26 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstained.

Since the Amendment passed so easily it was considered unnecessary to vote again for the Motion with the Amendment.

MOTION – 2011M Bluvshstein/Zeromkis That Section 1206f be replaced with wording they provided.

However, Barron said that the Motion was not clearly worded. Subsequently McDonald/Von Keitz

agreed to change “their” to “his or her”. Therefore the Amendment McDonald/Von Keitz reads:

If a player either declines invitation or withdraws after indicating his or her intention to participate as a member of the National or Women's team {1211}, a replacement player shall be notified as soon as practicable and shall have one week after being notified to inform the CFC of his or her intention to play.

Amendment passed 27 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained.

Since the Amendment passed so easily it was considered unnecessary to vote again for the Motion with the Amendment.

MOTION 2011N Bluvshstein/Zeromkis That Section 1211 Withdrawals be changed to:
Once all members of the Canadian Delegation to the Olympiad have been determined;
a) If a player withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the next player on the Selection Rating List.
b) If a Team Captain withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the runner-up in the vote for Team Captain.

Motion passed 27 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained.

The next item on the agenda was the dispute over the CYCC.
It centred mainly on the surplus funds generated and what to do with them. In particular, how much should be given to the CFC and also how any surplus should be distributed to the players.

The discussion on this was long and intense and was quite emotional at times. The main speakers who were in disagreement were both on the CYCC Committee, Anna Jin and Victor Itkin. They both read e-mails they had sent to each other and the rest of the Committee.

Jin said that \$20,000 should go to the CFC as mentioned in the bid.

Itkin said the amount should be \$26,000 according to the Handbook.

Itkin who did most of the talking and repeated himself on occasion made the following comments.

He asked, who makes the decision on surplus funds.

He said the conduct of the Chief Organiser was not acceptable.

The only Executive on the CYCC Committee were Barron and Bond and they were there for just consulting purposes.

Itkin said that Barron told him \$20,000 was incorrect according to the Handbook.

He sent an e-mail to Barron and Bond with no answer.

He said that Gillanders told him that surplus was going to the 2012 Youth tournaments, therefore he changed his mind and would also vote for \$20,000. However, if all money goes to pay for 2011

WYCC then he would vote for \$25,000.

Jin read from one handout where she went over all the expenses and who was to do what. These are some of the comments from the Governors in attendance that may help give more understanding and also show the atmosphere that dominated this part of the Meeting.

Khodgarian – All was well until the last round. Jin had no clear way how to spend the money.

Barron – The President overruling the Youth Coordinator was not good for Youth Chess.

McDonald – I was happy as Chief Arbiter. It was a great event. The CYCC decides what money goes towards the WYCC. However, now we also have the Pan American and North American Youth Tournaments. The CYCC should raise funds to send youth to

international events.

Gillanders - \$20,000 was spent in 2010 in funding players to WYCC. It is not necessary to spend all money at once.

Jin – The final statement for expenses is not yet back from the hotel.

Leblanc – The 2011 Pan American and North American events have no funding. Will the 2012 CYCC fund these events.

Bond – Our hearts go out to all involved in this year's CYCC. It was very successful. It was that success that is causing this problem. Our rules do not cover what happens to our successes.

Gillanders – We have spent a lot of time on Youth issues. There are many opinions. I am concerned about awarding cash prizes for Youth Tournaments.

Winick – The Youth Coordinator is not running the show. Youth Tournaments are 100% voluntary.

If you run a CFC tournament, the money belongs to the CFC.

Barron – The Youth Coordinator should not be overruled. He received a cheque for \$20,000 from the event.

Brodie – If there was no surplus, there would be no problem.

Field – If the North American and Pan American were held before the CYCC the money would go to the WYCC.

Drkulec – The surplus is not clearly defined.

McDonald – The President has to step in.

Finally there was a Motion on the floor.

MOTION - Smith/Bond – The issue of CYCC surplus funds is deferred to the new Executive.

Motion passed 18 in favour, 6 against, 5 abstained.

The last item was that Leblanc had suggestions regarding problems of underrated Juniors. It was recommended that he bring these forward for the Incoming Governors. There were just a few comments before this was agreed.

Leblanc – Last year we deleted participation points and now the system is a bit deflationary.

McDonald - Bonus systems lead to inflation.

Barron – In a scholastic tournament, you do not rate games against an unrated player.

Dutton – Rated tournaments of first time players lead to inaccuracy in the ratings. Should rate Juniors only Active until they play over one hour.

As adjournment loomed it was noted that Vlad Rekhson did not appear on the internet after the beginning. Ken Craft did not have a microphone, therefore he could not take part in discussions, but he could vote and he did vote. Fred McKim was the only Governor who attended by the internet and was able to fully participate. However at the end of the first day he said it was difficult to operate.

It was agreed to adjourn around 4.30 p.m.

Day 2 – Tuesday July 12th

Incoming Governors on Tuesday were:

Paul Leblanc
Chris Mallon
Mark Dutton
Patrick McDonald
Hal Bond
Maurice Smith
Bob Gillanders
Bob Armstrong
Brian Fiedler
Michael Barron
Vlad Drkulec
Chris Field
Michael Von Keitz
Vlad Birarov

Incoming Governors on the internet:

Fred McKim
Ken Craft

Also in attendance:

David Cohen
Paul Roschmann
Roger Patterson
Hugh Brodie
Pierre Denommee

There were thirteen proxies assigned as follows:

Lynn Stringer to Paul Leblanc
Lyle Craver to Paul Leblanc
Aris Marghetis to Mark Dutton
Ken Jensen to Mark Dutton {originally assigned to Paul Leblanc}
Kevin Pacey to Bob Gillanders
Halldor Palsson to Bob Gillanders
Garvin Nunes to Patrick McDonald {originally assigned to Bob Gillanders}
Anna Jin to Bob Armstrong
Egidijus Zeromkis to Michael Barron
Ilya Bluvshstein to Michael Barron
Nikolay Noritsyn to David Cohen
Ellen Nadeau to Paul Roschmann
Stuart Brammell to Michael Von Keitz

First on the agenda was the election of Governors from Quebec.

Mallon nominated Hugh Brodie
Craft nominated Serge Archambault
Von Keitz nominated Pierre Denommee

Mallon nominated Keep
Results of the votes were:
Brodie 27
Archambault 7
Denommee 13
Keep 6

So Brodie and Denommee are elected the two Governors for Quebec.

Fred McKim was acclaimed the Governor for Prince Edward Island

Yukon, N.W.T. and Nunavut will remain vacant for now.

Election Of The President:

Nunes nominated Von Keitz
McKim nominated Archambault
Noritsyn nominated Denommee
McDonald nominated Gillanders who declined

Results of the vote were:
Von Keitz 24
Archambault 3
Denommee 1
Abstain 2

PRESIDENT – MICHAEL VON KEITZ

Hal Bond then mentioned that since a South Western Ontario Chess League member is now President another Governor can fill the vacancy. Therefore Rob Clark is that Governor and Bond has his proxy.

Election Of The Vice President:

Von Keitz nominated Dutton
McKim nominated Archambault

Results of the vote were:
Dutton 25
Archambault 6

VICE PRESIDENT – MARK DUTTON

Election Of The Treasurer:

Von Keitz nominated McKim

McKim was acclaimed.

TREASURER – FRED McKIM

Election Of The Secretary:

Leblanc nominated Craver
McKim nominated Archambault

Results of the vote were:

Craver 26
Archambault 5
Abstained 1

SECRETARY – LYLE CRAVER

Election Of The Youth Coordinator:

Von Keitz nominated McDonald
Birarov nominated Barron

Results of the vote were:

McDonald 21
Barron 10
Abstained 1

YOUTH COORDINATOR – PATRICK McDONALD

Election Of The FIDE Representative:

Denommee nominated Bond
McKim nominated Archambault

Results of the vote were:

Bond 30
Archambault 2

FIDE REPRESENTATIVE – HAL BOND

Election Of The Women's Coordinator:

McDonald nominated Lacau-Rodean
Armstrong nominated Jin

Results of the vote were:

Lacau-Rodean 26

Jin 4
Abstained 1
Spoiled Ballot 1

WOMEN'S COORDINATOR – IULIA LACAU-RODEAN

Election Of The Rating Auditor:

Dutton nominated Leblanc
Barron nominated Zeromkis
Von Keitz nominated Denomme

Results of the vote were:

Leblanc 25
Zeromkis 5
Denomme 1
Abstained 1

RATING AUDITOR – PAUL LEBLANC

Election Of The Publicity Officer:

Drkulec nominated Armstrong
Armstrong was acclaimed

PUBLICITY OFFICER – BOB ARMSTRONG

Election Of The Fund Raising Officer:

Barron nominated Fiedler
Fiedler was acclaimed

FUND RAISING OFFICER – BRIAN FIEDLER

Election Of The Tournament Coordinator

Barron nominated Drkulec
McKim nominated Archambault

Results of the voting were:

Drkulec 25
Archambault 5
Abstained 2

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – VLAD DRKULEC

CHESS FOUNDATION:

It was not clear whose terms were expiring. It was thought that perhaps Hans Jung's one year term was expiring and Micah Hughey's four year term was expiring, but there was no certainty. Therefore two positions were left vacant and the matter was deferred to the Executive to investigate and fill the positions.

KAVEL PUGI FUND:

Smith nominated McDonald

Von Keitz nominated Craver

Dutton nominated Stringer

All were acclaimed

NATIONAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

Leblanc nominated Mallon

Von Keitz nominated Dutton

Brodie nominated Denommee

Dutton nominated Marghetis

Barron nominated Bluvshstein

All were acclaimed

At this time the Incoming President Michael Von Keitz assumed the Chair.

Ted Winick the Founder and President of the Chess Institute Of Canada and also along with David Cohen the organizers of the Canadian Open was the next speaker.

He outlined a vision for Canadian Chess where Toronto would be the main centre and where youth would always be involved.

He mentioned that the 2011 Canadian Open was a great event. Credit was given to Brian Fiedler for giving him a "track to run on" in regard to finances. Also singled out was David Cohen for his experience and expertise in organizing tournaments.

He said that the loss this year was \$6,000 and that last year there were 7 G.M.s and this year there were 13. The dinners at the banquet on the final day helped out as otherwise the Hall rental would go way up. He wondered if the CFC would consider making a donation to the tournament. Of some pride was the youth camp during the daytime and the Canadian Open at night. Also there was the FIDE Arbiters seminar and many extra events.

On another topic he mentioned that the bid for the World Championship had to be withdrawn as all the sponsorship needed did not come through. However, the Royal Bank wants to be "branded" with chess

and would be willing to sponsor major events in Toronto in the future.

Von Keitz thanked the organizers for running such a great event.

Leblanc was against giving money as he said the prize fund could be adjusted.

Last year the CFC contributed \$2178 to the FIDE Arbiters fee.

Campbell suggested paying the same as last year.

It was agreed that we could return to the suggestion of a donation later on when we discussed the budget.

David Cohen was next up and introduced a financial statement and went line by line to explain all the figures. Then he introduced an option to host all Canadian Chess Championships for the next three years. This would include the Closed, Open, Youth, Junior, Senior and Amateur tournaments. Then specifically bids were introduced for the 2012 CYCC and Canadian Open Tournaments. These produced some comments.

Fiedler said that he was concerned about Royal Bank having exclusive rights to all tournaments. He said that the CFC should have controlling rights.

Von Keitz said it would be better to talk about a one year deal.

Fiedler asked if the events were tied. The answer seemed to be yes, but there could be some flexibility.

Barron asked what time they would be run. The answer was 7 mornings for the CYCC and 9 evenings for the Canadian Open.

Roger Patterson was next up presenting bids from Victoria B.C. for the CYCC and Canadian Open.

He mentioned that for the Open the organizers would be Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson and Brian Raymer. The Head Arbiter would be Mark Dutton.

In a change from the usual, the Open would be 9 rounds over 6 days with 3 days having 2 rounds.

The main reason was that the playing site would be unavailable on Saturdays.

Another first would be Round 1 games with marquee players would be sold for fundraising.

All this produced the following comments:

Brodie asked if Patterson considered having all one section.

Patterson replied that he liked different sections.

Smith asked if the \$139 hotel rate was a special rate for the tournament. The answer was yes.

Marghetis said that they should get someone special from Vegas for the first round,

Brodie wondered if the first round would work. Patterson said yes.

Barron wondered if budgeting \$5,000 for a marquee player was a good idea.

Victoria Doknjas from Vancouver then presented the bid for the 2012 CYCC.

It would be held in Surrey B.C. From July 3rd to July 6th.

The Chief Organizer would be Ken Jensen.

The Organizing Committee would be Victoria Doknjas, Stephen Wright, Wendy Jensen and Andrei Botez. It would be at the Sheraton with a room rate of \$99 a night.

Smith asked if Wright would be the Head Arbiter. The answer was yes.

Dutton asked Cohen if he could start the three year plan in 2013. The answer was no.

Dutton said that in two years it will be the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Open and it should be an exceptional event.

Patterson mentioned that the U.S. Open next year would be in Vancouver, Washington. Winick said he would like to see everyone happy and was there a way we could talk about it informally.

McDonald said that National events should move all around the Country. There are deficiencies in both bids. We should try and get bids two years in advance.

Then came a Motion from McDonald/Barron to defer the discussion to an on line discussion.

The discussion continued.

Dutton said that Victoria/Vancouver really need an answer right away.

Field said that there were problems with both bids and we need time to make them better.

McDonald mentioned again that two years notice gives time to make changes. The bids need little tweaks.

Doknjas said that discussing it online over two weeks was not an efficient way of coming to a decision.

McKim wondered if we wanted to have a Canadian Open over six days.

Patterson said there was not much room to change.

Doknjas wanted to know why we could not try new ideas.

Bond said that at the World Open, G.M.s play two games a day.

McDonald mentioned that he had no problem with anything new but it should be clear.

The Motion was finally called:

MOTION – McDonald/Barron – The decision to award bids for the 2012 Canadian Open and CYCC be deferred to an online Governors discussion with bidders granted access for this period. The decision to be made by July 29th.

Results of vote:

18 in favour, 6 against, 5 abstained.

Motion passes.

The next item on the agenda was the budget.

Gillanders presented the budget.

Leblanc noted that the new website was paid by funds sitting in trust in the Chess Foundation. Therefore amortization should go back to the Foundation.

Drkulec asked how will CYCC funds affect budget.

Gillanders said it would not.

Bond mentioned that the Women's Closed needs \$1,000 for FIDE.

Gillanders said it is not necessary to balance the budget each year.

Bond noted that the expense line for storage really stands out.

Smith noted that last year he had mentioned that Litchfield could store all the items in his basement for half the cost.

Von Keitz said that we need to have someone catalogue everything that is there, then we can have an idea of what to do with it.

McKim and McDonald had been discussing budget items, finally they made a Motion.

MOTION – McKim/McDonald – That budget line items for membership and rating fees be increased by 3% and \$1,500 be given to the 2011 Canadian Open.

Results of the vote:

20 in favour, 7 against, 4 abstained.

Motion passes.

The last item to be discussed before adjournment was International Organizer Titles. Bond noted that qualifications will increase by October. Smith said that FIDE charges would go up.

It was 5.00 p.m.

MOTION – Smith/Barron – To adjourn.

Motion passed and so ended an unusually long AGM

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION: none received

General Comments from Governors: none received

Deadline for submissions to GL#2 is Friday, November 11, 2011

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