

**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
GOVERNORS' LETTER TWO
2011-2012**



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President's Message

Since my report at the quarterly meeting, I'm happy to announce that Edward Porper has been hired for a one-year term as CCN's editor, dropping the "interim" tag he was previously ascribed. Meanwhile, the 15th Canadian Women's Championship saw Natalia Khoudgarian clinch the title in dramatic fashion, holding a perfect score until finally yielding a draw in the last round. She now claims an automatic berth on our Olympic squad and I trust you will all join me in congratulating her on her much deserved success. We now anxiously await word on the triumphs of our WYCC team, currently competing in Brazil, while also sparing a moment for Bill Doubleday, Canada's fearless fighter at the 2011 World Senior Chess Championship.

As before, we are still on the hunt for an Olympic Coordinator, so do consider whether you, or someone you know, might be suitable for the role and get back to us. As far as the website is concerned, accents in the database were removed and much needed changes to the CFC rating program were implemented. The latter improvements were courtesy of Paul Leblanc's rating auditing team and I'd like to extend my personal thanks to them for their various efforts to date. I leave further discussion on the website to Fred, and shift my focus to the Class Certificate Program. Applications are slowly trickling in, but we need to revisit the price tag. The office informs us \$10 + HST, all inclusive, barely covers costs. When you throw in free NM certificates, this is simply a losing venture for us, the solution to which must be addressed.

Some will recall from the Quarterly Meeting that we struck a Membership Drive Committee, chaired by Kevin Pacey, and I am pleased to report that this committee is having some success in bringing old members back into the fold. Kevin will undoubtedly have more to say in January. Likewise, the Long-Term Planning Committee, now featuring Vlad Drkulec as Chair, has also seen some excellent progress in the preliminary stages of its mandate. I'll close by thanking Shawn Geley, President of the Northern Ontario Chess League, who recently brought us into the exciting YouTube universe by way of his first news report on happenings in the CFC - you are all encouraged to consider joining him by submitting video footage of your own.

As we roll into the holiday season, all the best to you and yours and, as always, I'm only an e-mail away. For those looking for the perfect gift, by the way, Tony Ficzero is putting the finishing touches on the 2010 Yearbook. Reserve your copy now!

Best wishes,

Michael von Keitz
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Message from the Secretary:

Welcome to this edition of the Governors' Letter. The main elements in the present issue are:

- Minutes of the October Online Governors' Meeting
- 2nd Quarter CFC Financials
- Our FIDE rep's report where he reports an especially good award of new Canadian titles from the FIDE Congress in Krakow, Poland and
- David Cohen's report on the 2011 Canadian Open

Preparations have begun on the agenda for the January 2012 Quarterly Online Governors' Meeting and e-mailed submissions on proposed agenda items are welcomed.

Lastly my good wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed with the GL are the ½ year financial documents. (*see Appendix I – ed*) We have a small surplus to show so far, and we may be in good shape of meeting the 2011/12 budget expectations once the Equipment store gets back on it's feet. I'd like to thank Bob Gillanders for his continued work on the financial statements (nothing like having a Professional Accountant in the "house").

Patrick will probably have some comments, but we made use of the entire \$20K of CYCC funding and may use an extra \$1000 from surplus accrued over the past couple of years.

Most of my CFC work (and not related to Treasurer role) is spent on day to day care of the CFC web site. I'm always open to questions and comments. Michael VK and Bob A (and of course Gerry doing all of the existing carry-over functions from the old web site) are other contributors to the cause.

I was working behind the scenes (as a consultant) with Edward Porper on the three issues of CCN he produced as Acting Editor, and should be able to shy away from this activity, now that Edward has received his mandate to continue for at least one additional year.

I have also been working as a member of the Rating committee (with Paul LeBlanc and Roger Patterson) on reviewing and correcting the rating system. Roger and I have found a few clear errors in the code and we will be correcting these as early as the rating run of Nov 16. We have number of recommended changes, but at this time are trying to remove the clear errors.

Les Bunning is chairing a small committee (with myself and Gordon Ritchie) to review and make recommendations concerning future CYCC surpluses. I would think our final report would be ready in a couple of weeks.

Fred McKim
Treasurer, Chess Federation of Canada

FIDE Representative's Report

Congratulations to our 2011 Youth Delegation for their awesome showing at the WYCC in Brazil. At this writing the event has one round to go and we have many outstanding results in the making. Likewise the World Seniors is finishing up in Croatia, where our own Bill Doubleday sits at +1 going into the final round, and should bring home at least 20 precious Elo points!

Congratulations also to our newest title awardees:

FM Viktor Plotkin
FM Loren Laceste
FM Maxim Doroshenko
IA Aris Marghetis
FA Ali Razzaq
IO Mark Dutton
IO Andre Langlois
IO Aris Marghetis
IO Patrick McDonald
IO Simon Ong

The 2012 Olympiad takes place in Istanbul, Turkey, from August 27 – September 10. We are most fortunate to have two champions on board. Bator Sambuev is looking forward to his debut under the Canadian flag and Natalia Khoudgarian, our reigning Women's Champion, will be an awesome leader for our Women's team. Competition for the 4 remaining spots is quite keen and we look forward to seeing the final rosters take shape in the coming months.

The fundraising campaign is underway and over \$1000 has been raised at this writing. This is a great start and we have a long way to go. Air fares for both teams (10 players and 2 captains) will cost about \$20,000 based on current fares. Raising funds through donations will be a new challenge this time due to the absence of charitable tax receipts. Please note commercial receipts are issued and donations may qualify as a business expense. A number of fundraising tournaments have been held and more are planned. I encourage each of you to do what you can to promote our 2012 Olympic fundraising efforts, be they donations or fundraising activities.

Respectfully Submitted

Hal Bond, IA, IO
FIDE Representative, Canada
26 November 2011

CFC Governors Online Meeting October 1-8 2011

Minutes

1. The agenda was approved with requests for items under New Business
2. Sign in of Governors: the following Governors were registered for the meeting:
Bob Armstrong, Michael Barron, Ilia Bluvshstein, Hal Bond, Hugh Brodie, Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Rob Clark, Ken Craft, Lyle Craver (Secretary), Valer Eugen Demian, Pierre Dénomée, Vladimir Drkulec, Mark S. Dutton, Ken Einarsson, Christopher Field, Bob Gillanders, Ken Jensen, Robert Laszlo, Paul Leblanc, Christopher Mallon, Aris Marghetis, Patrick McDonald, Fred McKim, Ellen Nadeau, Nikolay Noritsyn, Simon Ong, Kevin Pacey, Halldor P. Palsson, Gordon Ritchie, Lynn Stringer, Michael von Keitz (President), Egidijus Zeromskis
3. The President's message was as follows:
Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the CFC's Fall Quarterly Meeting for 2011! We have a number of topics up for discussion, more than a few of which will be leading to subsequent votes. If you have any questions, feel free to place them in the designated thread, otherwise enjoy being a part of the process.

I'll start by bringing you up to speed on a few topics and hope that you will seek clarification as needed. Though I imagine Hal will touch on this himself, we currently have recruited two members for the CFC Olympic Selection Committee: Vlad Pechenkin and Yan Teplitsky. At this time, upon the conclusion of the Women's Championship, the hope is that we might identify one female to join them. More importantly, however, we are still in search of an Olympic Coordinator. If that sounds like a role that either yourself or someone you know is suited to fill, then please contact either Hal or myself at your earliest convenience.

In addition to Olympic concerns, I've had some preliminary contact with Paul Leblanc regarding the possibility of the Youth Fund being placed in the Foundation's care. In the past, as many of us know, the executive has been accused of allowing these funds to be mishandled. While proper accounting of their travels can be documented through Gerry, it seems to me that having the Foundation's Trustees participating in the collection and distribution of these funds serves to provide a further level of

separation between the CFC's general revenue and the Youth Fund. Whether this is necessary or even truly beneficial is another question, but the conversation continues.

The newsletter is another hot topic lately. We are currently in search of a new editor, with two applications in and plenty of time left for more to follow. If you would like to be involved in the hiring process, I'd like to set up a small hiring committee, so be in touch and we'll see what can be arranged. Also related to the newsletter is the list of those that have failed to receive it. Unfortunately, Gerry indicated to me that he deleted every e-mail message that indicated a bounce and we seem to have no other recourse than to request of each member that they let us know if they have yet to receive the summer issue. My hope is that we are able to be a little more diligent going forward, as it is not my intention to deprive members of this service.

As some of you may recall from the AGM this summer, the issue of our tax status was briefly touched upon. In this vein, we are working towards designation as a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association (RCAAA). We are nowhere near ready to make a submission yet, but we should be in a position to think about doing so sometime in or around New Year's.

The last item I'll touch on is the 2011-12 tournament calendar. All of our major events have been awarded and we are well-situated to start receiving bids for 2013. As Tournament Coordinator, I will leave it to Vlad Drkulec to describe what efforts he may have undertaken so far to solicit interest in the 2012-13 calendar. In the meantime, I gave the organizing committees of each upcoming event an opportunity to relay a message to the governors as a means of providing an update. I received two responses, which are below.

Roger Patterson (2012 Canadian Open):

For the Canadian Open:

- we have finalized the contract with the hotel
- finalized prize fund distribution and posted a website
- begun contacting marquee players

- established separate bank account for financing.

David Cohen (2011 Canadian Women's):

Michael, CFC Governors,

Everything is moving along for the 15th Canadian Women's Championship 2011, to be held Thanksgiving Weekend at the Annex Chess Club in Toronto. With the help of the CFC, and a little extra work of my own on Facebook and Linked-In, I sent out personalized invitations to over 75 female players. So far, 5 players are registered, with 7 more promised to enter. Each entry raises \$50 for the CFC's Olympiad Fund for our Women's Team.

Regards,

David

I have also received an enquiry regarding the 2012 Canadian Junior - may the prize winner put the travel bursary towards participation in the PanAm Junior, as opposed to the World Junior? I suggested to the party involved that I would allow the governors to discuss it, as we do have some lead-up time and some of you may wish to revisit the by-law concerned. I will expect some clear feedback by the end of this meeting, however, which will likely come in the form of a YES/NO poll.

So, for now, that's all and I look forward to productive discussions over the course of the next week.

Best wishes,

Michael von Keitz

President, Chess Federation of Canada

4. Reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Youth Coordinator, PR Coordinator, Procedures Committee, Handbook Update Committee, Ratings Auditor, Long-Term Planning Committee

Secretary (Lyle Craver)

This has been a busy week for me as I have spent most of it on an overseas buying trip for my store only getting back Wednesday. GL#1 has been held back pending availability of the financials but will be out shortly.

My role as Secretary has been evolving as we move more and more from "Governors' Letter Classic" (which has been primarily e-mail driven for 10+ years now) to the present "Quarterly Online Governors' Meeting" format. Both have their place but perform very different roles.

Besides the GL / QOGM the Secretary's role is to be the board's parliamentarian - that is to say my advice is regularly sought by the President, the board and individual Governors on how best to craft a motion to achieve a desired end. I will often stand as seconder for motions that I feel deserve broader debate whether or not I support the idea to speed the process. I don't support them all but most are at least well thought out and worthy of serious consideration.

Treasurer (Fred McKim)

Most of my work for the past 12 months has been the continued development of the web site. Final payment to Resolution is awaiting the CFC Equipment store getting on-line.

Past President (Bob Gillanders)

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

Youth Coordinator (Patrick McDonald)

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!

> Update - We do in fact have just over 40 players and this year we have managed to swing a budget to include 3 - count them - 3 coaches! - Nikolay Noritsyn, Andrew Peredun and Mikhaill Egorov will be our very competent coaching team this year. They are already making plans on working with their own groups of youth players in advance of going to the WYCC!

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.
> Update - Both Andrew Giblon and Gary Gladstone have been selected as our Head of Delegation and Assistant Head of Delegation respectively! With these two very competent organizers and our 3 Team coaches, we are looking much more professional this year, will have a team that is well looked after, and hope to see some great successes at this year's WYCC in Brazil in November!

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.

> update - we have information and are seeking interested U16 youth to be part of the team (as well as a Head of Delegation - although we may have a very competent one already)

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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Patrick S McDonald IA

Youth Coordinator – Chess Federation of Canada

PR Coordinator (Bob Armstrong)

At the 2010 AGM, the governors upgraded the position of Director of Publicity to Public Relations Coordinator. Bylaw 3 of the CFC Handbook, under Duties of Officers in Section 8C, gives the mandate of this position as:

“ 8C. The Public Relations Coordinator will be responsible for promoting the image of the CFC and for promoting chess generally to the public. As such the Public Relations Coordinator will, among other things:

- deal with mainstream media to promote significant chess news, such as Canadian Chess Champions, a new Canadian GM, major tournaments like the Can. Closed, Canadian Open, Can. Women's Closed, CYCC, etc., the various benefits accruing from playing chess and other positive aspects of the chess culture. “

Since the July 2011 AGM, no press releases have been made, although I have had occasion to refer inquiring media persons to the relevant chess player in whom they were interested, to do an article or television interview (eg. Loren Laceste – U 18 Canadian Champion). Also, a couple of governors have provided me with some more media links, and I am now expanding the CFC's two Digital/Print Media and Audio/Visual Media E-mail groups..

I have continued to post on the CFC " News " Forum, on a fairly regular basis, a couple of times per week, my " The CFC Regular Chess Post – (Date) ", and some have generated some discussion. These posts are duplicated on our CFC Facebook page (we are reaching the casual player here – most " members " of the FB group are not tournament players), and our Twitter Feed.

What is new, is that I also now make the news posts on our new website, on the " Home Page ", under " Latest News ". When someone wants to see the full article, they can click on the Heading. This then brings them to a page, where they can comment on the news item, as they can on the CFC " News " Forum. These articles are also archived on the website, under " The CFC Regular Chess Post " in the drop-down menu under the main " News " category.

Finally, CFC has also opened an account in the new social network called " Linked-In ". This allows us to " connect " with others interested in the business of the CFC.

Procedures Committee (Bob Armstrong)

The Procedures' Committee was initially struck by 2009-10 President Eric Van Dusen, who saw it as handling a number of pressing long-outstanding administrative items. I was appointed Chairperson of the Committee, and it was decided that from year to year, the current President was to be the other member (so current President Michael von Keitz is now the other member).

It was initially decided that that this committee function through a number of subcommittees, which would have differing personnel and differing tasks. Three subcommittees have so far been formed:

1. The Governors' Voting Modernization Subcommittee – this subcommittee brought in its report in 2009-10, and has now been disbanded. The Procedures' Committee got the new Quarterly Governors' On-line Meeting Procedures passed at the 2010 Toronto July CFC AGM and the on-line meeting is now the key tool, along with the AGM, for governance.
2. The AGM Modernization Subcommittee – the subcommittee had difficulty getting active volunteer, and contract, support, and I resigned as Chairperson at the 2011 Spring Meeting. The subcommittee stopped functioning and seems to have been disbanded (Michael von Keitz was a member, and Chris Mallon was a member in my opinion, when I resigned, but Chris maintained that he had somehow resigned earlier). But 2010-11 President, Bob Gillanders, did take our idea for a more interactive AGM, and used it at the 2011 AGM. It was felt that it did not live up to expectations, and current President Michael von Keitz has indicated he will not be trying it again at the 2012 Victoria AGM..
3. The CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee – Kerry Liles – still active - see separate report

Handbook Update Committee (Kerry Liles)

- Updates to the Handbook that came out of the AGM have been made to the website version
- Since changing to the new website, there have been reports that some of the Handbook information was inadvertently missed - I am currently examining the version of the Handbook on the (new) website and will make necessary changes where needed. This will be ongoing for a couple of weeks, but I hope to finish that checking process in time to incorporate any new changes that come out of the next online Governor's meeting.
- needless to say (perhaps) but I have been set up to update the Handbook online and have done so and I am now familiar with the process.

Ratings Auditor (Paul Leblanc)

It has been an interesting 3 months since I accepted the position of Rating Auditor at the AGM. Before I begin my report I'd like to acknowledge the tremendous support I have received from Fred McKim and Roger

Patterson. Roger has spent countless hours developing analysis tools to monitor the rating system and model potential changes. Fred has been a valuable link to the CFC office and a great resource to help me understand the background of the issues I am wrestling with.

Overall Comments on the Rating System. The average rating of all CFC members active in the past 12 months is 1190. This figure has been fairly consistent for the past 7 years (1170 plus or minus 35). A slow downtrend from 2004 to early 2009 has been replaced by a slow uptrend but we have not regained the 2004 level. Factors at play include the elimination of the old bonus point system, the introduction of the existing bonus point system and the introduction and subsequent elimination of participation points.

Bonus Point Formula. I am convinced that the existing bonus point formula needs to be replaced with a better model. The biggest flaw is that it awards bonus points on the basis of a percentage score without regard to the strength of the opponents. I am modelling alternatives that target truly exceptional performance and mostly I am finding it in new players who have completed the 25 games necessary to obtain an established rating but who continue to outperform their rating by large margins. I hope to finish this work in time to propose a new bonus point formula at the next meeting.

Handbook Amendments. Many articles in the handbook that deal with ratings are out of date. Article 702 (National Rating Committee) actually refers to individuals by name and is defunct. Article 739 refers to a rating statistician and outlines a cumbersome rating appeal process that pre-dates the internet. Article 712 deems players under 1400 to be inactive after 5 years but is not being followed. Article 717 has errors in the methodology for rating events with unrated and provisionally rated players. Article 719 allows events to be set aside for future ratings if there in certain cases but is not being followed in practice. Article 734 states that players with 3 games or less will not have published ratings but is not followed in practice. I intend to remove/amend all outdated information.

Rating Software Issues. Roger and Fred have identified several errors in the rating software that will be corrected. Two examples: the formula for assigning ratings to unrated players in a tournament where more than half the players are unrated (mostly junior events) is flawed; the software is inadvertently assigning bonus points to players with provisional ratings. These errors will be fixed shortly.

Incorrectly Rated Junior Events. Ten years ago, the CFC decided to allow Junior events with Active time controls to be rated as Regular events. Recognizing the damage that this was doing to the rating system (a 200 point drop in the average rating and the production of many under-rated

juniors), the policy was reversed about 5 years ago. However, the practice continued. I have put a stop to it, however it has been a bit of a battle to get the word out to all TDs and organizers. The CFC office is not able to proof read all rating submissions or reverse incorrect ratings due to manpower constraints. I have been doing my best to contact all Junior event organizers and TDs. Some events are still slipping through the cracks, however. If after a reasonable time, this practice continues I may propose that we stop rating Junior events with Regular time controls for the loss-leader charge of 50 cents per player and limit this subsidy to Active rated events only.

Under-rated Juniors. I believe that by enforcing the rating regulations for Junior events and introducing a better bonus point formula we will help reduce this problem.

Comments are welcome.

Paul Leblanc
Treasurer, Chess Foundation of Canada
CFC Rating Auditor
CFC Governor

5. Key discussions not related to a specific motion dealt with:
 - **the Swiss Manager program**. Hal Bond presented a recommendation from the TDOCP that the CFC explore the option of adopting Swiss Manager as the national rating software. The cost, especially in relation to the previous adoption of SwissSys, was raised as the primary concern, though it was also suggested that the exact benefits to arbiters and the office might be better articulated. Ultimately, it was discovered that a demo version of Swiss Manager is freely available and interested parties are encouraged to evaluate it, reporting back to the TDOCP Chair (halbond@sympatico.ca) with any thoughts / recommendations.
 - **the CYCC Qualification system** Michael Barron led a discussion on possible improvements to the CYCC Qualification System, specifically suggesting that Provincial Affiliates should be encouraged to run Provincial YCCs. It was pointed out that the CYCC was originally intended to be a closed event whereby players qualified through their respective provincial YCCs, which, similarly, were to be closed to allow only local/regional qualifiers to attend. In effect, each event would provide a bursary to the winners to attend the next stage. For various

reasons, the intention wasn't wholly adhered to, though Ken Jensen indicated that the system works that way in British Columbia, while Chris Field also mentioned that the Toronto YCC serves to provide bursaries to the OYCC. In the course of conversation, Bob Gillanders injected his financial report for the 2010 CYCC. \$1200 of credit card fees were incurred as a result of families paying for hotels etc with credit card payments to the CFC office - a practice that Ken Jensen suggested might best be put to a stop. In addition, it was clarified that Eric van Dusen's administration offered \$1000 in seed money to secure a bid for the 2010 CYCC in Windsor.

- **CFC affiliate program** A discussion surrounding the possible reintroduction of the Affiliate Program was initiated by Michael von Keitz. Poor advertising was identified as a drawback that may have led to the demise of the previous program. A specific scenario was presented: "\$50 buy-in for 10% commission on membership sales. No restrictions. Memberships brought in by affiliates are tracked, but it's up to them to ensure repeat business." From there, it was clarified that the percentage referred to the CFC portion of membership dues (e.g. 10% of \$36 on adult memberships). Auto-renewals were raised as an issue of the previous program, where it was agreed that affiliates should receive their commission from members they recruit, even if these members are set up to auto-renew. The proposed reincarnation of the program seemed to receive general support; however, there were some concerns raised as to whether the program could truly be expected to raise memberships and revenue - the answer being that it would be break even at worst, with the option of tracking its success always being available. Fred McKim indicated his willingness to work on a motion to present at the Winter Quarterly Meeting, which will be filed with Lyle upon its completion. Those interested in either seconding the motion or further discussing it are encouraged to contact Fred (fred_mckim@hotmail.com).
- **CFC Website staffing** The discussion centered around the possibility of allowing crossover between the newsletter and website editing jobs. This was unanimously declared as a bad idea. Follow-up questions presented by Bob Armstrong to Chris Mallon and Lyle Craver remained unanswered. (ed. Note: I did not give an answer to this one as I did not think I had any particular expertise on this matter and felt what Bob was suggesting went well outside what our agreement on the website contemplated)

6. The President took 4 “straw votes” to solicit Governor opinions
 1. Should the 2012 Canadian Junior (Girls) Champion be permitted to use their prize, traditionally put towards airfare to the World Junior, to attend the PanAm Junior? (11 yes, 14 no, 1 abstention)
 2. Would you, as a CFC governor, like to see virtual attendance remain an option for the 2012 AGM? (17 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions)
 3. Shall the President appoint a Long-Term Planning Committee? (16 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions) The President announced he was doing so and appointing Kevin Pacey (pacey47@sympatico.ca) as chair.
 4. Shall the President appoint a Membership Drive Committee? (18 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions) The President announced he was doing so and appointing Kevin Pacey (pacey47@sympatico.ca) as chair
7. The following motions were presented:

Motion 2012-A-1

- e) p. 1007 of Section 10, is deleted, and replaced by:
1007. Age, Citizenship, and Residency for Canadian Championship:

Each contestant in a Canadian Youth Championship must fulfill the age requirements specified by FIDE for the World Youth Championship to which the winner of the Canadian event will qualify. Each player shall be either (i) a Canadian citizen or (ii) a Permanent Resident. Persons who are not citizens or permanent residents, but who have been a resident of Canada for a twelve-month period immediately preceding the tournament, may be admitted to the Tournament provided they can clearly demonstrate to the CFC Board of Directors that they have a settled intention to continue to reside in Canada. The admittance to the Tournament of such exceptions shall be entirely at the discretion of the CFC Board of Directors.

- h) p. 1057 of Section 10, is deleted, and replaced by:
1057. Age, Citizenship, and Residency for Canadian Championship:

Each contestant in a Canadian Junior Championship must fulfill the age requirements specified by FIDE for the World Junior Championship to which the winner of the Canadian event will qualify. Each player shall be either (i) a Canadian citizen or (ii) a Permanent Resident. Persons who are not citizens or permanent residents, but who have been a resident of Canada for a twelve-month period immediately preceding the tournament, may be admitted to the Tournament provided they can clearly demonstrate to the CFC Board of Directors that they have a settled intention to continue to reside in Canada. The admittance to the Tournament of such exceptions shall be entirely at the

discretion of the CFC Board of Directors."

Governor votes: YES (18) Bob Armstrong Christopher Field Egidijus Zeromskis Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénomée Vladimir Birarov Vladimir Drkulec NO (5) Christopher Mallon Ellen Nadeau Ken Jensen Paul Leblanc Rob Clark ABSTAIN (3) Bob Gillanders Michael von Keitz Vlad Rekhson

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-A-2

"Motion 2011 – A – Participation in the Canadian Youth Chess Championships

Moved - Michael Barron; Seconded – Bob Armstrong

Moved –

a) the title of Section 10 of the CFC Handbook, “ Invitational Youth Championships: Junior, Cadet “, is deleted and replaced by “ Canadian Youth and Junior Chess Championships “.

b) the title of p. 1000 of the CFC Handbook, “ Events: “, is deleted and replaced by “ Canadian Youth Chess Championship: “.

c) p. 1001 of Section 10, is deleted, and replaced by:
1001. Frequency:

A Tournament shall normally be held each year to determine Canadian Champions and Canadian representatives to all international youth chess competitions.

d) in p. 1002. Format, the words “ three days “ are deleted, and replaced by “ up to four days “.

f) p. 1051 of Section 10, is deleted, and replaced by:
1051. Canadian Junior Chess Championship:

A Tournament known as the Canadian Junior Chess Championship hereinafter referred to as the Junior Tournament shall normally be held each year to determine the Canadian representative to the World Junior Chess Championship and consist of 2 sections - Open and Girls. When there are less than eight girls, then the sections shall be combined.

g) in p. 1052. Format, the words “eight round tournament held over four days “ are deleted, and replaced by “nine round tournament held over five days “.

Governor Votes: YES (22) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Pierre Dénommée Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Birarov Vladimir Drkulec NO (1) Vlad Rekhson ABSTAIN (5) Hugh Brodie Michael von Keitz Peter Stockhausen Simon Ong

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-B

I propose 101 be replaced by the following wording;

"1010. Tie Break:

Should two or more players finish the tournament with the same number of points the following tie-break systems are recommended.

(a) Swiss Sections

- Direct encounter
- Sum of progressive score
- Buchholz
- Playoff
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Won games
- Games played with Black

(b) Round Robin Sections

- Direct encounter
- Playoff
- Games played with Black
- Koya
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Won games

It is recommended that playoffs only be arranged to determine the official Canadian representative to the WYCC.

If playoffs are planned adequate time must be set aside for a conclusion to be reached.

Governor Votes: YES (22) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Paul Leblanc Pierre Dénommée Rob Clark Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vlad Rekhson Vladimir Drkulec NO (2) Egidijus Zeromskis Patrick McDonald
ABSTAIN (5) Christopher Mallon Ellen Nadeau Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Michael von Keitz

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-C

Whereas, philosophically, if not monetarily, all members are of equal importance to the CFC;

Be it resolved that all CFC members count as a single member equivalent regardless of type;

Be it further resolved that the number of membership equivalents required for a governorship to be established thus be equal to seventy-five (75) members.

Governor Votes: YES (8) Bob Armstrong Christopher Field Gordon Ritchie Hugh Brodie Michael Barron Patrick McDonald Peter Stockhausen Valer Eugen Demian NO (19) Aris Marghetis Bob Gillanders Christopher Mallon Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Nikolay Noritsyn Paul Leblanc Pierre Dénommée Vladimir Drkulec ABSTAIN (5) Les Bunning Michael von Keitz Rob Clark Simon Ong Vlad Rekhson

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion 2012-D

[Editorial note: Governors should note that this is essentially a re-introduction of motion 2010-02 (Moved / Seconded Egidijus Zeromskis / Christopher Mallon)) with the sole exception of the removal of the clause dealing with Participating members since this type of membership was ended by a Governor vote shortly after the demise of En Passant magazine)

It is a constitutional motion since it amends sections of Bylaw One or Bylaw Two]

The Constitution change:

"JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

9. Any person ordinarily resident in Canada who is under the age of 18, shall be granted a Junior membership or a Junior Participating Membership."

is replaced with:

"JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

9. Any person ordinarily resident in Canada who has not reached the age of 20 by January 1st of the current year, shall be granted a Junior membership."

Governor Votes: YES (27) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Rob Clark Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Drkulec NO (2) Aris Marghetis Gordon Ritchie ABSTAIN (1) Michael von Keitz

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-E

To amend the Handbook section Rules of procedure for The Canadian Junior Championship Tournament with a line:

The winner of the Tournament will be that year's Canadian Junior Champion.

The paragraph would be read as

1051. Frequency:

A Tournament known as the Canadian Junior Championship Tournament hereinafter referred to as the Junior Tournament shall normally be held each year to determine the Canadian representative to the World Junior Chess Championship. The winner of the Tournament will be that year's Canadian Junior Champion.

I support motion 2012-E YES (26) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Peter Stockhausen Pierre

Dénommée Rob Clark Vlad Rekhson Vladimir Birarov Vladimir Drkulec NO
(2) Christopher Mallon Paul Leblanc ABSTAIN (2) Michael von Keitz Simon
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MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-F

To amend the Handbook section Rules of procedure for The Canadian Junior Championship Tournament with a paragraph:
The Canadian Junior Champion shall receive free entry but must advise the CFC Business Office and organizers of his intention to play no later than 20 days before the start of the Championship.

It would a starting paragraph in 1058. Entries:

1058. Entries:

The Canadian Junior Champion shall receive free entry but must advise the CFC Business Office and organizers of his intention to play no later than 20 days before the start of the Championship.

All eligible players who may qualify pursuant to Clause 1053(c) and who wish to participate in the Junior Tournament shall notify the CFC Business Office no later than 45 days before the start of the Championship of their intention to participate, enclosing their entry fee of \$150.00. The CFC Board of Directors may delegate this function to the tournament organizers. Entries which cannot be accepted because the number exceeds the number of players allowed shall be advised thereof and their entry fee returned to them.

Players qualifying pursuant to Clause 1053(a) shall send in their entries as soon as is practical after the Provincial Champion is known but in any case no later than three weeks prior to the start of the Junior Tournament. In exceptional circumstances, the CFC Board of Directors can vary the time limits in this Clause.

Governor Votes: YES (28) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénommée Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Birarov Vladimir Drkulec NO(3) Aris Marghetis Rob Clark Vlad Rekhson ABSTAIN (1) Michael von Keitz

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-G-1

That the CFC Handbook be amended as follows:

Delete Section 738 (Certificate of Life Master) and replace with:

Section 738. Rating Categories, Titles and Certificates.

- a) The CFC officially recognizes the following titles, rating classes and CFC rating floors: National Master (2200), National Candidate Master (2000), Class A (1800), Class B (1600), Class C (1400), Class D (1200), and Class E (1000).
- b) To achieve standing for any class or title, the player must:
- i. Have at some point had a published CFC rating above the minimum rating floor for that category or title
 - ii. Have in three separate tournaments achieved a norm, which is a performance rating at least 100 points above the rating floor
 - iii. For the purposes of these norms, only CFC ratings count, and the player must have played at least five games.
 - iv. Matches may not be used as a norm.
 - v. An event can be used as a norm for multiple classes - for example, a 2300 performance event can be a norm used by the same player for Class A, National Candidate Master AND National Master.
- c) Certificates. The CFC will provide, free of charge, certificates to those who achieve the title of National Master or any higher title that the CFC chooses to award. Certificates for lower titles or classes are not automatically provided, but may be requested. The CFC Executive is empowered to set a fee for this service not to exceed \$10 including shipping.

Governor Votes: YES(25) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Fred McKim Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Peter Stockhausen Robert Laszlo Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Drkulec NO (2) Aris Marghetis Pierre Dénomée ABSTAIN (1) Michael von Keitz

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2012-G-2

That Section 738 a) of the CFC Handbook be amended as follows:

Insert "Senior National Master (2400)," prior to "National Master".

Governor Votes: YES (10) Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ken Einarsson Lyle Craver Patrick McDonald Peter Stockhausen Simon Ong Vladimir Drkulec NO (15) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Egidijus Zeromskis Fred McKim Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Jensen Kevin Pacey Lynn Stringer Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Robert Laszlo Valer Eugen Demian ABSTAIN (3) Ellen Nadeau Michael von Keitz Pierre Dénommée

MOTION DEFEATED

8. The following items were discussed under New Business
 - CFC Governors Ethics and Code of Conduct (this was the major topic of this section)
 - Update of the CFC Certified Tournament Directors List
 - What is and is not a 'private benefit' / conflict of interest
 - The desirability of striking a Membership Drive Committee
 - The desirability of striking a Long-Term Planning Committee

9. Governors were given a chance to suggest items for the January meeting
 - A proposal to make Governor voting records public in spreadsheet form

10. The President gave his closing address and the meeting was adjourned.

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION: none received

General Comments from Governors: none received

Appendices:

1. 2nd Quarter 2011-2012 Financials
2. Financial Report on the 2011 Canadian Open

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2011
UNAUDITED

	31-Oct	30-Apr
	2011	2011
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 53,613	\$ 15,025
In Trust with Foundation	46,684	60,072
Accounts receivable	4,936	3,853
Prepaid expenses	4,455	500
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	109,688	79,450
CAPITAL ASSETS	11,085	8,240
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	\$ 120,773	\$ 87,690
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,227	\$ 7,729
Deferred interest from foundation	4,566	-
Deferred membership revenue	23,405	20,405
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	45,198	28,134
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	21,860	7,839
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EQUITY		
Opening balance	51,717	49,075
Net revenue for the year	1,998	2,642
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	53,715	51,717
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	\$ 120,773	\$ 87,690
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THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
 FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2011
 UNAUDITED

	6 months 2012	12 months 2011
REVENUE		
Sales of books and equipment	\$ 10,193	\$ 28,545
Memberships	24,090	48,112
Contribution from Foundation	4,566	7,263
Rating fees	13,636	25,693
Donations	1,593	4,787
Other programs	82,619	89,025
Other revenue	150	686
	136,847	204,111
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of sales	7,222	20,129
General and administrative		
Administration services	22,683	44,119
Office	5,983	12,664
	28,666	56,783
Programs		
Publication; e-Newsletter	8,800	18,000
International	4,962	5,664
2011 Zonal Championship	-	2,863
2010 & 2011 Canadian Open	1,500	2,128
2010 Olympiad	-	1,085
Contributions to clubs and affiliates	-	3,092
Contributions to Chess Foundation	1,080	2,700
Other programs	82,619	89,025
	98,961	124,557
	134,849	201,469
NET REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	\$ 1,998	\$ 2,642

**THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OCTOBER 31, 2011
UNAUDITED

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Olympic Donations	Youth CC Program	Kalev Pugi Program	TOTAL
Balance - begin of year	\$ -	\$ 7,776	\$ 63	\$ 7,839
Add: contributions	1,255	94,565	820	96,640
Less: recognized as revenue	-	(82,619)	-	(82,619)
Balance - end of quarter	\$ 1,255	\$ 19,722	\$ 883	\$ 21,860

ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP REVENUE

	6 months 2012	12 months 2011
Annual memberships	\$ 22,832	\$ 41,000
Tournament memberships	3,178	4,236
Adjustment to deferred revenue	-3,000	176
Life memberships	1,080	2,700
Membership revenue reported	<u>24,090</u>	<u>48,112</u>
Less: Foundation donation	1,080	2,700
Net membership revenue	\$ <u>23,010</u>	\$ <u>45,412</u>

48th Canadian Open Chess Championship 2011
Statement of Profit and Loss
(actual)

Revenue

Entry fees - CO	\$41,565.00
Fees - camp	9,665.00
Entry fees - side events	1,720.00
Fees - FIDE Arbiter Seminar	900.00
Sales - golf shirts	1,035.00
Sales - Closing Dinner	1,960.00
Sponsorships and donations	61,867.20

Total Revenue **\$118,712.20**

Expenses

Prize Fund - CO	\$27,700.00
Camp	2,500.70
Prize Fund - side events	1,400.00
FIDE Arbiter Seminar	4,918.00
Golf shirts	847.50
Closing Dinner	13,513.35
Site rental	12,000.60
Staff	17,725.88
Rating fees	1,171.40
Boards (including board numbers)	1,123.22
Scoresheets - duplicate	339.00
Souvenir Program Book	3,452.70
Advertising	782.24
Webcast	3,466.83
Grandmasters	20,276.10
Audio-Visual	148.03
Administration/Misc.	7,290.90

Total Expenses **\$118,656.45**

Profit/Loss **\$55.75**

Chess Institute of Canada thanks the Chess Federation of Canada for its grant of a \$1,500 credit, which is included in the "Sponsorships and Donations" amount.

Deadline for submissions to GL#3 is January 31st 2012

**Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of
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