CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER THREE 2010-2011



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Deadline for submissions to GL#4 is Monday, February 28, 2011

President's Message

The key items in this Governors Letter are the minutes for the January online governors meeting and the third quarter financial statements. I want to thank everyone again for participating at the January meeting. Although IMHO, we are still expending too much energy on procedural issues, we were able to pass important motions regarding rules for players invited to the WYCC, and amendments to the qualification rules for the CYCC. A special thank you to Michael and the youth committee for their efforts. The technical issues that prevented us from using the online voting procedures at the January meeting have been resolved. Thank you Chris and Lyle. So we will be voting online in April.

The final accounting for the 2010 Olympiad is done. Although our Olympic fundraising efforts were disappointing and fell short of our targets, we have elected to assist the Olympic fund by \$1,085 to reimburse the women's team for their airline costs. This is included in the third quarter report.

Our third quarter report shows a surplus of \$ 3,718. We are on target for a balanced budget, however key revenues of membership dues and rating fees are disappointing. We are currently struggling with the issue of potential financial support for the Canadian Closed. To preserve our primary goal of a balanced budget, it looks like we will be pushing back the audit for another year.

Lastly, a very special thanks to Hal Bond for his Olympic fundraising efforts.

Cheers.

Robert Gillanders CFC President February 8, 2011

Secretary's Message

This Governors' letter has several main parts - (1) the Minutes of the quarterly Online Governors' Meeting which took place January 15^{th} to 21^{st} . 42 Governors took part and we are hoping we can get close to a full turnout at the next meeting in April tentatively scheduled for April $1^{st} - 7^{th}$. (2) the 3^{rd} Quarter CFC Financials (see Appendix 1) which I agree shows both good news and bad news as we stand or fall on the strength of our clubs and our events as those are the primary methods our members take part.

Governors are reminded that they received by e-mail a project outline on the Website proposal. Please keep this confidential until advised by the President.

The next Governors' Letter will likely be a short one consisting mainly of reports and notices of motion for the April meeting.

Treasurer's Message

Web Site Update

We received an initial Project Outline from Resolution IM, on Thursday, Jan 27. It was decided at

that time to share this among the executive, a few of the key people who had been on the Technical Committee, our legal rep, handbook rep, and publicity rep. At that time the completion date was Mar 24, 2011.

Based on my observations and comments received from the above I prepared an extensive list of features that needed elaboration and/or questions for the contractors.

It is my intention to make the revised PO (hopefully available early next week) available for the Governors to briefly review, and then hopefully we can sign off on it, as is, or with a few minor adjustments. I would expect the completion date will be pushed back to the beginning of April.

Olympic Funding

We have wound down the Fund Raising campaign on the 2010 Olympics. We are contributing an additional \$3328 to the women's team, which means that all members will now be fully funded for their tickets. While the CFC originally budgeted \$4000 to come from general funds for the Olympic teams, we only have had to contribute \$1085. We are hoping we can now direct the majority of the unused funding toward helping sponser the 2011 Canadian Closed.

It is expected that a new fund raising campaign for the 2012 Olympics will begin shortly.

Fred McKim

Youth Coordinator's Message

Dear chess friends.

Thank you for participating in the Winter Governors Online Meeting! During the Meeting we discussed several important issues, and I would like to summarize discussions related to Canadian Youth Chess:

1) Participation in the World Youth Events:

Motion to replace current wording of Handbook paragraph 1012 with following new wording was passed:

"1012. Participation in the World Events:

INVITED PLAYERS

(a) Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) is a qualifier to international youth chess competitions.

Top 3 finishers in each section are qualified to become official representatives for:

- 1) World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC);
- 2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship;
- 3) North American Youth Chess Championship.

If the winner is unable to participate, the second place finisher shall be invited to go in his place. If the second place finisher also declines, the highest finisher in the tournament who is willing to participate in the world event (if not rejected by CFC Executive due to the sub paragraph (d)),

shall be selected. The CFC Board of Directors shall use an appropriate tie breaking method to break ties if required to determine the order of finish.

All official representatives to WYCC should receive financial support from CFC to reduce their travel expenses.

(b) Players with the Special Rights according to FIDE rules will be eligible to participate at WYCC notwithstanding to their participation at CYCC. In case of participation at CYCC, CFC will pay the cost of transportation for such players to WYCC in full.

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

- (c) 2nd and 3rd prize-winners (including tie-breakers for 2nd and 3rd places) in each category will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds.
- (d) All other CYCC participants wishing to participate at WYCC are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation during 15 days after ending of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application in case if the applicant's level at his discretion is significantly lower than the average level of his/her category at WYCC. All players whose applications will be approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$150 to CFC Youth Program fund.
- (e) 3 top CFC rated players in each category (by January 1st of the current year) if not able to participate at CYCC due to extraordinary circumstances, and wishing to participate at WYCC, are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation at WYCC before the start of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application at their discretion in case if applicant's circumstances are not valid and/or exceptional. All players whose applications will be approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$300 to CFC Youth Program fund."

2) Qualification rules to the 2011 CYCC:

Motion regarding qualification to CYCC was passed:

"1003. Players: {Motion 2009-13 2009 AGM Nadeau/Lavin}

The following players shall be eligible to participate in each Youth Tournament provided they comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007:

- (a) The qualifiers from that year's YCC's.
- (b) The qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year.
- (c) The highest rating of each age category {open & female} of each Province and Territory {as of May 1st prior to the CYCC}.
- (d) The host organizer may nominate three players for each category from the host location.
- (e) All former CYCC champions.
- (f) Where there is no provincial qualifier, up to 3 players may be qualified at the discretion of the provincial youth coordinator. In the absence of a Provincial Co-ordinator, players would apply to the CFC Youth Co-ordinator.
- (g) The top ten rated players in each age category in the country (as of May 1st prior to the CYCC)."

3) World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad:

As you know, last year Canadian Team participated in the World Youth Olympiad for the first

time in the history, and made top 10 finish from the first attempt!

The Canadian participation in this prestigious event was possible only due to energy and organizational talent of the Team Captain - Gary Gladstone. I want to thank Gary once again for his efforts!

I would think, we should already start preparation to the next Youth Olympiad - planned for October this year - please see: http://www.fide.com/calendar.html

For this purpose we need a dedicated person, who will coordinate all activities related to the

Youth Olympiad and serve as a Team Captain (unless decides to send somebody else).

It could be achieved by creation of new non-executive officer position of Youth Olympiad Coordinator.

We are looking for a volunteer to be Youth Olympiad Coordinator.

Please contact me, if you're interested in this position.

Michael Barron CFC Youth Coordinator February 14, 2011

FIDE Representative's Report:

Olympic Funding Success

On behalf of Canada's Olympic Delegation I wish to thank all those who contributed to our Olympic Fund in 2010. Thanks to your generosity all we were able to cover the travel costs of all both teams. Perhaps most notable were a few anonymous donors, as well as the Kalev Pugi Fund, which contributed to the costs of our Junior team members.

Our next challenge will be to fully fund both teams for Istanbul in 2012. This new assignment will be made more difficult due to the annulment of our Charitable tax status. I believe the next campaign must begin as soon as possible. As indicated in GL #1, I am prepared to return as chair of the Olympic Fundraising Committee if asked. Other interested people are invited to step forward.

World Championship Cycle

Following the withdrawal of Estonia's bid to stage the 2011 World Cup, FIDE has been fortunate enough to secure the event once again in Khanty Mansiysk. However, instead of the traditional November – December time frame, the 2011 World Cup will take place from August 26 – September 21. This change has placed a strain on most Federations and Continental Championships. The Americas will now stage its Continental Championship from April 19-24, 2011, in Toluca, Mexico. Most regrettable is the conflict with the US Championship which runs from April 13-28 in St. Louis. A number of prospective bidders for the Canadian Zonal Championship also struggled with the time pressure – we must name our Zonal representative no later than June 15.

London, England's bid to stage the 2012 World Championship match - between Champion Vishwanathan Anand and the winner of the upcoming Candidates matches in Kazan, Russia during the month of May - has also been withdrawn. FIDE remains confident that a home for the World Championship will still be found.

Development Commission Meeting - Bermuda

At the Olympiad/FIDE Congress in Khanty Mansiysk I was invited to serve on the Development Commission and the Arbiters' Commission. The former held its first meeting recently in Bermuda, immediately prior to (and between rounds of) the fabled Bermuda Chess Open. This Commission was formerly known as CACDEC, or chess assistance for developing countries. Without abandoning its roots, the Development Commission wishes to broaden its mandate to increasing the level of chess development around the world. One of the measures we hope to implement is the publication of development statistics, including "rateable games per capita", possibly modified to incorporate the human development index, in all FIDE member countries. Americas Continental Treasurer Allan Herbert (Barbados) chairs the Commission.

Canada was led at the Bermuda chess tournament by GM Pascal Charbonneau, who finished equal first. Bill Doubleday, Gordon Ritchie, Conrad Ho, Andrei Moffat and I rounded out the delegation. This chess tournament is a uniquely wonderful experience and I recommend it highly. IA Carol Jarecki certainly know her way around the tournament hall, and Nigel Freeman, Larry Ebbin and Nick Faulks were able hosts. I thank them all.

Respectfully Submitted

Hal Bond, IO, IA FIDE Zone President and Delegate, Canada

<u>Chess Federation of Canada</u> <u>Minutes of the January 2011 On-line Governors' Meeting</u> January 15 - 22, 2011

- 1. The meeting was convened by the President and the agenda was approved with several items added in new business. Non-Governors should note that most of the debate on the following items was taking place simultaneously during the course of the meeting.
- 2. The meeting was attended by 42 Governors: Bob Armstrong, Michael Barron, Garland Best, Vladimir Birarov, Ilia Bluvshtein, Hal Bond, Stuart Brammall, Hugh Brodie, Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Rob Clark, Ken Craft, Lyle Craver, Valer Eugen Demian, William G. Doubleday, Mark S. Dutton, Ken Einarsson, Chris Felix, Christopher Field, Bob Gillanders (president), Phil Haley, Daxin Jin, Richard Keep, Paul Leblanc, Christopher Mallon, Aris Marghetis, Patrick McDonald, Fred McKim, Ellen Nadeau, Nikolay Noritsyn, Garvin Nunes, Simon Ong, Halldor P. Palsson, Rick Pedersen, Vlad Rekhson, Gordon Ritchie, David Steer, Lynn Stringer, Alick Tsui, Michael von Keitz, Howard Wu, Egidijus Zeromskis,
- 3. President's Welcome & Report Bob Gillanders the President welcomed Governors to the meeting and outlined how the meeting would be conducted. The president declared motions 2011-D, 2011-E and 2011-F to be "constitutional" motions. He outlined when the times for voting on the motions would be during the meeting. Motion 2011-C (CYCC eligibility) was relabeled 28e and ruled that the 3 amendments to this motion were sufficiently distinct that they could be debated and voted as motions 28f, 28g and 28h rather than extending the meeting to debate them as amendments.
- 4. Instructions/Questions/Comments on the On-line Meeting Procedures: the President ruled that he was not yet satisfied with the vBulletin software in the area of voting but hoped this could be settled in time to allow voting within the Forum for the April meeting. Votes were to be cast by e-mails to both the President and Secretary. There was a fair bit of procedural wrangling.

OFFICER REPORTS

- 5. Rating Auditor Report Bill Doubleday Bill's report mostly concerned the question of under-rated juniors and was deferred to item 37A under New Business. There was a concern expressed about the current location of the rating system source code which all agree is very old
- 6. Women's Coordinator Report Daxin Jin. The key points were:
 - 1. Collabrate with Willowdale chess club for the 2011 Toronto Woman Chess Championship.
 - 2. In process with FIDE rep Hal Bond for the 2011 Canadian Closed Woman Chess Championship and Zonal
 - 3. cooperate with Oriole Chess club organizer Corinna for the 2011 Ontario Girls Championship

7. Public Relations Coordinator – Report – Bob Armstrong

At the Toronto July CFC AGM, the governors passed Motion 2010-17 creating a non-executive officer position of "Public Relations Coordinator" (upgrading the prior position of Director of Publicity). 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.

This position in its initial creation never got filled. I volunteered in Sept. 2010 to be "acting "Public Relations Coordinator, and carried on the task for a few months. Then in November I agreed to take on the position permanently.

Because of this situation, the CFC has never developed a bank of Canadian mainstream media contacts who might be willing to publish CFC Press Releases on chess items, or to write articles on chess. I have now developed a list of some 50 print, on-line, TV and radio contacts across the country (though most in Ontario still) to which I send the CFC Press Releases. If anyone can supply me with a contact with their local media across the country, and an e-mail address, I will add them to my lists. I write some press releases myself, and on some I collaborate with others, under who's name the press release may appear.

CFC is making its CFC Press Releases available to any member for any publicity efforts they might be undertaking. They are always posted on the CFC "News "Forum. I have asked to be advised of any efforts made and use of the material, so CFC can build a file on the efforts being made to promote chess in Canada.

Newspapers do not acknowledge press releases (too many daily) and do not notify you if they make use of one. So I have asked that if anyone sees/hears an article on one of our press releases in any of the papers, or on TV or on radio, they advise me. I have been warned that it has not been easy to get chess material into the mainstream media, and this has been my experience so far. But our press releases do often generate an inquiry or two, and we have been successful in getting some print and on-line articles published based on our press release, and my conversations with the respective journalists. We have also arranged a number of TV interviews for some of our elite players – in some cases I have also been interviewed to give the CFC perspective on the event. Nevertheless, CFC should have very modest expectations of success on this front. But hopefully, over time, with developing contacts, this will change.

If anyone has any newspaper, television or radio contacts I might be able to use, or any advice on this effort, please e-mail me: bobarm@sympatico.ca

CFC has issued 7 Press Releases in 2010 (from our start in August - see the CFC

Chess "News "Forum):

- 1. Canadians Do Well at World Junior Chess Championship
- 2. WIM Yuanling Yuan Leads Can. Women's Olympiad Team
- 3. Canada Supports Karpov for FIDE Presidency
- 4. Top Canadian Knocks Off World # 2 At World Chess Olympiad
- 5. Canadian Olympiad Teams To Get "Red Carpet" Treatment
- 6. Canadian Jason Cao New U 10 World Chess Champion
- 7. FM Jason Cao Wins 2010 Canadian Chess Player of the Year Award

This is a challenging task, but it is one of the core objectives of the CFC – promotion of chess to the general public through mainstream media. I feel we are finally making some modest progress on this objective.

8. Other Officers' Reports (Executive/ Non-executive). There were no other reports given but there was a short Q&A on financials with the 3rd Quarter financials due at the end of January. The important point to note on this 8 month summary is that the CFC is on budget

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Procedures' Committee – Report – Bob Armstrong

Report of the Procedures' Committee

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. We decided initially that it was best that this committee function through a number of subcommittees who would have differing personnel and differing tasks. Three subcommittees were 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 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 still active see separate report.
- **3. The CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee** Kerry Liles still active see separate report

For 2010-11, since Bob G has become the new CFC President, he replaced Eric Van Dusen as the other member of the Committee.

10. AGM Modernization Subcommittee - Report - Bob Armstrong

Report of AGM Modernization Subcommittee

The AGM Modernization Subcommittee is now myself as Chair, Chris Mallon and Michael von Keitz. It is a Subcommittee of the Procedures' Committee (myself as Chair and Bob Gillanders). Originally the Subcommittee developed a CFC AGM

Model (initial rough draft by Chris). It will see the AGM take place at the Can. Open as usual, but the proceedings there will be broadcast in both audio and video, so it can be received by governors across the country on their computers. The not-on-site governors will be able to type in to the meeting text of their comments/questions/ etc., and they will be read out by the Secretary using the laptop, to those governors on-site.

Here is the Model:

A CFC Model AGM

Revision # 2, August 12, 2010

Purpose of Modernizing the CFC AGM:

There are two main purposes of the modernization of the AGM:

- 1. to allow governors from across the country, who cannot make the AGM, to participate to a high degree in the AGM on-site proceedings.
- 2. to try to replace as much as possible, the somewhat anti-democratic "Proxy system (whereby an absent governor gives an attending governor his vote, allowing some governors to have 2 or 3 votes themselves!). Governors will be able to participate by computer interactivity, and vote from home, and so will not need to consider a proxy.

Components of a Modernized AGM:

- **1. On-site Component** This will have a face-to-face governor meeting component, as is now done. But it will use technology which will allow governors to participate from their own home computers video and audio broadcasting; texting, both ways..
- **2. Website Use** It will employ a broadcasting server. Since it is employing a website, governors not present will not need to download any special program. They can just log in.
- **3. Webcam Use** It will use visual technology to give non-present governors greater participation. The video will coordinate with audio broadcasting. This way, when someone present at the AGM location is speaking, they will be able to be seen by non-present governors.
- **4. Audio Broadcast** It will use audio technology to give non-present governors greater participation, although this will be one-way broadcasting from the site, at the same time as the video broadcasting. Non-present governors will only need normal speakers to receive the audio of the meeting.
- **5. Text Participation** Non-present governors will participate by typing text into the laptop on site. The Secretary will read aloud the texts to the on-site governors.
- **6. "Speaking "Order** Non-present governors will indicate to the secretary on site with the laptop (could be the CFC Secretary, or the CFC E.D, or someone else who can be on site), that they wish to speak, and there will be a system for assigning the order of texting in. The secretary will read out the text to the present governors as he

recognizes the text writers.

- **7. Voting** the Chair of the meeting, usually the President, will convey by webcam that he is calling a vote on a motion, after sufficient discussion. Then all non-present governors can type in their vote, which will be recorded by the secretary. This will therefore be a public vote, since everyone will see how governors are voting. This approximates the public voting by show of hands that will be occurring for the present governors. As well, there will a mechanism for private messages that can be used for confidential votes, such as elections which are traditionally by secret ballot.
- **8. Proxies** Governors will only be allowed their own vote they will not be able to hold a proxy. But a governor not attending will be able to give his proxy to a substitute, a non-governor. This could either be a full discretionary proxy, or a "directed "proxy (setting out the vote to be cast on the various motions), or a combination.
- **9. Vote Registration Form** for those non-attending governors who do not want to get involved in the proxy system, they will be able to send to the secretary a voting certificate, setting out their vote for all motions, and the secretary will cast their votes at the relevant time.

Superiority of the Model Over Current Teleconferencing

The Subcommittee on AGM Modernization has developed a model which tries to make the new AGM as interactive as possible, to encourage governors from across the country to join in by computer and to participate if they cannot themselves physically attend. We did consider teleconferencing. But the feeling was that it was not interactive enough, and that the logistics of dealing over the phone in conference with some 45 governors not on-site were very difficult. There is the problem of speakers interrupting each other trying to be identified to speak next, if not interrupting the speaker directly to speak. It was felt that using other multi-media approaches would eliminate much of this difficulty.

So, we are proposing:

- 1. Video one-way broadcasting this will make the AGM much more attractive for non-on-site governors to participate. They can sit at home at their computer and view the meeting in progress. Speakers will go to the video chair, and so all governors will see the speaker across the country. Speakers will line up to speak on-site, just as speakers do at microphones at conferences. It may even be possible that the operator of the camcorder will be able to focus on speakers where they are sitting, to make the process easier. It is important to see a speaker's body language when there is important debate going on it helps interpret what the speaker is saying, and their commitment to their position.
- **2.1** way audio broadcasting at the same time as video is being broadcast, the audio of the speaker's voice will also be being broadcast simultaneously. The non-on-site governors only need speakers to be able to participate in this way, which most computer users have.
- **3. Computer Texting 1-way** (from non-on-site governors in to the Secretary of the meeting who is using a laptop) governors will identify themselves to "speak" by

texting in their request by computer. This way there is no confusion about who is identifying themselves to speak, and an order of speaking is clear. Also, governors can text in their messages at the same time as others are typing in, rather than having to wait for one speaker to finish. The texting process lets the speaker complete his text, and then the computer enters in sequence the next texters (just like on a discussion board). The secretary will then read out the input from the non-on-site governor to the on-site governors. Non-on-site governors will therefore be able to see the input of other non-on-site governors either by reading the text on their own computers, or by hearing and seeing the on-site Secretary reading the input. It is felt this way the Secretary can keep control and order in the "speaking "process. This is similar to the discussion board process used at the Trial Governors' On-line Meeting in April, and it worked quite well. We need an IT person to advise us whether our current Governors' Discussion Board may in some way be able to be integrated into the texting issue.

- **4. Computer website** there are various internet computer sites that can handle this audio/video/texting broadcasting, we were told but the texting aspect is not yet certain. This is one of the reasons we need an IT person to research the market for us, and to develop a plan that incorporates and integrates all three aspects.
- **5. Voting** it will be possible for the President to call a vote on a motion, and for non-on-site governors to text in their vote. We are also asking in the IT contract for the Technological Implementation Plan to consider if the Governors' Discussion Board might be useful here, since it has a "Polling "feature, that was very successfully used at the Trial Governors' On-line Meeting in April.

We have been told that we are pretty much leading edge on trying to develop this model of large multi-person, multi-media conferencing, but that the technology to do this is currently out there. It just needs to be coordinated somehow to realize our project, since there is no existent package that does this.

We feel what we are proposing is much superior to current teleconferencing, and will attract more non-on-site governors across the country to participate. It is an advanced technology we are trying to implement, but apparently it is doable, and the expense is relatively low.

Further Documentation & Course of Action

We have also developed for the assistance of an IT Contractor, "Notes on a Technological Implementation Plan". The revised 2010-11 budget, if passed, allocates to the Subcommittee \$ 500 for us to contract to have prepared for us this "Technological Implementation Plan". Once we have the plan, then we will be able to go ahead and try to find a volunteer Trial AGM Coordinator to hold a trial AGM on the new model, and using the technology recommended. We are targeting the 2011 July CFC AGM for the modernization.

We have now posted our Request for Proposals for a Technological Implementation Plan on both the Governors' Board and the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum. The latest post has a Jan. 30 deadline for submissions. Unfortunately, we have not yet received any proposals. It has been suggested by one IT specialist who volunteers to advise us from time to time, that what we want may be too advanced as a total package, and people are unwilling to take the task on. We will have to see if this route brings any

progress.

The Subcommittee would be pleased to distribute the "Model" and "Notes" to anyone requesting them (e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca).

The Subcommittee is also themselves investigating further options. I've spoken to GoToWebinar, a branch of GoToMeeting, recommended by Steve Karpik, one of our IT volunteer advisors, that deals with a larger number of off-site participants, as we will have. So far it is looking like a good first step, though it implements only part of our total model. If we want, we can change the Spring April quarterly on-line meeting into a one-day meeting, that will be a trial of the model proposed for the AGM. We will use GoToWebinar, and it will be **free** for the trial run. We can then see if people like it and want iit for the AGM. It will be a \$99 charge if we use it then for the July AGM.

Michael von Keitz' is also investigating Skype. He said he'd be able to get to it in a few weeks.

Also I'm looking into Chris' initial suggestion of Webcast2000.com, but my initial impression (and it was Steve's as well when he looked at their website a while back) is that they do something slightly different, and they haven't replied to my e-mail yet.

So overall, it's looking like we may get at least some of our model implemented for the July meeting – cautious optimism at this point - and we still have some options where we're doing ongoing investigation.

11. CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee - Report - Kerry Liles

I have had Gerry update the following sections of the Handbook on the CFC website:

Section 2: Letters Patent, Bylaws, Regulations

Section 8: Canadian Championship

Section 9: Requirements and Guidelines for Important Events

Section 10: Invitational Youth Championships: Junior, Cadet

The changes I made bring those sections up to date with motions up to and including the latest CFC AGM (in the summer) and the last online Governors meeting (as best I can determine). In such cases, the modified sections contain appropriate attribution at the end of a modified section, such as: "[Motion 2010-xx]" so that readers can establish the relevant motion pertaining to the (new) wording.

There are a number of suggestions made by Fred McKim (and others) that have not been completed.

Most of these changes are considered minor clarifications or changes in wording for consistency or just general clarity.

Since the entire website is under re-construction, I would recommend that subsequent changes be deferred until the new website and procedures are established. The content management system that inevitably will be used for the new website will necessitate a change in way handbook updates are made (for the better).

- 12. Tournament Director and Organizer Certification Program (TDOCP) no report was made
- 13. Membership/Rating Fee Restructuring Committee no report was made and this turned into a general discussion on Motion 2011-A on which the President ruled Governors would have a discussion but no vote would be taken. In general the question was whether a system with higher rating fees but no membership fees would be preferable to the status quo.
- 14. CFC Life Membership this turned into a general discussion on the usefulness of continuing to offer CFC Life Memberships. There were some provincial concerns discussed but the general consensus was that life memberships were generally a positive thing.
- 15. Tournament Coordination Committee no report
- 16. CFC Youth Committee Report Michael Barron

Dear Governors,

I would like to thank all people who joined the CFC Youth Committee this year. We have currently 16 Committee members, and very active (sometimes even overly heated ③) discussions on the private CFC Youth Committee Forum.

You all can see results of these discussions:

- 2 competing bids for 2011 CYCC,
- new CYCC qualification system,
- 2 motions presented for discussion at this online meeting, and many other positive developments...

And the main result you could see at any "adult" chess tournament - just count the number of young players... \bigcirc

Please help us to encourage children to play chess! They are the future of our Federation!

- 17. Ethics Committee Status Report There was no report but there was a review of CFC committees as mandated by the Handbook and the last AGM. The view was expressed that the Ethics committee should be instituted on an ad hoc basis as opposed to being a standing committee.
- 18. 2011 Canadian Open there was no report but Governors were directed to www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen for further information.
- 19. 2011 Canadian Junior Update Bob Gillanders

The organizing committee is a collection of organizers from the Mississauga and Hamilton chess clubs. This is our first try at a national championship, so I hope we don't made too many rookie errors. We had a meeting last night to iron out the details. The initial announcement can be found on the Mississauga website. Additional details will be posted soon.

http://www.mississaugachessclub.ca/

Some of the details we discussed last night were how do we accommodate players from distant places. We are making arrangements for hotel accommodations and shuttle services. It would be great if there was financial support from provincial associations for their players.

20. 2011 CYCC - Update - Anna Jin

- 1. Final contract signed with CYCC Venue.
- 2. Working progress in looking for sponsorship for CYCC.
- 3. Contacted numbers of regional and provincal youth chess originazors to promote YCCs cross Canada.
- 4. CYCC flyers were distributed to several provinces and cities.
- 5. Confimred equipment (chess sets, clocks etc) for CYCC.
- 6. Working closly with CO regarding about CYCC players registration at CO and transportation.
- 7. CYCC website was designed and launched.
- 8. Pre-Qualified players and all players who already qualified through YCCs have been listed on CYCC website.
- 9. registration started..

21. 2011 Provincial YCC Qualifiers to the 2011 CYCC – Progress - Michael Barron Dear Governors,

As you know, this year we use new qualification system for CYCC. Every Provincial Affiliate has the right and responsibility to develop YCC qualification system in its province according to local conditions.

We have very positive YCC start.

In November YCC Qualifiers took place in Quebec and Northern Ontario, there will be YCC Qualifiers in BC, Alberta, several in Ontario, Fred McKim mentioned that he considered doing something in the Maritimes.

But to make this project truly nation-wide, we need help from every Provincial Affiliate, from every CFC Governor.

Specifically, I didn't get any response yet from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Anyone know someone in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, who could organize youth chess championship?

Regarding CYCC qualification I have contacted the following people in each Province: ONTARIO - Patrick McDonald,
NORTHERN ONTARIO - John Rutherford,
QUEBEC - Marc Poulin,
BRITISH COLUMBIA - Ken Jensen,
ALBERTA - Simon Ong,

SASKATCHEWAN - Donald MacKinnon, MANITOBA - Ken Einarsson, NEW BRUNSWICK - Ghislaine Johnson, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - Jan Giles, NOVA SCOTIA - Stirling Dorrance, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR - Chris Dawson.

The current situation in each of these provinces:

ONTARIO:

- Toronto Regional YCC: February,
- Windsor Regional YCC: February,
- West Toronto Qualifier: January April,
- PMCA Qualifier: January July,
- North Toronto Qualifier: March,
- Ontario YCC : May.

NORTHERN ONTARIO:

- Northern Ontario YCC: November, 77 qualified,
- Ontario francophone's YCC : April.

QUEBEC:

- Quebec YCC: November, 36 qualified,
- Quebec Junior Championship: February.

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

- Victoria Regional YCC: March,
- BC YCC : April.

ALBERTA:

- Alberta YCC : February.

SASKATCHEWAN:

- no response.

MANITOBA:

- no response.

NEW BRUNSWICK:

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:

NOVA SCOTIA:

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR:

- Fred McKim mentioned that he considered doing something in the Maritimes. One of possibilities is combined qualifier for all 4 provinces.

Please help in organizing CYCC qualifiers in every province and encouraging children to play chess!

They are the future of our Federation!

22. Outstanding National Championships (Closed/Women's Closed) – Update – Bob Gillanders

We are 3 for 5 now,

Canadian Open, CYCC, and Canadian Junior in the hopper,

but we still have the Canadian Closed and Women's Closed to go.

FIDE has advised us the deadline for the closed is now May 31st

23. CFC Discussion Boards Upgrade – Update – Chris Mallon
As of around midnight this morning, the CFC discussion board has been fully upgraded to vBulletin 3.8.6.

This version adds a lot of new features, which I'm not sure we really need and will probably disable - at least some of them (like social groups for instance).

The number one thing it does from my perspective is it fights the automated spam bots. We peaked at **700** spam-bot registrations on January 3rd, and average over 600 a day for the past three months. That is a lot of accounts for me to manage, but in the 8ish hours since the upgrade we haven't had a single one manage to get through the registration process.

The final cost was \$50 USD. I can't see it on my VISA bill yet but our dollar is above par so even with the surcharge it should be around that amount.

The other main advantage of this version is we can use plugins to add certain features we may want, for example in the last meeting we discussed one that would allow people to change their votes on polls, which may be useful as part of the online voting.

I continue to act as the Forum Administrator despite it being years since I was officially named to do so. I'm happy to continue in this role so long as the Exec wants me to. I know the office has suggested that they take it over, but I believe there are some issues there with Governor confidentiality that need to be addressed first.

- 24. New CFC Website Update Fred McKim no report was presented at the meeting but has since been sent by e-mail to the Governors
- 25. CFC Membership Drive CFC/Club Joint Advertising Campaign Update Bob Gillanders no report was made but was felt to be something that would be a priority as part of the new website roll-out

MOTIONS:

26. Motion 2011-A - Single Annual CFC Membership & Fee - For Discussion - <u>This is</u> <u>for discussion only and no vote will be taken on this item</u>

Motion 2011-A - Single Annual CFC Membership & Fee - For Discussion

Moved: Aris Marghetis (no longer supports the motion); Seconded: Chris Mallon

- that CFC replace the memberships for Adult, Family, and Junior, with a single new annual CFC membership, and the rate for the federal portion would be \$30.

27. Motion 2011-B: (moved by Vladimir Birarov, seconded by Valer Demian:

Motion to replace current wording of Handbook paragraph 1012 with following new wording:

1012.Participation in the World Events:

INVITED PLAYERS

(a) Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) is a qualifier to international youth chess competitions.

Top 3 finishers in each section are qualified to become official representatives for:

- 1) World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC);
- 2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship;
- 3) North American Youth Chess Championship.

If the winner is unable to participate, the second place finisher shall be invited to go in his place. If the second place finisher also declines, the highest finisher in the tournament who is willing to participate in the world event (if not rejected by CFC Executive due to the sub paragraph (d)), shall be selected. The CFC Board of Directors shall use an appropriate tie breaking method to break ties if required to determine the order of finish.

All official representatives to WYCC should receive financial support from CFC to reduce their travel expenses.

(b) Players with the Special Rights according to FIDE rules will be eligible to participate at WYCC notwithstanding to their participation at CYCC. In case of participation at CYCC, CFC will pay the cost of transportation for such players to WYCC in full.

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

- (c) 2nd and 3rd prize-winners (including tie-breakers for 2nd and 3rd places) in each category will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds.
- (d) All other CYCC participants wishing to participate at WYCC are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation during 15 days after ending of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application in case if the applicant's level at his discretion is significantly lower than the average level of his/her category at WYCC. All players whose applications will be approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$150 to CFC Youth Program fund.
- (e) 3 top CFC rated players in each category (by January 1st of the current year) if not

able to participate at CYCC due to extraordinary circumstances, and wishing to participate at WYCC, are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation at WYCC before the start of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application at their discretion in case if applicant's circumstances are not valid and/or exceptional. All players whose applications will be approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$300 to CFC Youth Program fund.

28. Motion 2011-C: (moved by Michael Barron, seconded by Anna Jin)

To amend section 1003 of the CFC Handbook:

"1003. Players: {Motion 2009-13 2009 AGM Nadeau/Lavin}

The following players shall be eligible to participate in each Youth Tournament provided they comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007:

- (a) The qualifiers from that year's YCC's.
- (b) The qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year.
- (c) The highest rating of each age category {open & female} of each Province {as of May 1st prior to the CYCC}
- (d) The host organizer may nominate three players for each category from the host location. {Amendment of Original Motion Barron/Langer}"

by adding the clause:

"(e) The former CYCC champions"

29. Motion 2011 – D – On-line Meeting Procedures Amendment to s. 5 – Constitutional Amendments – For Discussion – Bob Armstrong

Governors please note that this is a <u>Constitutional Amendment whose passage is subject to the provisions of the Handbook</u>

Motion 2011 – D – On-line Meeting Procedures Amendment to s. 5 – Constitutional Amendments – For Discussion

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Michael von Keitz

- that <u>SECTION 2</u> -Rules and Regulations, Article One, section 22A - **Procedures for Governors' On-Line Meetings, s. 5**, :be amended by deleting the words: ", and 50% quorum for non-AGM constitutional amendments ".

30. Motion 2011- E - No Proxy for Governors' On-line Meetings – For Discussion – Bob Armstrong

- Motion 2011- E - No Proxy for Governors' On-line Meetings – For Discussion

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Fred McKim

- That Rules and Regulations, s. 21, Proxies, be amended by adding after the words
- "21. Any Governor who is unable to be personally present at a meeting of the Assembly may appoint any person to act as his proxy."

the following sentence:

" Proxies are not applicable to the non-AGM quarterly governors' on-line meetings – this is directed, beyond generally, at Bylaw # 3, s. 3 (a)."

31. Motion 2011 – F – Opening Governors' On-line Meeting to the Public – For Discussion –

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Ken Einarsson

- that CFC Handbook <u>SECTION 2</u> Rules and Regulations, Article One, section 22A **Procedures for Governors' On-Line Meetings** be amended as follows:
- 1. Section 1, The Meeting, subsection (i) be amended by deleting the words "

the CFC Governors' Discussion Board " and substituting for them the following:

- " a special public CFC Discussion Forum. However the limitations shall be:
 - 1. only governors will be able to post;
 - 2. the public will be able to see all posts, replies, polls, etc. seen by the Governors, but shall have "view-only" status; they will be unable to post.

Where the governors vote that a matter is "confidential" in nature, and should be dealt with "in camera", the Chairperson shall direct that the meeting be adjourned to such Private CFC Discussion Forum as may be available, including the Governors' Discussion Board. In such a case, after the confidential matter has been dealt with, the Chair shall direct that the meeting resume in the public forum.

2. Section 3, Role of the Posting Secretary, s.5, Vote Results, and s. 6, Meeting Minutes, be amended by substituting for the words "Governors' Discussion Board "wherever they occur, the words "meeting Discussion Board"

32. Motion 28f - CYCC Qualification

Motion: Bob Gillanders (mover), Stuart Brammall (seconder)

To amend section 1003 of the CFC Handbook:

"1003. Players: {Motion 2009-13 2009 AGM Nadeau/Lavin}

The following players shall be eligible to participate in each Youth Tournament provided they comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007:

- (a) The qualifiers from that year's YCC's.
- (b) The qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year.
- (c) The highest rating of each age category {open & female} of each Province {as of May 1st prior to the CYCC}
- (d) The host organizer may nominate three players for each category from the host location. {Amendment of Original Motion Barron/Langer}"

by adding the clause:

- (f) where there is no provincial qualifier, up to 3 players may be qualified at the discretion of the provincial youth coordinator. In the absence of a Provincial Coordinator, players would apply to the CFC Youth Co-ordinator.
- 33. Motion 28g Francisco Cabanas (mover), Stuart Brammall (seconder)

That motion 2011-C be amended as follows: Add "and Territory" after Province under clause (c)

The amended clause (c) would read:

- (c) The highest rated of each age category {open & female} of each Province and Territory {as of May 1st prior to the CYCC}
- 34. Motion 28h Stuart Brammall (mover), Bob Armstrong (seconder)

That section 1003 of the CFC handbook be amended to include the following:

(e) The top ten rated players in each age category in the country (as of may 1st prior to the CYCC).

Commentary:

Thus the text of section 1003 will be:

1003. Players: {Motion 2009-13 2009 AGM Nadeau/Lavin}

The following players shall be eligible to participate in each Youth Tournament provided they comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007:

- (a) The qualifiers from that year's YCC's.
- (b) The qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year.
- (c) The highest rating of each age category {open & female} of each Province {as of

May 1st prior to the CYCC}

- (d) The host organizer may nominate three players for each category from the host location. {Amendment of Original Motion Barron/Langer}
- (e) The top ten rated players in each age category in the country (as of may 1st prior to the CYCC)

RESULTS OF VOTING:

Motion 2011-B

Votes Yes (26) Armstrong, Barron, Birarov, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Cabanas, Craver, Demian, Dutton, Einarsson, Felix, Field, Jin, Leblanc, McKim, Nadeau, Noritsyn, Ong, Palsson, Rekhson, Steer, von Keitz, Wu

Votes No (3): Craft, Doubleday, McDonald Abstentions (2): Clark, Haley

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2011-D

Votes Yes (20) Armstrong, Barron, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Bunning, Cabanas, Clark, Craft, Dutton, Einarsson, Felix, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, McDonald, McKim, Steer, von Keitz, Wu, Votes

No (5): Craver, Doubleday, Field, Noritsyn, Palsson Abstentions (5): Birarov, Brodie, Demian, Ong, Rekhson

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2011-E

Votes Yes (31): Armstrong, Barron, Birarov, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Cabanas, Clark, Craft, Craver, Demian, Doubleday, Dutton, Einarsson, Felix, Field, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, McDonald, McKim, Nadeau, Noritsyn, Ong, Palsson, Rekhson, Steer, von Keitz, Wu Votes No (0)

Abstentions (0)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2011-F

Votes Yes (9): Armstrong, Craft, Demian, Doubleday, Einarsson, Haley, Jin, Rekhson, Wu Votes No (21): Barron, Birarov, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Cabanas, Clark, Craver, Dutton, Felix, Field, Leblanc, McKim, Nadeau, Noritsyn, Ong, Palsson, Steer, von Keitz Abstentions (1): McDonald

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion 28E

Votes Yes (25): Armstrong, Barron, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Cabanas, Clark, Craft, Craver, Dutton, Einarsson, Felix, Field, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, McKim, Noritsyn, Palsson, Rekhson, Steer, von Keitz, Wu Votes No (4): Demian, McDonald, Nadeau, Ong

Abstentions (1): Birarov

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 28F

Votes Yes (23): Armstrong, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Clark, Craft, Craver, Dutton, Felix, Field, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, McDonald, McKim, Noritsyn, Ong, Rekhson, Steer, von Keitz, Wu

Votes No (5): Barron, Birarov, Cabanas, Demian, Nadeau

Abstentions (0)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 28G

Votes Yes (27): Armstrong, Barron, Birarov, I Bluvshtein, Bond, Brammall, Brodie ,Bunning, Cabanas, Craft, Craver, Demian, Dutton, Felix, Field, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, McDonald, McKim, Nadeau, Noritsyn, Ong, Rekhson, Steer, von Keitz, Wu Votes No (1): Clark Abstentions (0)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 28H

Votes Yes (14): Armstrong, Brammall, Brodie, Bunning, Craft, Dutton, Felix, Field, Haley, Jin, Leblanc, Rekhson, Steer, Wu

Votes No (11): Barron, Birarov, I Bluvshtein, Clark, Craver, Demian, McDonald, McKim, Nadeau, Noritsyn, von Keitz

Abstentions (3): Bond, Cabanas, Ong

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS AND CLOSING COMMENTS

New Business item A – For discussion: Under-rated players. Is there a need to adjust the rating system to allow rapidly rising new players, particularly juniors, to reach their true performance level more quickly?

New Business item B – a discussion took place on the pros and cons of extending the Online Governors' Meetings from 7 to 14 days

New Business item C – a discussion took place on appointing a Youth Olympiad Coordinator. Some expressed concern about a new position while others said it would help fundraising efforts.

39. Concluding Address by the President

Well, another quarterly meeting finished. My thanks to all those governors who attended and contributed. I believe roll call was 42 governors, same as last time. Excellent in my opinion.

We accomplished 2 important goals. The first, new rules regarding who gets invited to the WYCC. Many thanks to Michael and the Youth committee for their many hours of deliberation. And second, the 4 amendments to the CYCC qualification rules. These will help ensure we have a successful CYCC and ease us softly into a new qualification system. I am grateful for the major progress in our youth program that these measures represent. Still lots of work to do, but the

progress is undeniable.

At times the meeting was hijacked by more political issues. To be perfectly frank, I found this very frustrating and unproductive. If we are to succeed in our quest, we need to find a way past all this silliness. I was surprised to discover that the President does not get to vote. So I didn't. I will then just take comfort in the fact that all the votes went my way anyways

Appendix 1: 3rd Quarter Financials

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JANUARY 31, 2011 UNAUDITED

		Jan 31st 2011		April 30th	
				2010	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	\$	9,339	\$	10,450	
In Trust with Foundation	_	60,072	•	65,809	
Accounts receivable		6,128		4,860	
Prepaid expenses		3,917		3,917	
		79,456		85,036	
CAPITAL ASSETS		9,218		3,319	
	\$	88,674	\$	88,355	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	5,687	\$	8,434	
Deferred Foundation contribution		1,816		-	
Deferred membership revenue		20,581		20,581	
		28,084		29,015	
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS		7,797		10,265	
EQUITY					
Opening balance		49,075		36,942	
Net revenue for the year		3,718		12,133	
		52,793		49,075	
	\$	88,674	\$	88,355	

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2011 UNAUDITED

	9 months		12 months
	2011		2010
REVENUE	10.010	•	
Sales of books and equipment	\$ 19,316	\$	22,070
Memberships	36,708		46,767
Contribution from Foundation	5,447		3,624
Rating fees	19,394		28,582
Donations	4,494		11,640
Other programs	87,347		58,701
Other revenue	611		532
	173,317		171,916
EXPENDITURE			
Cost of sales	12,795		17,730
Cost of Sales	12,795		17,730
General and administrative			
Administration services	33,086		42,939
Office	8,878		9,963
Travel & Misc.	778		1,801
	42,742		54,703
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Programs Publication; e-Newsletter	13,200		7,550
International	5,955		8,045
Contributions to clubs and affiliates	5,220		10,948
Contributions to Chess Foundation	2,340		2,106
Other programs	87,347		58,701
	114,062		87,350
	169,599		159,783
NET REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	\$ 3,718	\$	12,133

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JANUARY 31, 2011 UNAUDITED

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Olympic Donations	Youth CC Program	Kalev Pugi Program	TOTAL
Balance - begin of year	\$ 3,120	\$ 5,262	\$ 1,843	\$ 10,225
Add: contributions Less: recognized as revenue	11,192 (14,312)	72,907 (70,435)	820 (2,600)	84,919 (87,347)
Balance - end of quarter	\$ - ;	\$ 7,734	\$ 63	\$ 7,797

ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	9 ו	9 months 2011	
Annual memberships Tournament memberships Adjustment to deferred revenue Life memberships	\$	30,912 3,456 - 2,340	\$ 41,632 3,510 -481 2,106
Membership revenue reported	_	36,708	46,767
Less: Foundation donation		2,340	2,106
Net membership revenue	\$	34,368	\$ 44,661

Deadline for submissions to GL#4 is Monday, February 28, 2011

Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, 356 Ontario Street, Suite 373, Stratford, ON N5A 7X6 Phone: (519) 508-2362, Fax: (519) 508-6595, E-Mail: secretary@chess.ca