

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

GOVERNORS' LETTER ONE

2003-2004



Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, E-1 2212 Gladwin Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K1B 5N1, fax: 613-733-5209, E-Mail: info@chess.ca

Deadline for submissions to GL #2: September 20th 2003

President's Message

I would like to thank the many Governors that voted for me and the new Executive for their support. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

The CFC needs more resources to carry out its mission to promote chess in Canada. The AGM rejected going to four issues of En Passant. Therefore membership fees are increasing by \$3 after September 1, 2003. This is the first membership fee increase since 1996. Rating fees will also go up from \$2 per player per event to \$3 effective on the same date.

The new Executive is reviewing all CFC programs and services with the view to cost savings.

The Awarding of the Canadian Open 2004 at the AGM

The Canadian Open 2004 was awarded at the AGM to Kapuskasing. I have given the Kapuskasing organizers until September 30, 2003 to obtain guaranteed funding of \$20,000 for the prize fund and restructure their bid with respect to the CYCC so it complies with current CFC rules for that event.

I have answered Governors from B.C. and elsewhere on the procedural issues and whether the award to Kapuskasing was proper.

My initial ruling that the proposals were not "competing bids conforming to CFC rules" gave the AGM wide latitude to determine the matter of the proposals for the 2004 CO/CYCC before them. I think the AGM was within the CFC rules and made a proper decision.

If my ruling is incorrect, then rule 945 applies and the bids from Three Rivers, Quebec and Kapuskasing, Ontario would go into GL #1 for a vote. The Toronto, Ontario bid expired at the end of the AGM so it does not go into GL #1 for a vote.

On a point of order, the letter from BCCF would probably not qualify as a "competing bid presented at the AGM" because it says: "If the CFC is interested in having these events in B.C., we suggest that the BCCF be given until mid-September, 2003, to finalize its bid."

My opinion is that the AGM would have had to pass a resolution to fit the BCCF letter/future bid into GL #1 for a vote.

"945 In all cases where competing bids are presented at an annual meeting" .. My opinion also relies on 945 (c) which reads: "such bids shall be discussed at the annual meeting and any Governor present at the annual meeting may provide comments on the bid for transmission with the motion covering the bid."

I read the rule to be that the bid as is at the AGM with Governors' comments goes into GL #1 for a vote. No proposal for the 2004 CO/CYCC before me at the AGM in Kapuskasing was ready for GL #1 on that standard.

These issues with respect to competing CO/CYCC bids at the AGM and the right of proponents to bid or revise bids post-AGM for inclusion in GL #1 will not go away. I expect that there will be competing bids for the CO/CYCC at the next two or three AGMs.

Tournament Director & Organizer Certification Program

The CFC has not operated its Tournament Director & Organizer Certification Program since 1992. This program was re-activated at the AGM in Kapuskasing.

CFC records with respect to this program are lost. I ask all previously certified tournament directors to identify themselves to the CFC Secretary Mr. Alvah Mayo.

The way the program will be put into effect is to grandfather tournament directors from the period 1992-2003 into the program. To put that into effect I will be writing to Provincial Chess Association Presidents to ask them to submit a list of TDs that the CFC should certify because of activity in the time period 1992-2003.

As of November 1, 2003 the rules in Ch. 20 (Revised) of the CFC Handbook will come into effect.

Canada's Continental Participation

The CFC sent IM Pascal Charbonneau and GM Alexander Lesiege to the Continental in Argentina August 16-30. Our nominations were due July 15.

GMs Spraggett and Tyomkin declined their invitations. After deciding to go down one spot from the last zonal, IM Glinert was sent an invitation which he declined. The CFC then went to IM and Canadian Champion Pascal Charbonneau. IM Charbonneau had

told the CFC that he wanted to go if a spot became available because of cancellations.

A majority of the Executive wanted to go directly with IM Charbonneau and not offer an invitation to any other zonal participant.

Halldor P. Palsson
President,
Chess Federation of Canada

Help Wanted:

1) Women's Coordinator

The Women's Coordinator is the champion of women's chess for the CFC. The CFC is looking to the Women's Coordinator to make sure we have a zonal for women in 2004.

2) Canadian Championship and Zonal Bids.

Bidders must announce in GL #2. Governors will vote on competing bids in GL #3, which will be out October 15, 2003. Bids should have a minimum of \$2,000 fundraised and budget \$5,000 toward travel to the Continental and World Championship travel. Desired date is after Labour Day 2004.

2003 CFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes for the CFC Annual Meeting at Kapuskasing

Outgoing Meeting of the Assembly of Governors July 14, 2003.

Vice-President David Cohen called the meeting to order. As the CFC President was not present, Cohen announced he would chair the meeting. Cohen announced that since the Secretary was not present, the minutes would be taken by Alvah Mayo.

The first order of business was the registration of proxies. There were ten governors present and twenty-seven proxies for a total of thirty-seven votes. Given the above, under CFC regulations each governor was permitted to hold a maximum of three proxies (in addition to his/her own vote).

Governors Present:

Maurice Smith
David Cohen
Alvah Mayo
Halldor Palsson

Neil Macleod
Dilip Panjwani
Ellen Nadeau
Caesar Posylek
John Quiring
Alick Tsui

Outgoing Proxies:

Ari Mendrinos, Phil Haley, Michael Dougherty, Wilf Ferner and Valentine Hompoth held by Maurice Smith.

Kevin Spraggett, Kerry Liles, Les Bunning, Joe Oszvald, Peter Stockhausen, Lyle Craver, Gordon Taylor, John Remillard, Neil Frahey, Eric Van Dusen, Neil Sutherland, Hugh Brodie, Ken Craft and Martin Jaegar held by Halldor Palsson.

Adrien Regimbald, Dave Gomboc, Bruce Thomas and Ronald Hinds held by John Quiring.

Hal Bond held by Neil Macleod.

Fred McKim held by Charles Graves.

Frank Dixon and Cecil Rosner were held by the Secretary.

Graves declined the McKim proxy whereupon it passed to Mayo. Palsson reassigned eleven proxies (three each to Caesar Posylek, Alick Tsui and Ellen Nadeau. Two were assigned to Dilip Panjwani). Quiring chose not to divest Gomboc's proxy. Smith assigned Hompoth and Ferner to Macleod. Frank Dixon was assigned to David Cohen.

The minutes from the last AGM were read. Palsson mentioned an error in the minutes on behalf of Les Bunning. Smith read the corrected wording regarding the motion from Les Bunning and Gordon Taylor. The wording that appeared in the minutes was, "Moved Bunning /Taylor: That the CFC will not advertise conflicting events in a Province upon request from that Province."

The correct wording is: "Moved Bunning/Taylor: That the CFC will not advertise and/or rate a tournament which competes with another event in the same Province when the Provincial Association for that Province requests the CFC in writing not to advertise and /or rate that tournament."

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended (Smith/Palsson). There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Cohen moved on to reports. Cohen commented that the President's report appears to be in GL 9. The Vice-President's report was distributed to the governors. Cohen asked for discussion. Cohen said he hoped his report did not betray any confidences. There was no report from the Past President.

Smith said the Secretary's report is also contained in GL 9. **Smith:** I have a comment. There is hardly anything in the GL so publishing more of them may not be an achievement. I'm not sure if we should continue this. Cohen: it enables us to pass motions quickly. **Panjwani:** we can always have an executive meeting to act quickly. Even six GLs a year may be excessive.

FIDE Report: Commenting on the FIDE report, **Smith:** we never do anything chess wise (e.g. organization of international events) on the international scene so we have little influence in FIDE. If we do run events in the future we must be sure to do it right. I attended the titles meeting. Drug testing was brought up. The testing will continue.

The FIDE President is optimistic about getting chess into the Olympics. The new FIDE time controls are here to stay. The younger players favour faster games. FIDE showed how NOT to run a meeting. There were excessive breaks and people often did not show up on time. The American FIDE representative was very critical of this approach.

The continental association is Spanish dominated. **Cohen**: does the US intend to hold any events? **Smith**: Yes. Canada might be interested as well, South America would like us to do so. My report is in GL 9.

Richard Keep: What is our position on drug testing? **Smith**: we are against it. **Keep**: are there not mind enhancing drugs available?

Panjwani: are there any exceptions for those who need drugs for medical reasons?

Cohen: do you pay your own expenses for FIDE meetings? **Smith**: There was a motion from Phil Haley on this; I pay my own expenses.

Financial Reports: Cohen suggested that we consider all three financial reports together. **Smith**: this was a relatively good year but Gerry has some strong comments which are critical. Let's hear from Gerry Litchfield. **Litchfield**: It seems we are paying out too much money. I don't know if players are expecting us to pay airfares to the Continental Championships. We have cash flow problems as well as En Passant costs and FIDE fees. This year we got a part time employee to replace the casuals we were using previously. **Macleod**: Can we get a line of credit? **Litchfield**: I will investigate it. **Quiring**: I notice book sales are down. We cannot compete with Amazon's margins. Secondly, as a business owner I note that some of our travel expenses are by rule but a lot are because the Executive decides to do it. Are you asking us to reign in the governors? For day to day, we expect reasonable spending. Look at the big picture. **Cohen**: you should mention that before you elect people.

Quiring: on page 5 of the financial statements, what is the national chess library? Secondly, on page 4 under revenues other programs there is an entry of **\$81 000**. Note three refers to deferred contributions; what is that? **Litchfield**: The Belzberg funding may be included there. **Smith**: They are balancing entries. **Palsson**: Donors to the CFC get a charitable tax receipt. Anybody involved in CFC organized chess who wants to fundraise can ask donors to send the

money to the CFC and we issue a charitable tax receipt to the donor. The CFC then turns around and sends the money to the chess activity being supported by the donor.

Cohen: who decides who gets this benefit?

Litchfield: The executive, Les Bunning.

Palsson: when it pertains to the main purpose of the CFC it is ok to do this.

Cohen: Gerry mentioned we might charge for the service. **Litchfield**: Les Bunning said it was part of the CFC's mandate. **Macleod**:

Is this legal? **Palsson**: Most charities do this.

We should give more receipts. **Panjwani**: These are legitimate and we should use them to raise money. **Palsson**: if it's not a legitimate purpose, we don't do it. Maybe we can get the provincial associations to go non-profit. **Tsui**: Can we use this to raise money? I was not aware of this possibility.

Macleod: Is the CFC listed in the public domain? **Cohen**: you can find this out from the CCRA web site.

Quiring: With the Chess Foundation, money gets sent to the CFC coffers and the Kalev Pugi Fund. There has been quite an increase in recent years. **Smith**: it's a donation from the Toronto Building Fund.

Quiring: there seems to be less given out by the Foundation than has been taken in.

Smith: I have a more detailed report on the Foundation. **Cohen**: I suggest we have a motion to approve these financial reports.

Motion (Palsson/Smith) to approve the financial reports passed.

Treasurer's Report: On the Treasurer's Report, **Palsson**: maybe we should go through some items. **Smith**: Bunning has some motions; maybe we should defer.

Cohen: Les mentions his decades of service in the report; I would like to thank him and give our vote of thanks. **Quiring**: Do we give plaques? **Cohen**: we have a bad record there of not appreciating our volunteers.

Quiring: maybe this is an issue for the incoming assembly.

Motion (Palsson/Smith) to accept the Treasurer's Report carried unanimously.

Motion (Palsson/Smith) that the CFC send Les Bunning a plaque thanking him for his thirty years of dedicated service.

Macleod: maybe we should give him an honorary membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Engagement: Cohen asked for a motion to accept the Review and Engagement. **Motion (Smith/Palsson)** to accept the Review and Engagement. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Office Manager's Report: **Quiring:** on a few occasions at the Edmonton Chess Club we have conversations about things. The CFC Office now seems to assume that the problem is at their end when problems arise, so our compliments.

Rating Auditor's Report: Alvah Mayo read the Rating Auditor's report. **Macleod:** what are the requirements for the Master title? **Mayo:** The title requires a 2200+ CFC rating over 24 consecutive games. **Ed Rohanchuk:** We should have more masters, I don't agree with making it too restrictive. **Cohen:** Let's adjourn for five minutes.

The meeting resumed.

Junior Coordinator's report: **Panjwani:** the level of juniors in Canada has been rising. Canada is attracting the best minds. Regarding girls chess we should be proactive even if it costs money. We will benefit from such a policy in the long term. There were a record number of girls at the CYCC this year and the numbers should go higher in the future. **Quiring:** gender should be irrelevant. **Panjwani:** FIDE looks at it differently. **Cohen:** Let's move on.

Women's Coordinator Report: **Cohen:** too bad he was unable to run the Women's Closed this year. **Palsson:** do you know anyone interested in this position?

Master's Representative Report: Palsson:

Spraggett wanted his report on the record.

Smith: has Stockhausen said anything?

Quiring: this report raises questions of privilege. We have rejected reports in the past. This report is vehemently written.

Cohen: Spraggett was concerned about the future of our sponsorship. **Quiring:** it seems clear there were mistakes but I am far from the conclusion that Stockhausen tried to harm the team. Cohen: Spraggett avoided personal targeting. Let's move on to the Chess Foundation.

Chess Foundation: Smith gave out a report to the Governors. **Smith:** It is two pages, there are a few errors. We have five trustees. Lynn Stringer does all the investments. On Donations it is supposed to be nine hundred not nine thousand. On Toronto Building Fund it should be \$24 814.47 and not \$1000 in the 2002 entry. The fund is growing and is now at over \$143 000. Ms Stringer believes in a conservative approach to investing. **Cohen:** this fund was started by Dan Macadam. We should express thanks to Lynn Stringer. **Motion (Smith/Cohen)** to thank Lynn Stringer carried unanimously.

Kalev Pugi Fund: **Smith:** a Pugi Fund committee decides how the money is spent.

Palsson: Is Dilip Panjawani on it? **Panjwani:** I am. The fund has no written guidelines.

Litchfield: On the CFC web site under *About Us*, all the guidelines are there.

Panjwani: What do we do about one person getting all the money or multiple requests from one player? **Cohen:** That seems to be up to the committee.

NAC Report: **Macleod:** Is there work on the TD certification program? **Cohen:** perhaps.

CCCA Report: **Quiring:** What about relations with the CCCA? **Litchfield:**

Maybe we should discontinue the CCCA report. **Palsson:** They disaffiliated when Troy Vail refused them a discount.

CYCC Report: **Litchfield:** We have had more entries than what appears here, we are slated to lose some money. **Panjwani:** maybe we should have departures from major cities to save money on travel. **Cohen:** do we have a report from the organizers. **Nadeau:** it will be in next week.

Motions for vote:

Motion 2003-06: Moved (Frary / Palsson)
Be it so resolved that Handbook paragraph 711 be amended to read, " To be rated under the CFC Blitz (Speed) rating system the maximum game time must be at least 10 minutes but less 50 minutes."

Rating fee of 50 cents per player with a \$5.00 minimum. Only electronic format submissions will be accepted. Which in turn will increase participation in the Chess Federation of Canada.

Cohen: the motion should include the words "less than" before 50 minutes. **Palsson:** 50 cents is probably too low, we should defer the motion. **Cohen:** perhaps we could ask for a resubmission at a later date. **Smith:** I agree, let them resubmit in GL 1. **Cohen:** maybe we could combine the blitz ratings with active ratings. Few people care about their active rating. **Quiring:** what is the break-even cost to rate an event? If it is done efficiently, this could be good. Does our current rating fee cover the costs of rating? **Litchfield:** \$1 would not be enough, \$2 more than covers it. **Cohen:** Let's move on. I will defer the motion and invite the movers to resubmit. The motion is out of order.

Motion 2003-08: Motion (Frary / Van Dusen) to amend motion 2003-07 as follows:

Amendments: Van Dusen/Frary.

Amendment 01: In reference to Article 2, "National team structure", Paragraph 2, "Head of Delegation", Bullet 1 be amended to read: "The Head of Delegation shall represent the interest of the Chess Federation of Canada at the Olympiad and is

answerable to the Executive of the CFC."

Amendment 02: In reference to Article 3, "Selection Procedures", Paragraph 2, "Selection of the Head of Delegation" be amended to read: "The Head of Delegation shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC."

Amendment 03: Revisions shall be made to Section 12 to reflect that the phrase 'National Team' refers to both: a) the Men's team, and b) the Women's team.

As the motion presently reads, any and all uses of the term 'National Team' be amended to 'Men's Team'; with the exception when BOTH the Men's Team and Women's Team are referenced, then the term, 'National Team' shall be used.

For example: Article 2. National team structure, amended to, Article 2. Men's team structure.

Therefore in Article 2. Head of Delegation, Paragraph 2,3, and 5, the term National Team would be acceptably used with reference to our amendment. In Article 3. Selection Procedures., point 5. Selection of the players, ii) The Canadian National Team shall include 6 players, should be amended to read, "ii) The Men's Team ..."

Therefore in Article 9. The Women's Team, paragraph 3, should be amended to "...similar to the captain of the Men's Team." ...etc...

Smith: We should regard them as separate amendments. With regard to the first amendment, we rely on the president in our motion because reaching the executive can be cumbersome. A president should be able to act in case of an emergency. Question called. **Vote: Yes 6, No 19, Abstentions 7.** Amendment defeated.

Smith: With regard to the second amendment, maybe we cannot afford the setup but Kevin said if we can afford it, this

is the way it should be. **Mayo**: wouldn't the amendment address some of Kevin's concerns in his report by diluting presidential authority in this, a non emergency? Smith read Spraggett's comments from GL 9. Question called. **Vote**: **Yes 11, No 13 Abstentions 9**. Amendment defeated.

Amendment 3. **Palsson**: there are only slight differences in the terms used. **Smith**: women can play on the team therefore it is a

national team and not a men's team. I think it should be ruled out of order. **Cohen**: I would like to rule it out of order. **Palsson**: I have no objection. **Cohen**: I rule the amendment out of order.

Motion 2003-07: Motion (Spraggett / Smith) Replace the entire Section 12 of the CFC Handbook, Canadian Participation in the Chess Olympics with the following revision:

THE OLYMPIAD REGULATIONS

Article 1. Objectives

The CFC has as major objectives in participating at the Chess Olympiad:

- i. To finish as high as possible in the Olympiad
- ii. To project a dignified and honourable image of Canada within FIDE and amongst the chess players of other countries.
- iii. To provide a goal as an incentive for all categories of Canadian chess players, especially the younger players.
- iv. To arouse the interest of the Canadian media as well as the general public.

Article 2. National Team structure

1. The Canadian National Team shall be defined as having the following general structure:

- i. Head of Delegation
- ii. Captain
- iii. Technical Assistant(s)
- iv. Players

2. Head of Delegation

- The Head of Delegation shall represent the interests of the Canadian Chess Federation at the Olympiad and is answerable directly to the President of the CFC.
- He/she shall act as a liaison between the Canadian National Team and the Olympiad organizers, and he/she is to especially concern him/her self with the day-to-day necessities of the team and other practical issues affecting its normal functioning.
- He/she is responsible for maintaining a cohesive atmosphere on the team and should work very closely with the Captain to promote and safe guard team spirit. He/she is to ensure that each individual team member, in the course of exercising his/her responsibilities and duties, represents Canada with dignity and honour. He/she is charged with the task of resolving any personal dispute or misunderstanding that might arise on the National Team during the Olympiad.
- To these ends he/she has wide discretionary authority and his/her decision in all matters is final.
- He/she is charged with writing the official report on the representation of the National Team at the Olympiad.

3. Captain

- The Captain's principal responsibility is to carry out the CFC's objective of finishing as high as is reasonably possible in the final classification of the Olympiad.
- The Captain is responsible for overseeing every aspect of the chess players' performance during the course of the Olympiad: daily team meetings, technical preparation, choosing the daily team line up, and team strategy.
- He/she is responsible for providing the leadership necessary to motivate the players to perform to their very best potential.
- The Captain is entirely responsible for deciding how many games each player will play. He/she is trusted to use his/her best judgement, and it is assumed that he/she will be impartial and fair, putting the interests of the CFC's principal objective before everything else. For example, any player who is clearly out of form should be benched for an indefinite number of rounds.
- The Captain should be able to spot potential trouble among the players, solve problems and try to smooth differences between the players of the team if they arise. He/she is to work very closely with the Head of Delegation to ensure a cohesive team atmosphere and excellent team spirit.
- The Captain is answerable directly to the Head of Delegation

4. Technical Assistant(s)

- He/she is to assist the Captain in carrying out his technical duties, such as helping prepare the players, analyze games, data base management, the collection of daily bulletins, etc.
- He/she is answerable directly to the Captain

5. Players

- Each player is a member of the Canadian National Team regardless of how many games he/she may be asked by the Captain to play.
- The players are to behave in a dignified and honourable fashion at all times, be it at the board or elsewhere.
- The players are required to eat their meals together, attend team meetings and attend preparation/training sessions.
- The players are to show respect for each other and for every other member of the National Team. A unified and cohesive team is in everybody's interest.
- Any dispute or misunderstanding that arises is to be brought immediately to the Captain's attention.
- The players are answerable to the Captain and the Head of Delegation.

Article 3. Selection Procedures

1. Basic principles

- While it is recognized that no selection process can be absolutely objective or can satisfy every critic, the selection procedures should in every instance try to be as

transparent as is reasonably possible and in every instance serve the best interests of the CFC's objectives put forward in Article 1 .

- It is recognized that the 'best' team can never be chosen by hard and fast rules only, and that the inclusion of some subjectivity / independent judgement at certain pre-determined stages of the selection process is to be seen as a strengthening of the said process, and not a weakening.
- Participation on the Canadian National Team is an honour and a privilege, carrying with it concrete responsibilities and duties. Inclusion on the Canadian National Team is to be understood as acceptance by each individual of his/her responsibilities and duties, and will require that each individual sign a contract with the CFC recognizing the said responsibilities and duties.

2. Selection of the Head of Delegation

- The Head of Delegation shall be appointed by the President of the CFC.

3. Selection of the Captain

- The Captain shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC.

4. Selection of the Technical Assistant(s)

- The Technical Assistant(s) shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC.
- The expenses for the Technical Assistant(s) will be assumed by the Technical Assistant(s)

5. Selection of the players

i) Eligibility

Players are eligible to be considered for the team who fulfill all the following conditions:

a) Be a Canadian Citizen or a landed immigrant in Canada and be a resident of Canada for the twelve-month period immediately preceding the Olympics. Exceptions may be made for persons who are temporarily resident abroad or for persons who are not citizens or landed immigrants but who have been a resident of Canada for the twelve month period immediately preceding the Olympics. Such exceptions will be at the discretion of the CFC Executive. They will only be made after the person involved has provided the CFC Business Office with a written and signed declaration that Canada is his or her primary national affiliation and that he or she will not play, or attempt to play, in the Closed Championship or on the Olympic team of any other country. [ref: Motion 84-23; GL, September 1983, p. 2-4]

b) Be a member in good standing of the CFC and the affiliated provincial association in the province of residence (if one exists) at the time of mailing the declaration of intention to participate and for the previous 6 months.

ii) The players

a) The Canadian National Team shall include 6 players

- The winner of the most recent Canadian Closed and Zonal
- Two players decided upon by the Selection Committee

- The three highest rated players on the Selection Rating list

If any of the above declines the invitation to join the Canadian National Team then the replacement player will be chosen from the selection rating list outlined below

iii) Confirmation of participation

- All those players eligible for participating on the Canadian National Team must notify the CFC business office, in writing, not less than 90 days before the beginning of the Olympiad of their intention to participate if chosen
- The CFC shall notify successful applicants for the team as soon as possible by registered mail, probably 75 days before the start of the Olympiad, and present each with a contract to sign and then immediately return to the CFC office by registered mail
- Once all signed contracts will have been received by the CFC office, the official listing of the Canadian National Team will be put on the CFC web site.

Article 4. Selection Rating System

- **Eligible Ratings:** Only Established CFC Ratings will be considered in determining the Initial Ratings and the Selection Ratings.
- **Rating Lists:** The Initial Rating List is the last published rating list on the CFC Internet site 16 calendar months before the announced date by FIDE for the start of the Olympics. The Final Rating List is the last published rating list on the CFC Internet site 4 calendar months before the announced date by FIDE for the start of the Olympics.
- **Initial Rating:** The initial rating is the "new" rating from the most recent regular tournament cross-table rated before and including the initial rating list, provided that 12 CFC rated games have been played in regular tournaments during the 12 calendar month period before and including the initial rating list. If the required 12 games above have not been played then the initial rating is the "new" rating from the earliest regular tournament cross-table, in which the required 12th game was played, provided this regular tournament is rated after the initial rating list but before and including the final rating list.
- **Selection Rating:** The Selection Rating is the highest of the Initial Rating and all the "new" ratings from the regular tournament cross-tables rated after the regular tournament cross-table that determines the initial rating for the player but before and including the final rating list.
- **The Selection Rating List:** The interim selection rating list shall be published on the CFC Internet Site after each rating update during the period between the initial rating list and the final rating list, provided the dates of the Olympiad are known. The final selection rating list shall be published on CFC Internet Site and in the Magazine.

Article 5. The Selection Committee

- This committee of two well known and respected individuals shall be chosen by the Executive of the CFC of the year of the Olympiad in question
- It is assumed that both of these individuals will be of at least master strength and have in-depth knowledge of the Canadian chess community
- To avoid any conflict of interest, neither member of this committee can become part of the Canadian National Team for the Olympiad in question
- This Committee is charged with selecting, using its best judgement, two candidates—approximately between the ages of 15 and 35-- who do not qualify by rating for the National Team in question.
- It is assumed that both candidates selected by the Selection Committee are master strength players and that not only will each be able to make a concrete contribution to the National Team but that the experience each will gain this time around will be beneficial for the development of future Canadian teams.

Article 6. Board Order

- The official board order shall be decided upon by the Captain.
- While there should be no hard and fast rules for choosing the board order, the official board order should embody the spirit of the principal objectives of the CFC outlined in article 1.

Article 7. Financial matters

- The CFC should actively seek sponsorship for the Canadian National Team
- In the absence of any corporate sponsorship the CFC will pay the travel expenses of at least five players of the National Team. The sixth player is optional depending upon the state of the CFC's finances.
- When possible the CFC should give pocket money to each player (Currently the CFC allows for \$200 per member of the National Team)
- The terms of sponsorship that directly involve the players as well as the awarding of any other money that the players are to receive while participating on the Canadian National Team shall be written into each player's individual contract.
- When finances do not permit sending a Head of Delegation, then his responsibilities and duties will be assumed by the Captain.
- When finances do not permit sending a non-playing Captain, then one of the players will be chosen by the Executive of the CFC to assume these responsibilities and duties.

Article 8. Miscellaneous

- Once all the contracts have been signed with the members of the National Team and the CFC website will have published the official line up, then it will be considered that the Selection Procedures in Article 3 have been properly followed and that the selection process has formally come to an end.
- Should any withdrawal(s) from the Canadian National Team take place after that date, then the Executive of the CFC will have discretionary powers to choose the replacement(s).

Article 9: THE WOMEN'S TEAM

- When finances permit, the CFC will send a women's team

- The Women's Team shall be comprised of 3 or 4 female players. One shall be the winner of the most recent Canadian Women's Zonal, one female player shall be chosen by the Selection Committee with the remaining player(s) to be the highest rated female players from the selection rating list as outlined above. If a player declines after selection, the replacement female player shall be filled from the selection rating list.
- The CFC will appoint someone to be captain of the Women's Team and his/her duties and responsibilities will be similar to the captain of the National Team.
- It is recommended that each member of the Women's Team also sign a contract with the CFC
- Each member of the Women's Team will receive \$100 from the CFC

Smith: Since Kevin had the most experience on the Olympic team and I could not revise the relevant section myself, I asked for his input. Most of the credit for the work involved in the motion should go to Mr. Spraggett. We would like it passed as is. Question called. **Vote: Yes 31, No 1, Abstentions 3.** Motion carried.

Panjwani: Craver felt that 2003-09 through 11 should go through the Governor's Letters. **Cohen:** Let's adjourn for lunch. **Motion (Smith/Quiring)** to adjourn the meeting until 1:30 passed unanimously.

Meeting resumed at 2 p.m.

Motion 2003-09: Moved (Les Bunning / Hugh Brodie) that the following be adopted as CFC policy and be incorporated in section 16 of the handbook

1606 UNRATED PLAYERS

- a) Where an unrated prize is advertised an unrated player cannot win more than the unrated prize unless he is competing in the Open or Top section of the tournament, unless the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.
- b) Where a tournament does not advertise an unrated prize an unrated player may not win more than 50% of the 1st prize he is competing for unless he is competing in the open or top section of the tournament, unless the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.

c) Unrated players are not eligible for non-cash prizes such as trophies etc except where

- i) they are competing in the Open or Top section of a tournament, or
- ii) the trophy or other non cash prize is intended for a non rated player or
- iii) the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.

Cohen: this seems to be more about advertising. **Quiring:** this motion seems to be about ringers. Alberta will ignore it since this issue doesn't affect small tournaments. **Smith:** this motion could clean up Toronto events. Question called. **Vote: Yes 20, No 5, Abstentions 5.** Motion carried.

Motion 2003-10 Moved (Les Bunning / Peter Stockhausen) The rating fee be increased to \$3 per player for events starting after Labour Day 2003.

Quiring: let's defer this to the Incoming Board; we shouldn't saddle them with this. **Cohen:** we can vote on a point of order. **Quiring:** perhaps we should use a straw vote to see where the assembly stands on deferring. **Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Abstentions 1.** Motion deferred to section 10 of Incoming Assembly New Business.

Motion 2003-11 Moved (Les Bunning / Peter Stockhausen) Effective September 2003 the number of Magazines be reduced to 4 per year and the CFC web site be used to publish some of the articles or other contents now published in the magazine

Cohen: This would tie the hands of the incoming executive. **Quiring:** let's defer this motion with a straw vote. **Vote: Yes 7, No 0,** **Abstentions 1.** Motion deferred to section 10 of Incoming Assembly New Business.

Other Business: **Cohen:** this should relate to last year; if it does not then it is out of order. **Nadeau:** One player rescinded an agreement to play at the Canadian Open this year. What is the position of the CFC? **Cohen:** did he back out of a contract? **Nadeau:** We had an ironclad contract; he said he did not know about the date conflict with the Canadian and Quebec Opens. **Cohen:** I don't know of any cases of sanctions being applied in such cases. **Nadeau:** such behaviour should have an impact on future funding. **Cohen:** I believe he earned his way to the funding he has received. **Palsson:** actually the rules have not caught up. **Quiring:** in 2000 [for the Canadian Open in Edmonton] Canadian players seemed to behave worse than foreign players with respect to invitations. In practice, while I sympathize, is there the political will to smack the top players? **Nadeau:** It makes little sense to fund trips abroad when the players won't travel to tournaments in Canada.

Macleod: I echo Quiring's comments. Maybe it is time to take action. **Nadeau:** I move a motion to censure Lesiege for his behaviour. **Palsson:** let's avoid a pissing contest with the FQE over this. **Mayo:** I agree totally with Nadeau. For Lesiege to claim that he somehow overlooked the well-known conflict in dates is simply not believable. **Keep:** I disagree with this motion. It will give an opening for CFC bashing. Guys like Barbeau would love the chance to write about it in their columns. **Nadeau:** I could go along with a verbal warning; who would we get to deliver it? **Graves:** If you do a letter it may be impractical and may prevent him from playing in future Canadian Opens. **Keep:** The CFC is not strong enough to alienate a whole segment of chess players. **Macleod:**

In any other sport there would be fines or a reprimand for such behaviour.

Motion (Nadeau/Mayo) That the CFC write a letter of censure to Alexandre Lesiege regarding his actions surrounding this year's Canadian Open. Question called. **Vote: Yes 22, No 0, Abstentions 12.** Motion carried.

Macleod: In Sackville there was a motion regarding junior members and a welcome letter. Has there been any action taken on this? **Cohen:** we have run out of membership cards. **Mayo:** why even have membership cards for non junior members? We have rating list printouts with membership expiry dates on them. **Cohen:** That is new business.

Cohen: organizers can be tricked into getting people into Canada. People solicit tournament invitations in order to get into the country and organizers may end up bearing some responsibility for them. I would like to warn governors about this danger. **Tsui:** we had some similar instances where foreigners wanted invitations to local junior or blitz events.

Cohen: we asked about a separate account for the women's Olympic team. Robert Brewster offered \$100 to the women's team only. The second requirement was to publicize the donation. Also to put in place measures to tie the hands of the fund. **Macleod:** Is this wise? **Cohen:** it is unwise to turn down free money.

Cohen: As President of the GTCL I was asked to request the return of the Toronto Building Fund money. The Foundation could give it to the GTCL over a period of time using the interest amount every year until the money is paid. **Panjwani:** why was this money given to the CFC? Were there any conditions attached? **Palsson:** I believe this is totally out of order. **Cohen:** This has been my first chance to ask. **Palsson:** the rules of the Foundations are specific, the assets are there to service the life members.

Quiring: where would the money go if we agreed? **Cohen:** first to the CFC and from there to the GTCL.

Smith: The Toronto Building Fund was based on donations; some from the directors, myself included, and a small surcharge on Toronto tournament entry fees. Mark Dutton ended the entry fee surcharge. The fund stagnated and the directors decided to give it to the Foundation. Since then Cohen made a request to have the funds. Les Bunning advised us that the GTCL has no standing and there is no way for the funds to be disbursed in such a way.

Cohen: Dixon/Cohen moves the CFC give to the GTCL the amount of money turned over from the Toronto Building Fund to the Chess Foundation in annual amounts no greater than the yearly disbursements from the Foundation to the CFC.

Smith: I believe you are destroying the CFC with this motion. **Cohen:** I am glad the money went to the CFC. I am just doing what I was asked to do. **Quiring:** it seems to me that the people who made the fund have the best voice. What right do GTCL members have to the money? Question called. **Vote: Yes 4 No 31 Abstentions 0.** Motion defeated.

Cohen: the chair recognizes the presence of GM Dmitri Tyomkin. We have two places in the Continental. Lesiege is going but Spraggett may not be. The entry deadline is tomorrow. What are we to do with the remaining paid place if Spraggett does not play? If Kevin goes, what will we do for Tyomkin and Charbonneau?

Smith: we received correspondence from the Argentine federation. Stockhausen told me that the prize at the last Zonal for second and third, in this case Spraggett and Lesiege, was a spot in the Continental. The players were advised of this. Spraggett told us to keep him in mind if the dates for the Continental were changed. I got an extension until July 31 for Spraggett.

Tyomkin: The Continental would be more important than other commitments if I could go. **Rohanchuk:** why weren't the deadlines changed for all the players? **Palsson:** what do we do about the 4th place player from the Zonal? **Mayo:** the prize was specifically tied to the Zonal tournament so it should go to a participant from that event.

Motion (Panjwani/Smith) that if Pascal Charbonneau and/or Dmitry Tyomkin decide to play in the Continental Championship the CFC will pay their entry fee.

Tyomkin: If Spraggett has not accepted yet then it means he does not want to play. **Cohen:** we should leave it to Maurice as FIDE representative to find out Kevin's intentions. Question called. **Vote: Yes 31, No 4 Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Quiring: I am opposed to spending what we do not have. **Nadeau:** since the tournament had these as prizes, I would be upset. **Quiring:** let's have a straw vote to see where we are at on this.

Motion (Mayo/Panjwani) that if Kevin Spraggett does not take his place at the Continental Championship that his paid place be taken by Dmitry Tyomkin. Question called. **Vote: Yes 10 No 4 Abstentions 20.** Motion carried. **Smith:** could the chair brief us on what we have agreed to? **Cohen:** if Spraggett goes, we pay the entry fee for Tyomkin and/or Charbonneau. Now we need an answer from Kevin. This will be left to the judgment of the FIDE representative to get an answer.

Decision of Donation to Chess Foundation:
Motion (Palsson/Bunning) that the CFC donates \$500 to the Chess Foundation.
Quiring: it is a good cause but I am opposed. We can't afford it. Question called. **Vote: Yes 6, No 22, Abstentions 6.** Motion defeated.

Cohen: Stockhausen asked me to publically thank the Nadeaus for their effort in the

tournament. I would also thank the town of Kapuskasing. We will now get a start on registering Incoming proxies to save time for tomorrow. **Motion (Mayo/Smith)** to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Incoming Meeting of the Assembly of Governors July 15, 2003.

Vice-President David Cohen called the meeting to order. As the CFC President was not present, Cohen announced that it fell to him to chair the meeting until the elections were held. It was announced that Alvah Mayo would continue to act as Secretary for the meeting until the elections.

First order of business was registration of the proxies. There were twelve governors present and twenty-two proxies for a total of thirty-four votes. Given these numbers, each governor was limited to holding three proxies (along with his/her own vote) in accordance with CFC regulations.

Governors Present:

Maurice Smith

David Cohen

Alvah Mayo

Halldor Palsson

Dilip Panjwani

John Quiring

Ellen Nadeau

Caesar Posylek

Alick Tsui

Eric Newman

Roger Patterson

John Rutherford

Incoming Proxies:

Fred McKim held by Charles Graves. Bruce Thomas, Ronald Hinds, Dave Gomboc and Adrien Regimbald held by John Quiring.

Peter Stockhausen, Lyle Craver, John Remillard, Kevin Spraggett, Kerry Liles, Martin Jaegar, Ken Craft, Joe Oszvald, Neil Sutherland, Hugh Brodie, Stijn Dekerpel,

John Erickson, Bryan Lamb, Eric Van Dusen, Les Bunning and Neil Frarey held by Halldor Palsson.

Michael Dougherty, Ari Mendrinos, Phil Haley, Barry Thorvardson and Wilf Ferner held by Maurice Smith.

Hal Bond held by Neil Macleod.

Cecil Rosner and Frank Dixon held by the Secretary.

The Erickson and Lamb proxies were rejected since they did not appear on the incoming governors list for Ontario. The Sutherland and Brodie proxies were set aside until such time as they were reappointed as governors by the assembly. As Manitoba and New Brunswick had not submitted a list of incoming governors to the CFC the Rosner, Craft and Remillard proxies were temporarily set aside.

Quiring chose to withhold the Gomboc proxy. Palsson gave Craver to Panjwani. Palsson gave Liles and Oszvald to Nadeau. Palsson gave Jaegar and Dekerpel to Rutherford. Palsson gave Van Dusen, Bunning and Frarey to Patterson. The Secretary gave Dixon to Tsui. Smith gave Haley and Ferner to Mayo. Neil Macleod gave Bond to Panjwani.

Election of Governors: Halldor Palsson vouched for the authenticity of Remillard's governorship. Cohen asked for a motion to accept Cecil Rosner and John Remillard as Manitoba's CFC governors.

Motion (Palsson/Smith) to accept Cecil Rosner and John Remillard as Manitoba's CFC governors. Question called. **Vote: Yes 8, No 0.** Motion carried.

Motion (Palsson/Smith) that Ken Craft is accepted as a governor from New Brunswick. Question called. **Vote: Yes 8, No 0.** Cohen announced that it was time to elect governors from areas without CFC affiliates.

Northwest Territories: Palsson: I nominate Neil Sutherland for governor from the Northwest Territories. As there were no

other nominations, Sutherland was acclaimed.

Nunavut: Mayo: I nominate Andrew Plunkett for governor from Nunavut. As there were no other nominations, Plunkett was acclaimed.

Quebec: Panjwani: I nominate Hugh Brodie. **Smith:** I nominate Pierre Denomee. **Quiring:** I nominate Richard Keep. **Palsson:** Kevin Spraggett nominates Serge Archambault. Cohen asked if anyone wanted to speak for the candidates. **Smith:** there have been several areas in which Denomee has expressed an interest in the CFC. Denomee has spoken on TD certification and improvements to the CFC Handbook.

Keep: I have been a CFC member for thirty years and I am a former CFC governor. We hold a major open every year in my area. I want to push the CFC in my area. **Cohen:** Serge is an IA and is strongly interested. He is proud of his ability as an organizer. I am personally opposed to him. **Patterson:** he is a former Executive Director. **Cohen:** he was fired from that job. **Palsson:** One of my proxies instructs me to “please not use any votes to elect Archambault.” **Quiring:** what about Hugh Brodie? He has been on the National Appeals Committee and the Kalev Pugi Fund.

As there were four candidates, ballots were distributed for a vote. Each ballot could contain up to three names. The results were: **Brodie: 32, Keep: 35, Archambault: 3, Denomee: 33.** Cohen declared Hugh Brodie, Richard Keep and Pierre Denomee elected.

Yukon: Mayo: I believe Bob Bowerman used to fill this role but as I recall he has said he is no longer interested. There were no nominations for this post and so it remained vacant.

Palsson: what about the grey area of Ontario and representation? **Cohen:** Ontario is not entitled to any additional governors.

Outstanding proxies were distributed as their status was resolved in progression. Rosner went to Newman. Craft went to Rutherford. Sutherland went to Nadeau. Brodie went to Panjwani. Palsson retained Remillard.

As the next item involved the elections for CFC President, David Cohen yielded the chair to Maurice Smith.

President: Smith: I invite nominations for president. **Rutherford:** I nominate Halldor Palsson. **Mayo:** I nominate David Cohen. Nominations were closed. Both Cohen and Palsson accepted their nominations. **Palsson:** I put my program in GL 9. Principally, I want to be fiscally prudent. We should run our youth program on a break-even basis. We should scrutinize programs and the magazine for potential savings. **Cohen:** my qualifications are in the GL. I emphasize sponsorship and modernizing the CFC. Like Halldor I want to examine everything and examine ways to increase revenue. **Vote:** **Palsson 33 Cohen 4.** Halldor Palsson elected. Smith relinquished the chair to the new president.

Vice-President: Palsson: our next item is the Vice-Presidential election. **Smith:** I nominate Alvah Mayo. **Patterson:** Bunning nominates Stijn Dekerpel. **Palsson:** Stockhausen nominates Dilip Panjwani. Nominations were declared closed. Panjwani declined his nomination. Mayo and Dekerpel accepted. **Palsson:** Stijn is an organizer in Ottawa. I asked him to run as a member of my team because of the qualities he possesses.

Mayo: I have been a CFC member for almost twenty years. I have been an avid organizer in Nova Scotia and have served as Rating Auditor for several years. I see our membership numbers and revenue stream as the most important issues we face. We have plenty of good ideas in the CFC but without the numbers or the money to implement them they will remain only ideas. We've made some efforts in these areas in Nova

Scotia and I'd like to implement similar efforts on a national scale.

Vote: Dekerpel 22, Mayo 15. Stijn Dekerpel elected.

The case of Mavros Whissell as governor was brought up. **Palsson:** I would like to see him appointed, sometime within the next week. **Smith:** under the regulations dealing with replacement of governors, the president shall fill the vacancy after consultations.

Secretary: Palsson: I invite nominations for Secretary. **Smith:** I nominate Lyle Craver. **Cohen:** I nominate Alvah Mayo. Mayo accepts his nomination. **Smith:** Craver is interested. He is busy at this time of year. He has been a long time member of the CFC executive. **Mayo:** I will let my earlier comments stand. **Vote: Mayo 22, Craver 13.** Alvah Mayo elected.

Treasurer: Palsson: nominations for Treasurer. **Patterson:** Bunning nominates Panjwani. Nominations closed. Panjwani accepts and is acclaimed.

FIDE Representative: Panjwani: Brodie nominates Maurice Smith. Nominations closed. **Smith:** I will stand. Maurice Smith acclaimed.

Junior Coordinator: Nadeau: I nominate Patrick McDonald. Nominations closed. Patrick McDonald acclaimed.

Past President: Palsson: this position goes to Peter Stockhausen unless we select another person. **Cohen:** because of family concerns perhaps he will not want to be involved. He could endanger our sponsorship. **Palsson:** I have worked well with Peter in the past. He was well versed in our finances. **Smith:** it is unfair to compare Peter to Dale Kirton. Stockhausen has been active for many years. We do need continuity and I know Mr. Stockhausen. **Rutherford:** Jaegar: please express appreciation for Peter's work. **Quiring:** can we even elect this position? **Cohen:** I will

yield to the chair's wishes. **Palsson:** Peter Stockhausen is our Past President.

Master's Representative: Smith: Point of order. Technically we can appoint someone else. However, the position should represent Masters so we should consult them. **Quiring:** we have never before meddled with this position. Smith read aloud the relevant Handbook sections. **Mayo:** if the Masters met more than once a year or so I would agree with Quiring. **Patterson:** we had no opportunity at the last Closed to elect someone. This was lacking in the last two closed championships. The process failed and future zonals should explicitly schedule an election for Master's Rep. **Smith:** we should consult the Masters. **Nadeau:** Pascal Charbonneau was not consulted. The CFC should email all Masters. **Quiring:** that is reasonable. **Rohanchuk:** we shouldn't mess with this position. **Quiring:** do we have an attempted motion?

Motion (Cohen/Rutherford) that Dmitri Tyomkin is elected Master's Representative.

Patterson: as a Master I object to past selections of the Master's Rep. **Panjwani:** This motion is out of order, it is a presidential prerogative. **Nadeau:** I do not believe it is our place to appoint this position. Let the players vote. **Quiring:** I am against this motion. The president can take it up later. **Rutherford:** Spraggett's own proxy admits it can be done. **Cohen:** I brought the motion because we have the power and Tyomkin expressed an interest in the position. **Craver:** I would prefer anyone but Spraggett for this position. Question called. **Vote: Yes 6, No 31.** Motion defeated.

Motion (Patterson/Nadeau) that the president institute a formal process whereby the Masters will select the Master's Representative at all Canadian Championships.

Patterson: when it was brought in, the Championship was restricted in numbers. **Palsson:** I would like to call the question.

Panjwani: You are trying to formalize the process? **Graves:** are we talking immediate impact to this motion? **Patterson:** I have no problem with our current Master's Rep, I simply want an election. **Palsson:** if we vote for this, Spraggett remains our Master's Rep until the next Canadian Championship. **Vote:** **Yes 31, No 4, Abstentions 1.** Motion carried.

Women's Coordinator: **Palsson:** Jung does not wish to stand. Neil Macleod is interested but would like some time to decide. Perhaps we could defer this to the Executive. **Cohen:** perhaps it should be someone on the Executive.

Motion (Quiring/Smith) that the selection of the Women's Co-coordinator be deferred to the CFC Executive.

Smith: the Executive sends emails amongst themselves; what Cohen is saying is be mindful and CC the co-coordinator on relevant issues. Question called. **Vote: Yes 36 No 0 Abstentions 1.** Motion carried.

Rating Auditor: **Newman:** I nominate Alvah Mayo. **Mayo:** I will stand. Nominations closed. Alvah Mayo acclaimed.

Appointment of Auditors: **Smith:** I nominate Brian Watson. **Cohen:** it's an advantage to retain those familiar with the organization. Nominations closed. Brian Watson acclaimed.

Chess Foundation Trustees: **Smith:** we need one 4 year term and one 1 year term filled. **Palsson:** I open nominations for the 4 year term. **Nadeau:** I nominate John Rutherford. **Rutherford:** I nominate Ed Rohanchuk. Nominations closed. Rohanchuk declined. Rutherford accepted and was acclaimed. **Palsson:** Now for the 1 year term. Nominations? **Rutherford:** I nominate Ed Rohanchuk. **Mayo:** I nominate Alick Tsui. Nominations closed. Tsui declined his nomination. Rohanchuk accepted his nomination and was acclaimed.

Kalev Pugi Fund: **Panjwani:** the Fund is a subsidiary of the Chess Foundation. It is to support outstanding juniors. I nominate Hugh Brodie. **Smith:** I nominate Lynn Stringer. **Nadeau:** I nominate Patrick McDonald. Nominations closed. All nominees were acclaimed.

National Appeals Committee: **Palsson:** Nominations are open. **Panjwani:** I nominate Hugh Brodie. **Cohen:** I nominate Mark Dutton. **Cohen:** I nominate Fred McKim. **Quiring:** I nominate John Quiring. **Cohen:** I nominate Gordon Taylor. Nominations closed. All nominees acclaimed.

Bids for Events: 2004 Canadian Open. **Smith:** I have a bid from Roger Greiss in Trois Rivieres. Smith distributed copies of the bid dated January 31, 2003 to those present. Smith did not know the current status of the bid. **Nadeau:** I have a bid from Kapuskasing. **Quiring:** I have a bid from Bruce Harper and Victoria. I have just been handed this document a few minutes ago.

Cohen: I have a bid from Toronto. **Panjwani:** Trois Rivieres and B.C both exclude the CYCC.

Smith: only Les Bunning and I replied to Greiss. I informed him that we do not generally provide equipment. A suggestion for five sections is against our rules. The bid was never resubmitted to the CFC by the organizer. **Patterson:** the time control for Trois Rivieres seems fast. **Keep:** Greiss is an excellent organizer. He runs big tournaments in my area, which are very well attended. **Panjwani:** He got the Prime Minister to greet the players at the Canadian Junior. **Palsson:** they run big tournaments there. **Patterson:** are the prizes for Trois Rivieres guaranteed? **Keep:** Greiss has never reneged on a prize fund. **Rutherford:** I agree with Smith's concerns.

B.C: Quiring: the total lack of details means the Executive must work out the details. **Newman:** should we not give them the time and defer this matter?

Toronto: **Cohen**: my bid covers more than just the Open. It may not meet the CFC's rules but I am willing to modify my bid. At a minimum, I want the CYCC. This tournament will raise about \$40 000 for the CFC. It is intended to retain and gain members. I predict 300 kids at the CYCC, this is where most of the \$40 000 comes from. **Palsson**: our largest CYCC to date is 165 kids. You won't necessarily get a big turnout at \$200 per player. **Nadeau**: the costs seem steep for the kids. **Cohen**: I don't intend to lose money on this. **Quiring**: optimistic bids don't bother me. **Panjwani**: as a parent an obstacle for attendance is the long period required to go to both events. Condensing the schedules is a plus. **Keep**: condensing could be a conflict for youth trying to play in both events. **Rohanchuk**: let's not destroy people with an overoptimistic bid. **Palsson**: The order of payment is that the rent is paid first out of money collected and the CFC is last so the CFC could be left holding the bag. **Tsui**: aren't bids supposed to secure some sponsorship? **Quiring**: is this a profit making venture for yourself? **Cohen**: Yes.

Richard Keep undertook to contact Roger Greiss to determine the status of his bid.

Motion (Nadeau/Mayo) to adjourn until 1:30 passed unanimously.

Meeting resumes. **Richard Keep** reported that Greiss was in Montreal at the Quebec Open and would be unavailable for some days. The Nadeaus presented copies of the Kapuskasing bid.

Denis Nadeau: our team is in place. It might be advantageous to hold the event again in the same location. Some did not believe that we could run this event and now we have earned credibility as organizers. **Mayo**: is the funding mentioned here from the town of Kapuskasing guaranteed? **Denis Nadeau**: I can get a guarantee on the funding in a few minutes if you require it. **Cohen**: don't the CFC rules specify \$50 per player in the

CYCC? **Palsson**: you have a positive track record. **Denis Nadeau**: I and my wife took some personal risk in organizing this and we are glad it has worked so well.

Patterson: do you intend to repeat the declaration system? **Denis Nadeau**: we felt this system would give flexibility. The Kaps system was the result of collaboration with Jonathan Berry. **Ellen Nadeau**: our feedback from top Canadian players was to increase norm chances. **Denis Nadeau**: it also addresses the yo-yo effect. We will ask Berry to return as TD. **Patterson**: the pairing process was not fully advertised. **Denis Nadeau**: perhaps we should have placed it in En Passant but it was very much a work in progress for Jonathan to work out the kinks. **Mayo**: I think this bid is great but I echo Roger's concerns about En Passant advertising. **Rutherford**: this bid is great. The feedback is very positive. **Denis Nadeau**: most of the GM's have said they would return. **Palsson**: do you have any flexibility in moving the dates indicated? **Denis Nadeau**: we are somewhat constrained but we would be happy to cooperate.

Tsui: maybe we could condense and combine the CYCC and the Canadian Open. **Ellen Nadeau**: we have concerns about tiring out the kids. **Panjwani**: condensing would save time off of work. **Rutherford**: the mall owner said the tournament wouldn't conflict with the lumberjack festival. **Brian McKay**: it is impossible to quantify the hospitality. I would be happy to come back. **Cohen**: I can do the CYCC.

Palsson: All of these bids are non-conforming according to the CFC rules. The only ruling open to me as chair is to refer all the bids to the Executive to make them comply with the CFC rules. It is not realistic to have all four bids referred to the Executive. Can the AGM make progress and give the Executive some direction? Do we keep all bids in the running?

Patterson: there are issues with all the bids. Let's rank them and have the Executive negotiate with the organizers.

Cohen: I move that the bid from Quebec be rejected. (Failed due to lack of seconder)

Cohen: I move that the bid from B.C be rejected. (Failed due to lack of seconder)

Panjwani: we can reject a number of bids.

Motion (Patterson/Mayo) that the governors rank the 4 Canadian Open bids by secret ballot using the Australian system, with 4 points awarded for the first choice, 3 for the second choice, 2 for the third choice and 1 for the last choice. Question called.

Vote: Yes 33, No 3, Abstentions 1.

Ballots for the bid preference were distributed. The results were **Kapuskasing 96, BC 66, PQ 64, and Toronto 64.**

Palsson and Quiring asked Cohen to extend his bid past the AGM. Cohen refused both requests. **McKay:** it doesn't seem fair to drop Quebec when their organizer was ignored.

Palsson: the Toronto bid does not survive past the AGM, the Quebec bid is not represented and the submission from B.C is not a bid under our rules so there seems to be a clear choice. **Quiring:** this is a large majority. **Patterson:** given the issue with Quebec, can we agree to reject B.C and Toronto? **Smith:** how the Quebec bid was handled initially was the Executive's fault, but there was nothing to stop the organizer from following up.

Motion (Smith/Panjwani) to accept the Kapuskasing bid for the 2004 Canadian Open.

Keep: there can be no onus on Roger Greiss. It is not fair to do so. **Mayo:** I would prefer to vote for a motion which allows us to consider Trois Rivieres as well, but I will support this motion. **Tsui:** will there be any changes to the Kapuskasing bid? **Denis Nadeau:** there can be tweaking with

consultation with the Executive. Question called. **Vote: Yes 33, No 3, Abstentions 1.** Motion carried. **Denis Nadeau:** there will be a party at my house at 10 p.m. this evening to celebrate.

Canadian Closed/Zonal: **Cohen:** I withdraw my bid.

Motion (Newman/Patterson) to defer the Zonal to the Executive.

Patterson: is the World Championship situation sorted out? **Smith:** it should be because we probably won't need a Zonal before the fall of next year. **Panjwani:** I think we should hold the Closed earlier even if it is not a Zonal. Question called. **Vote: Yes 37, No 0 Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Women's Closed: **Cohen:** I withdraw my bid.

Motion (Quiring/Newman) to defer the Women's closed matter to the Executive. Question called. **Vote: Yes 37, No 0, Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

2003/4 Canadian Junior: it is awarded to Calgary. **Mayo:** I have received communication from several members of the ACA Executive which question the competence of the current proposed organizer of the Junior. In light of this, should we allow this individual to run the Junior? **Panjwani:** There are several members of the ACA Executive who are legally proscribed from dealing with children so consider the source.

Motion (Smith/Newman) to defer bids on post 2004 Canadian Juniors to the Executive. Question called. **Vote: Yes 37, No 0 Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Cohen: I am aware that Halifax is interested in hosting the Canadian Open in the future. Perhaps we should give them an option on it. **Mayo:** I appreciate the sentiment but Halifax is interested in presenting a bid at the next AGM for the 2006 Canadian Open.

At that time I would prefer to rely on the merits of our bid when the Governors choose whether or not to award us the event.

Other business:

Motion 2003-10 Moved (Les Bunning/

Peter Stockhausen) The rating fee be increased to \$3 per player for events starting after Labour Day 2003.

Smith: Motion 2003-10 is an issue concerning an increase in rating fees.

Palsson: we must increase revenue. There are two options to do this; rating fees and membership fees. **Patterson:** The United States charges more than we do so our fees can't be that big of a problem. **Smith:** I would have favoured raising membership fees. We do collect revenue from the sale of chess supplies. We have competition in this area. We must increase revenue and get a handle on expenditures. **Rutherford:** does this motion apply to kids?

Panjwani: how about a cut in disbursements to the provinces to save money? **Quiring:** that is a provincial fee collected by the CFC, it belongs to the provinces. Take it up with the OCA if you want your fee reduced.

Patterson: do we have any idea how much money this measure would raise? **Palsson:** Bunning estimated \$8000 in new revenue raised per year. **Macleod:** The SWOCL gets a rebate and we use it all to promote chess. When was the last fee increase? **Litchfield:** the last increase was in 1996. **Palsson:** there is nothing to prevent us from increasing fees. **McKay:** perhaps we should try to stimulate our membership numbers. In Nova Scotia we have made efforts in this regard and they have paid off with regard to club attendance. **Tsui:** an increase may discourage juniors from playing in adult events. Question called. Vote: **Yes 34, No 3, Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Motion 2003-11 Moved (Les Bunning / Peter Stockhausen) Effective September 2003 the number of Magazines be reduced to 4 per year and the CFC web site be used

to publish some of the articles or other contents now published in the magazine

Smith: if you ask anyone to pick whether we receive four issues a year or six issues a year they will always pick six. However, this could mean the survival of the CFC. The magazine is our most expensive item. This measure should allow us a gain of about \$19 000 a year. **Cohen:** can we save money without cutting the number of magazines? **Rutherford:** the bigger magazines mean more cost. **Palsson:** the rating lists are no longer needed in En Passant. **Litchfield:** plus they are out of date by the time they are published in En Passant. In conjunction with this measure we could improve the web site. **Macleod:** does this create more work for the office?

Quiring: I have grave concerns about this motion. If you ask the average member what they get for their CFC membership they will point to the magazine. At the bottom of the list is to send players to international events. I can't sell this motion in Alberta. The players want the ratings; this action will erode the base. Let's look at alternatives such as smaller size or reducing the white space which has greatly increased. Compare our magazine with Chess Life and compare the white space. I am totally opposed to this. **Palsson:** I was looking for volunteers to help with the magazine and reduce costs that way. Cohen: we have had this magazine for thirty years. Can we defer this? **Patterson:** no magazine costs \$5 per issue. If you want six maybe we should charge more. **Panjwani:** it would be easier to increase fees. **Quiring:** we are already doing it so there is no need for this motion. Question called. **Vote: Yes 7, No 24, Abstentions 1.**

Motion (Mayo/Newman) that effective immediately after the Labour Day weekend in September 2003, the CFC annual membership fees is increased to \$36 for ordinary memberships, \$24 for Junior memberships, \$12 for participating memberships and \$18 for Family memberships.

Cohen: memberships may decline as a result of this motion. **Nadeau:** can we also address ways to reduce magazine costs? Question called. **Vote: Yes 35, No 2, Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Motion (Cohen/Posylek) that the Executive be charged with examining ways to reduce the costs of producing En Passant. **Palsson:** I accept the push. **Rutherford:** how long does it take to add the rating lists to the magazine? Question called. **Vote: Yes 35, No 1, Abstentions 1.** Motion carried.

Palsson: I will entertain a motion to reinstate the TD certification program. I would like to give the Provincial Associations time to submit their lists of certified tournament directors. This program would allow progression to a regional and a national title.

Motion (Cohen/Newman) that the CFC TD certification program be reinstated by the Executive.

Patterson: why do we need this program? It's not like we have a surplus of tournament directors. **Palsson:** every other organization certifies their officials and it's a requirement of Olympic Association membership. It's basic. **Quiring:** will this require extra work for the office? **Macleod:** there will only be a handful of people applying. **Panjwani:** we can't let the associations list any old person. **Nadeau:** in Northern Ontario we have no OCA contact so how will they know we run tournaments and who is a good TD? **Panjwani:** maybe we could use a grandfathering clause. **Patterson:** back when the program was operating it did not prevent people from running events. **Graves:** can non certified TD's still run events? Question called. **Vote: Yes 32, No 4, Abstentions 0.** Motion carried.

Other Business: **Cohen:** I have three items. **Patterson:** I have one item. **Keep:** I have an item. **Rutherford:** I have two items. **Cohen:** Dmitri Tyomkin would like to be our team

coach at the WYCC. Last year we had seven applications. He has experience in coaching both juniors and teams. He has been a trainer for eight years. He is asking for a reasonable fee of \$1000, he only needs a few hundred dollars for airfare.

Motion (Cohen/Newman) that Dmitri Tyomkin is appointed as coach of the WYCC team for \$1000 plus airfare costs.

Palsson: Let's have the junior co-coordinator do the job of finding a coach. This will allow time for other interested parties to apply. **Smith:** Tyomkin would be my first choice. I am a little concerned about the money. Consultation seems reasonable. **Panjwani:** I agree. Last year some of the parents helped pay for the coach. If this continues, the CFC will pay less. **Cohen:** I withdraw my motion. **Tyomkin:** some people may be in conflict with this decision. **Palsson:** we can deal with this. **Nadeau:** can we have a deadline? **Palsson:** we will do it before the end of August.

Cohen: Thorvardson wants the OCA to be sanctioned for a Canada versus USA chess match.

Motion (Cohen/Posylek) that we grant the OCA the rights to a team match between Canada and the United States. Question called. **Vote: Yes 33, No 0, Abstentions 4.** Motion carried.

Motion (Cohen/Keep) that (name deleted) not be allowed to attend the 2003 WYCC unless accompanied by their own parents or a legal guardian.

Cohen: this person showed up drunk to games at the Canadian Open this year. **Smith:** this person came alone because the parents couldn't afford to come as well. The other kids thought highly of this person. **Quiring:** this is dangerous territory because this person can't defend themselves here. Alberta has an official conduct committee; perhaps something like this would be useful for such cases. **Palsson:** the letter for the

WYCC mentions that the CFC assumes no responsibility. **Nadeau**: I would prefer a different approach. This person has been talked to and this may have some impact. We should not shoot ourselves in the foot or set a bad precedent. **Macleod**: not to condone any actions but we must tread carefully here. **Tsui**: this alleged offense did not happen at the CYCC so this punishment is too drastic. Some other qualifiers did the same thing. Question called. **Vote**: Yes 6, No 18, Abstentions 13. Motion failed.

Patterson: The OCA has not been functioning yet they still get paid disbursements. How does the CFC recognize an affiliate is running? **Panjwani**: we need accountability. **Macleod**: If the leagues are still active it punishes the wrong body. **Smith**: The OCA treasurer was busy and he missed deposits. The leagues still work. We just need to get the right people on the OCA Executive. **Quiring**: The OCA isn't the worst example. Saskatchewan hasn't had an event in a long time. We can disaffiliate an association. If they have problems then vote in different people.

Motion (Patterson/Cohen) that the CFC require an annual report from the provincial associations on their well being, a list of officers and certain other relevant information.

Cohen: maybe we can add them to the annual reports. **Quiring**: the ACA meets this but it seems that this motion has accountability in the wrong order. We shouldn't be making demands on the provinces. Question called. **Vote**: Yes 12, No 10, Abstentions 15. Motion carried.

Officer Reports from the Outgoing Assembly

CFC President's Report 2002-2003

Prior to last year's election I submitted to all of you a number of objectives that I promised to work on during the year. Here they are in no particular order:

Keep: I want at least one page of En Passant to be in French. It is atrocious that we don't already have this. In the Montreal Gazette which is an English paper there is one full page in French. **Panjwani**: who will write it? **Keep**: I guarantee it that I will find someone, or will write it myself. **Palsson**: we encourage submissions in French to En Passant.

Motion (Keep/Cohen) that at least one full page in En Passant is written in French. **Quiring**: we do a poor job of servicing French speaking people. It would be nice to offer them something more than a peanut. This wouldn't serve any purpose without a fuller effort. **Macleod**: isn't this just a symbolic gesture? **Nadeau**: in response to John I don't feel this is a peanut and it would be appreciated. Question called. **Vote**: Yes 22, No 8, Abstentions 7. Motion carried.

Rutherford: the buttons for the CYCC regional tournament participation. Last year they fell apart and we still need 1000 buttons. I am asking for a further reduction in CYCC fees as well. Also, we would like pens to give out. **Palsson**: we can work something out. Gerry will do it. **Rutherford**: I have received many complaints about the CFC membership cards from those who haven't received one. I was told the CFC has run out of them and can't buy more. We need to catch up in this regard and clear the backlog. **Palsson**: we can leave it to the office.

Motion (Smith/Newman) to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Governor's Letters

We did not quite get to 12 issues per year, but we are at least at 9 per year, which is a

50% increase from the past. Also, the distribution is now almost entirely by e-mail.

Frankly, there was such a low participation rate by the 60+ Governors, on average less than 15% in each issue, that more GL's would have made little sense.

Business Office Communication

Particularly in the first six or seven months I communicated at least twice a week with Gerry Litchfield. And this turned out to work very well.

Financial Reporting

Following a year of \$33.000 loss this was of course absolute priority. The reporting and adherence to the budget worked very well. Gerry Litchfield and Les Bunning deserve great thanks for their efforts. 2002/2003 proved to be a turn around year. The details are all covered in the Treasurer's Report. Because our GOP was around \$25.000, we may recognize obsolete inventory and also expense Gerry Litchfield's well-deserved bonus in this fiscal year as opposed to next years, where it was budgeted.

Major Tournaments

We introduced a standardized Bid Form and Budget Form for all tournaments that are awarded by the CFC. This is a great tool for our organizers.

CYCC and Canadian Junior

We introduced and passed a motion that, once again, makes the CFC the principal organizer of those events. This also means that the CFC manages the finances of those events and any excess of income over expenses will only be used for junior and CYCC funding and NOT commingled with general revenues.

Internet Association

The association with ICC continues to the end of 2003 and the new Executive can open the process up for bidding for next year, provided it serves ICC notice 90 days prior to the expiry of the contract.

Canadian Closed/CYCC

This one we did not address, primarily because we have at least two more years before the next Closed is necessary. I still think we should switch, similarly to the USA, to a "mixed" Championship, but with 11 rounds rather than 9.

The same should be introduced for the CYCC, especially now, as the female participation rate is approaching 40%. Something for the new Executive to ponder.

Executive Group

While we did not quite set formal objectives for each of us, we worked very well. The Secretary, the Treasurer, FIDE Representative and Junior Co-coordinator who have specific duties, worked very hard, and very smartly! They all were readily available whenever necessary. It was a pleasure to work with this entire Executive.

Sales Activities

While I did not get around myself to look at this situation, Les Bunning, who lives in Ottawa, spent a good amount of time looking at our office and sales situation.

Once again we are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Belzberg for their tremendous financial support of the Canadian Olympic Team, which performed very well and did us all proud last year in Bled.

In addition Mr. Belzberg deserves our thanks as he contributed a lot of his time and effort, which went a long way in dealing with and diffusing of the inevitable "hot buttons" that develop in each Olympiad. This time the issues revolved around board order, board 3 and 4, before the Olympiad

and some team line up issues in a few of the later rounds of the Olympiad.

In closing I thank all of you and especially Gerry Litchfield for your support and dedication. It made my job so much easier.

Peter Stockhausen

Vice-President's Report for 2002-3

Dear Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) Governors and Members:

I was a CFC Governor from 1982-7, and became a Governor again in 1999. Regrettably, I have been concerned during this second stint as a Governor with the same thing which concerned me back in the 1980s: the CFC's lack of effort in the areas of publicity and fundraising. I ran for the position of VP in order to add these two duties to the job. As you know, I have a Master's degree in Management from Yale University, specializing in the management of non-profit organizations. So, this was how I thought a modern non-profit organization should be structured (i.e., with a position of Vice-President for Publicity and Fundraising).

As described in our Constitution, there are no actual duties for the job of VP, except to take over from the President, should he be ill or absent, or in the event of his resignation. These situations never occurred during 2002-3. Thus, I am happy to report that I carried out my duties to perfection.

As a member of the Executive, it is also my duty to give advice to the President when called upon, and to vote on Executive motions when called upon. I'm happy to report that I also carried out my duties in this regard. I gave advice when called upon, and I was pleased that the President followed my advice most of the time.

Regarding voting, most of the matters we were asked to vote upon did not split the Executive. Most of the time matters were

quite routine, but required a vote for formal approval. However, this is not to say that there were no controversial matters. Two matters in particular are deserving of mention to the members.

First, a motion that I believe should never have been presented to us, to remove Jean Hebert from the National Olympic Team. Mr. Hebert contacted our Olympic Team sponsor directly. I don't believe he should have done this; rather, he should have spoken to our President, and our President should have passed his concerns on to our sponsor. We need to be more aware of these issues, as we gain publicity and sponsors. Nevertheless, we are a free society, and we are entitled to speak our mind. Thus, I was horrified that I was being asked to vote on this matter, and satisfied that we defeated the idea and that the President followed our vote.

Second, a motion that follows a bad precedent set at the 2001 Annual General Meeting. As this AGM, several motions were approved which changed the rules for entry into the 2001 Canadian Women's Closed Championship, which I was organizing for a few weeks later. Although the rule changes were well intentioned, they caused havoc with my arrangements for the playing site. The point was that the CFC should not change the conditions of a Championship after the bid has been approved, unless the organizer agrees to it. Thus, I was dismayed that we were asked to consider an increase in the entry fee for the 2004 Canadian Junior championship after the bid was awarded and the advertising for it well under way. I was the first to vote against this motion, and fortunately I received enough support to gain a tie vote. I was pleased that the mover of the motion then re-considered and did not break the tie by voting in favour of his own motion! So, the motion died and the fee was left unchanged.

Going back to the matter of giving advice to the President, I think it's important to

mention his style of management this past year. He came to us for advice, we all gave our opinion, then he made his decision. The President rarely came to us with a matter for vote; just came to us asking for our opinion. There's nothing wrong with this style of management in certain situations. After all, we do trust the President to run the CFC between AGMs (and between Governor voting in Governors' Letters). However, I feel I let the members down with my inattention to the subject of the Masters' Representative's Report. CFC President Peter Stockhausen's e-mail of August 9, 2002 was the first I heard of Marc Ghannoum being appointed co-captain. It was presented to the Executive as a fact, we were not even asked our opinion, let alone to vote. I feel that I should have had some alarm go off, and investigated the matter. However, I trusted the President to carry out his duty. The Master's Representative Report submitted by Kevin Spraggett will draw your attention to areas where to areas where this trust may not have been justified.

I think it's important to mention the role of motivation. In a non-profit organization run by volunteers, more than in any other type of organization, it is important for the leader to motivate the other volunteers.

Unmotivated volunteers simply stop volunteering, and nothing gets done. This is what happened to me. I started the year full of optimism that I would contribute to the CFC in the areas of publicity and fundraising. It soon became apparent to me that the President had no interest in motivating me, had no respect for me, and appeared to be making great efforts to discourage my activities. So, although I continued giving advice and continued voting on Executive matters, I stopped my publicity and fundraising efforts within the framework of the CFC.

This is not to say that I stopped publicizing and fundraising for chess in Canada. Quite the contrary. As the CFC's mandate is to promote chess in Canada, I include these efforts in my report. However, I wish it to be

recognized by all that I undertook these efforts on my own initiative, and not for the benefit of the CFC, but for the benefit of chess in Canada.

My first effort was to follow my belief that in order to maximize publicity for chess in Canada, we need to hold our Championships annually. This was not a Zonal year (when the winners would advance to the next stage of the World Championships). Thus, I preferred quantity over quality, judging that the publicity benefits would bring in future sponsors, which would lead to higher quality events in future Zonal years. Our Master's Representative and our President both disagreed, so my bids for the 2002 Canadian Women's Closed Championship and for the 2003 Canadian Closed Championship were not approved.

It's important to note the opportunity that is lost when a Championship is not held in a particular year. I once asked someone at the CFC why they didn't issue a press release for our Championships. His response was that he had tried it once and there was no resulting publicity. My point is that you have to do this annually, so that the media, and then the public will get to know us. It's not a one time effort; it's an on-going effort.

To see what publicity could have come to the CFC, we have only to follow the story of my bid for the 2002 Canadian Women's Closed Championship. Mark Dutton and I determined to hold the tournament, regardless of its sanctioning. Ontario Chess Association President David Gebhardt stepped in and sanctioned it as the 1st Ontario Women's Closed Championship. He then sent out press releases, and was successful in placing 2 of the juniors in the event on a popular local breakfast television show. My thanks to David Gebhardt for taking the initiative and showing us what is possible.

We should also remember that when we hold these Championships, they are designed as fundraisers for the CFC (with

their large entry fees). So, we also miss out on fundraising opportunities when we don't hold these events.

My first direct effort at fundraising came on behalf of the Women's Olympic Team. Robert Brewster offered to donate \$100 to the support the Women's Olympic Team. He had two conditions: the donation was for the Women's Team only, and not for the National Team; and the name of the donor was to appear on the CFC's web site. The first condition was investigated and found not to be a problem (although I don't know if the account has been set up yet in our books). To meet the second condition, I did all of the work to produce the web site, and set it up on my personal web page. It only needed the approval of the CFC President to move it to the CFC's web site, and we would have received not only the \$100 donation, but Mr. Brewster's additional help in fundraising specifically for the Women's Olympic Team. Note that at that moment, the Belzbergs had announced their firm's financial support for our National Team only, leaving us to fund the Women's Team. However, CFC President Stockhausen did not act, the CFC never took over the web site, and so we did not receive Mr. Brewster's money or fundraising efforts.

I contacted several companies looking for a sponsor, but was either ignored or turned down. I followed this up with a request to Alicia Belzberg to help us find a sponsor for our Women's Olympic Team. Note that I did not ask her or Belzberg Technologies to sponsor us, only to help us locate a sponsor. Mrs. Belzberg generously arranged for Belzberg Technologies to sponsor the 2002 Canadian Women's Olympic Team, in addition to their existing sponsorship of our 2002 Canadian National Olympic Team!

**THANK YOU BELZBERG
TECHNOLOGIES AND ALICIA
BELZBERG!!**

Next, I want to draw attention to something that bothered me two years ago after the

2000 Olympiads. The CFC sends our National and Women's Teams to the Olympiads to compete; that's our job. But to get not one thank you in return? I was shocked when I heard nothing from the 2000 Canadian National Team (and I was shocked when this happened yet again in 2002). As part of my efforts as Women's Coordinator to gain publicity, and hence sponsorship, for Women's Chess, I set out to obtain thank you notes from all four members of the 2000 Canadian Women's Olympic Team, and I succeeded. They were a great team for spirit! I set out with the same goal for the 2002 Canadian Women's Team, but was greatly disappointed that I never received a 'thank you' from Amanda Benggawan, who had promised me a report. However, I am pleased to present the THANK YOU notes that I received from the three other members of the team, and apologize for the delay in presenting this to the Governors (see Appendix A).

My next occasion for fundraising was the Canadian Chess Challenge, run by Chess'n Math Association (CMA). I was hired by them to publicize their Ontario Championship. I succeeded in placing the Grade 3 Champion on the same popular breakfast television show. In addition, I placed the Grade 5 Champion on a popular cultural program; and the Kindergarten and Grade 2 Champions were on the front page of their local newspapers and appeared inside in feature stories.

I want to point out that we need to look like the legitimate organization that we are, i.e., one worth sponsoring. We've been around since 1872, so let's act like it and look like it. In this respect, our web page lacks two important features: a list of our Champions, current and past; and a list of our titled players (see Appendix B). Through my own research, I have compiled this information and displayed it on the internet on my personal web pages. However, the CFC should be the one to display and maintain this information, on its own web site.

I also wish to point out that the chess community must give to the larger Canadian community, if we wish to take from it (sponsorship). To this end, I organized a simultaneous chess exhibition as a fundraiser for the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

Publicity in future will ultimately depend on results. We're most likely to have results worth publicizing if we continue to produce strong players from a strong base of juniors. CMA is producing the juniors, while immigration to Canada adds to this talent pool. However, all of these players need to continue developing. We need to take the money that we have, and the money that we raise, and invest in our juniors. I strongly suggest that we fund Round Robins that match our top juniors with our masters.

Appendix A

Thank you letters from 3 members of the 2002 Canadian Women's Olympic Team

DINA KAGRAMANOV

Thurs., Dec. 12, 2002

Hello,

This Olympiad was the most wonderful experience. Thanks to Belzberg Technologies, the CFC, and the CMA for all the support and funding that made this trip possible. We all learned a lot, and it was a great experience. It was also exciting watching Kasparov and all the other GMs compete at this event. I think both teams did great and we all look forward to the next Olympiad in 2004.

Yours truly,

Dina Kagramanov

DINARA KHAZIYEVA

Mon., Nov. 25 2002

Bonjour, je viens tout juste d'arriver de Grece, alors j'ai pas pu prendre mes messages plus tôt. J'espere qu'il nest pas encore trop tard pour donner mes impressions sur les olympiques.

I also hope that we will succeed in bringing the Chess Olympiad and the World Youth Chess Championships to Canada, and am willing to help in these efforts.

Best wishes for the success of chess in Canada.

Written July 11, 2003 and submitted to the Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada at its Annual General Meeting on July 14, 2003.

Sincerely,

David Cohen
Vice-President
Chess Federation of Canada

Personnellement, je crois que cetait une experience inoubliable de participer a un tel tournoi. Le fait de se preparer aux parties ensemble avec toute lequipe... et puis apres les analyser, ma beaucoup aider, jai appris pleines de nouvelles choses. Dailleurs je crois que cest ca qui ma aide a avoir un meilleur resultat en Grece.

Merci beaucoup aux sponsors et a toute lequipe!

Dinara

NAVA STARR

Mon., Nov 25, 2002

I would like to express my greatest "Thank you" to "BELZBERG TECHNOLOGIES", the Sponsor of both Canadian Teams for this year's 35th Chess Olympiad, which took place in Bled from October 25 to November 11.

Special thanks go to Alicia & Sid Belzberg for being so supportive, considerate, helpful, cheerful, pleasant: real leaders!

My deepest appreciation.

Best regards,

Nava

Tue., Dec. 10, 2002

By Nava Starr

35th Chess Olympiad in Bled, Slovenia

I started on my Olympic Report shortly after I came back from Bled, but unfortunately lack of free time did not allow me to finish it then. But a promise is a promise, and I am back to it now.

As you know this was my 10th Olympiad representing Canada. The first one I participated in was held in Israel in 1976. At that time I won the GOLD MEDAL on the 2nd board, and I was one of the YOUNGEST players. Then in 1978 I played in Buenos Aires, Malta in 1980, Switzerland in 1982 (Bronze Medal on the 1st board), Greece in 1984 and again in 1988, Manila in 1992, Moscow in 1994, and Yerevan in 1996. All of these Olympiads I remember very well. Some of them were organized better then others, but, nevertheless, each one of them had the CHESS SPIRIT that ONLY the Olympiads can have.

This year, the 35th Chess Olympiad in Bled, was ONE of the few VERY BEST where I participated, although this time I was one of OLDEST players! I am very happy that I went. What a pleasure it was to play with all those youngsters on the team!

First of all, Bled is well known to the Chess Community around the world, for being a truly CHESS CITY! The 1st chess tournament in Bled was held in 1928! Since then Bled saw many

Chess competitions, hundreds of Grandmasters and quite a few World Champions! So, it was not surprising that Bled won the bid for the 2002 Chess Olympiad!

Bled is a small place located in Slovenia, about 45 minutes by car from its capital Ljubljana. The population of Slovenia is about 2 million, and many of them play chess! Bled is one of the most beautiful places on earth! It has a gorgeous lake surrounded by the Julian Alps! The weather was perfect! The hotel was very conveniently located within walking distance from the playing hall, press centre, shopping, and the tour agency.

Enough about Bled, now a few words about the competition. We started in the first round with the team from Georgia that was ranked 2nd in Bled! I must say that the half point taking against Georgia was just like a victory! Dina Kagramanov was our HERO of the day! She had a winning position, but managed to draw against Khurtsidze (2455).

In the 2nd round against a slightly weaker Italian team the girls won 2.5:0.5.

Round three: we played Sri Lanka, which was rated behind Canada, namely 84. A second victory in a row: 2:1 this time.

Round 4: Canada – Turkmenistan, rated higher at 32. Board 1: Mekhri Geldyeva, the same girl I lost to in the last round of the 1994 Moscow Olympiad, and lost the opportunity to become a grandmaster at the same time. I had to take revenge! And I did.

Here is the game from round 4.

Nava Starr – Mekhri Geldyeva

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. Bb5 Nc6 5. Nf3 d4. It started as a Sicilian, now it looks more like French. I think that d4 now was a mistake. 6. Bc6 bc 7. Ne2 Bd6 Now the c5 and c6 pawns are targets, also it will be very difficult to develop the c8 bishop. 8. d3 Bc7 9. O-O Nf6 10. b3 Bb6 11. Ne5 Bb7 12. Ng3 f5 13. Qf3 Qe7 14. a4 Bc7. Now my plan includes Nc4, Ba3. Both Black bishops are basically out on squares, the King is still in the centre of the board, White is much better already! 15. Nc4 Ba6 16. e5 Nd5 17. Ba3 f5. It was bad to capture the knight on c4, because of dc4 and the c6 pawn becomes undefendable after the d5 knight moves to b4, c3 or b6. 18. Ne2 (now the threat is Nd4!) g5? Out of desperation! 19. fg5 Qg5 20. Rf2 (Now it is very important not to force anything and take it easy!) ...O-O-O! Finally, on the 20th move Black decided to CASTLE! 21. Bc5 Qg6 22. Bd4 Rhg8 23. Re1 c5! Another pawn sacrifice just to get some play, but it is too late now. 24. Bc5 Bb7 25. Qh3! Kb8 26. Nd6 Bc6 27. c4 Nb6 28. Nf4 Black resigned in a hopeless position.

I was on cloud 9! First of all, I won an important game for the team, secondly I was able to take revenge! We won this match 2:1, which was very good!

After round 4 my nightmare began! I lost 3 games in a row, which doesn't happen to me very often, especially in the Olympiads! At the same time I have to remember that I left Toronto with a cold that got much worse upon arriving to Bled where I even lost my voice for a few days. I can't help but think that my result would have been better had I been feeling 100%.

In the 5th round we were paired with the team from Lithuania, which was rated above us at 36. I had an equal position, but made a poor 22nd move, had to give-up an exchange, and about 10 moves later resigned. We lost this match 1:2.

Round 6. Canada – Slovenia "C", rated 50, just slightly below us. It was a Grand Prix opening. For some reason playing White I was too slow, and allowed Black to get a fantastic initiative by

sacrificing a pawn. The result: another blunder and another loss. And another loss for our team: 1:2.

Round 7. Singapore – Canada. And once again we are playing a team rated slightly behind us: 52. And once again a disaster! I lost to WIM Sanja Petronic again blundering a piece! And the team lost 0.5: 2.5. What a disappointment! Now I was really very angry with myself and had to do something! So I decided to take a break in the 8th round, which was won by our team with a score 2.5:0.5 against ICSC (the impaired team from Russia).

Round 9. After winning big in round 8 we played on Board 24 with a stronger team (rated 40) from the Philippines. Their 1st Board Arianne Caoili was the World Champion under 14! I believe she is 15 now and to me she was the most gorgeous girl in this Olympics! My goal was to play well!!! And I did.

Here is the game from the 9th round.

Arianne Caioli – Nava Starr

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 c5 4. d5 b5 Benko Gambit. I like this opening, and play it successfully. 5. cb5 a6 6. ba6 Ba6 7. g3 d6 8. Bg2 Bg7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. Re1 Nbd7 11. Nc3 Qe7 12. Qc2 Rfd8 I think that in this position Black has compensation for the extra pawn. 13. e4 Ng4 14. Bf1 Nge5 15. Ne5 Ne5 16. Kg2 Qa5. It is hard to find how and where to develop the White bishop from c1 because the b2 pawn becomes very vulnerable. What I would like to do is to double my rooks along the B-file, maybe play c4, Nd7 and Ne5. Let's continue. 17. Bg5 Rb7 18. Ba6 Qa6 19. Rad1 c4! My plan worked. 20. Ra1 (White have a hard time to find useful moves) Rab8 21. b3 Nd3 22. Red1 Nc5! 23. Rab1 cb3 24. ab3 Rb3 25. Rb3 Rb3 26. Bb1 Qc4! 27. Rb3 Nb3 Now White is losing the Knight. 28. Be7 Bc3 29. Qb1 Kg7 30. Bd6 Nd2 31. Qe1 Ne4 Black resigned, she is losing another piece.

Finally I was satisfied with myself by playing this game very well from the first to the last move. Not only did I win, the team beat Philippines by a score of 2.5:0.5! This was a wonderful result, and it became obvious that in the next round we would have to play a much stronger team, which indeed was the case.

Round 10. Canada – Israel (rated 23) on Board 18! That meant that we were in the first 36 or so! Great! This round was a tough one for us. Israel has many women grandmasters and this year's team was not their strongest but, nevertheless, they had two grandmasters on their top 2 boards. We had to fight. I played white and had a good game, which finished in a draw with Masha Klinova. I was happy, but unfortunately the rest of the girls lost, and in general it was not a very good day for us.

Round 11. Canada – Mexico (rated 49). We had to play well and win! And we succeeded by beating them 2.5:0.5! I won my game against Yadira Hernandez. Now, once again we knew that after winning big we would have to play a stronger team again. Sure enough.

Round 12. England (rated 12) – Canada. I had an excellent game against their first board, grandmaster Harriet Hunt. I am sure that my position was even better at some point, but in time trouble couldn't find the best moves, lost a pawn, and slowly lost a rook, king and pawn ending against a rook, king and two pawns. This was the most disappointing round of all. We lost 0:3. Our worst result in this Olympiad!

Round 13. I took a break in this round. We played the team of Wales, which was ranked below us at 72. The end result was 1.5:1.5. We could have done better, but our wishes don't always come true.

After the 13th round there was a free day for all the participants, and in the evening everybody had a lot of fun at the very famous BERMUDA PARTY! In the morning our women's team took a trip to Venice, which is located 3.5 hours by bus from Bled. It was wonderful! We all enjoyed it tremendously.

And finally Round 14. Canada – Austria (rated 55). I believe this was not the first time we played Austria in the Olympiad, and especially in the last round. It was very important for us to win. By winning in the last round the team usually jumps 10 to 15 places, and to the contrary by losing in the last round lowers us those same 10 to 15 places. I won my game playing White with Helene Mira, Dina Kagramanov had an absolutely winning position but blundered a rook in one move and lost, and Amanda also lost, which dropped Canada to 50th place. Not a very good finish, but considering the fact that there were three 16-year-old girls on the team participating in their first Olympiad, it was a successful one! Dina played extremely well, she really improved in the last year, and I am sure that she will represent Canada in many more Olympiads to come. Dinara and Amanda played satisfactory. They will probably report on the Olympiad themselves.

In the end I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following people:

First of all, our sponsors: Belzberg Technologies and Alicia and Sid Belzberg for their generosity and support.

Secondly, many thanks go out to our captain Marc Ghannoum, without his help I wouldn't have been able to play the second half as well as I did. I would recommend Marc as captain of the team any time.

Also, I would like to congratulate our Men's Team on a great performance!
Congratulations once again to Yan on getting another GM norm! Congratulations to Mark on a brilliant performance!

Many thanks to the entire Canadian team. I had a wonderful time and am looking forward to the next Olympiad in Spain.

Best wishes to all.

Nava Starr

Appendix B

Titled Players

David Filipovich pointed out that Canadians could earn the FIDE Master title by playing in 24 FIDE rated games, and then achieving

a FIDE rating of at least 2300. I compiled a list of FIDE rated Canadians, and noticed that there were a number of untitled Canadians with a rating of at least 2300. I spent many hours investigating each case, using FIDE's on-line resources, as well as old printed FIDE Rating Lists kept at the Business Office. In the end, I was able to

prove the case for 6 Canadians, and Gerry Litchfield applied for and received the FM title for the following players: Rodulfo Alipayo, Andrew Ho, Marcel Milat, Jura Ochkoos, Andrew Peredun, and Jack Yoos. Congratulations to all!

Someone needs to take responsibility for this area which has been neglected. It's important to have titled players for four reasons: it's a service to our master players; it gives us a greater presence in FIDE; it makes it easier to include a Canadian player in a title norm event; and it is publicity for Canadian chess.

Ongoing management of this area includes three responsibilities:

1. Tracking title norms. The players need to be made aware that when they have achieved a title norm, they must get the event's organizer to submit the FIDE form to the CFC or to FIDE. There are currently several of these missing from the CFC's files.

Secretary's Report:

The biggest single change from last year has been the move from a bi-monthly Governors' Letter to a monthly Governors' Letter. While we did not achieve 12 GLs we did achieve 9 and quite a lot of business has been discussed.

With more GLs it has been clear that each GL has been smaller than previous year's but we have had a better forum for discussion among Governors. I would like to see more active participation next year among Governors and if re-elected am quite prepared to handle the workload even if each Governor contributes each issue.

I strongly favour the CFC Executive investigating the cost of hosting a message board similar to that currently operated by the Échecs & Math organization for discussion of matters of interest. I expect this would facilitate further the free flow of discussion amongst the Governors. Clearly there is a right price and a wrong price but

The CFC should publicize on its web site the forms on file.

2. Applying for FIDE titles. The players need to be made aware that when they have achieved a title, e.g., by playing the required number of games and achieving the required rating, they must bring this to the attention of the CFC Business Office. The Business Office can then apply to FIDE for the player's title.

3. Monitoring FIDE records. FIDE does not maintain accurate computer files. Some effort needs to be made to review our titled players' qualifications, at least once per year. There are currently 3 or 4 players whose titles are not recorded properly by FIDE; the title is either missing entirely, or is under-reported (a title of lesser status is reported).

assuming the cost is reasonably do-able I think we definitely should proceed in this direction. I know of several organizations locally that maintain such message boards that are much smaller than the CFC so I would be highly surprised if this is infeasible.

It should be noted that the percentage of Governors receiving their Governors' Letters by e-mail is now over 90%.

In addition to the Governors' Letter there is a large volume of CFC Executive related e-mail to handle and I agree with my predecessor Mr. Quiring that access to e-mail is pretty much a requirement for anyone seeking a position on the CFC Executive these days.

Lyle Craver

CFC Treasurers report

Although we will record a significant profit this year the poor state of our finances has

made it a difficult year for the federation. Following last year's loss of \$33,000, I reviewed all non-essential spending and made economies where possible. For example, we saved approximately \$600 by switching our fire insurance to another company. The biggest saving, however, has come from the willingness of our Business Manager, Gerry Litchfield to work alone for most of the year. This has meant some reduced service and certain projects that could not be done. We have now hired a part time employee to work with Gerry and should the governors accept my recommendations to reduce expenses and increase income then further hiring is in order. My recommendation is to change the structure of the business office so that we have two part time non chess related employees who would do all of the day to day functions of the business office and then have a technical or executive director to handle all of the chess related matters. In this manner, with the inevitable turnover in staff we will not be as dependent on a single person as we are now.

During the past year our computer system was upgraded at a reasonable cost and we now have a computer programmer available to assist with upgrades on an ongoing basis. We continued with the services of the independent bookkeeper that was hired at the end of our last fiscal year. Her job is to balance the monthly statements so we can avoid the problems that occurred last year. It was not many years ago that we had \$50,000 in the bank. At one time this year we had less than \$5,000. One of our problems is that many of our expenses have increased gradually over the years but our income has not. It has been many years since we increased our membership fees or our rating fees. Our magazine now costs between \$9,000 & \$10,000 per issue.

Another of our problems is that we are assailed on all sides for money to fund a variety of projects including our ever-increasing International program. In

particular, international participation for various youth age groups has been increasing with both Pan-American and World events for both boys and girls. We are now being asked to pay the way of our girls to international events the same as we pay for our boys. The problem is there are not as many girl participants as boys to finance these expenses. For example there were 22 players in last year's Canadian Junior, (19 boys 3 girls) from which the CFC retained \$1100 to fund the airfare to the World event. Due to the World Junior being held in Azerbaijan the cost of a single airfare was approximately \$2,300. The inevitable result is that if we wish to continue our policy of making these events self-financing we should either increase the entry fee for these events or reduce the prizes so that the winners incur some of the travel costs.

In order to increase our income the two obvious choices are to either increase our membership fees by \$5 or increase our rating fees by \$1. In the past when we increased our membership fees it resulted in a drop in membership. I appreciate that there are different points of view on what is best but my proposal is to increase rating fees to \$3. This should increase our income by at least \$8,000. My second proposal is to reduce the number of issues of our magazine to 4 per year and to expand our web site to make available some of the articles and other information that are now published in our magazine. The resulting increase in income and savings in expenses should enable us to rebuild our cash reserves and stabilize our business office operation by returning to adequate staffing levels.

Two months ago I announced my intention to retire from the CFC executive. I will be 60 in a few years and it is time for new blood and new ideas. I had 'retired' 3 years ago but Peter Stockhausen persuaded me to serve again this year because of the financial problems we suffered last year. In order to do a competent job it became necessary for me to spend far more time on CFC matters

this year than I had intended. Hopefully you will now allow me to retire permanently. Please indulge me while I review my involvement with the CFC.

30 years ago I was hired as the CFC's first business manager by President Kalev Pugi, himself a great contributor to the development of the CFC, whose bequest to the CFC established the 'Pugi fund' for developing chess players. The position was supposed to be a part time one and my tasks were to establish a business office, centralize the membership records, calculate the ratings and publish a magazine. The first issue of the magazine was published in November 1973. In 1974 we started selling books and equipment. In November 1975 the business manager's position became a full time job and I moved on to other challenges.

Since those early days the Chess federation has made considerable advances and I consider myself to have been privileged to have been involved in its progress. In 1977 we purchased our own premises in Ottawa. In 1978 the CFC future committee charted a path for the future evolution of the CFC. In the 25 years since that time the CFC has developed into a more mature organization and purchased its present headquarters in Ottawa in 1983. I have served on the CFC executive for a majority of those 25 years including 2 spells as CFC President totaling 4 years. I have a busy law practice and other recreational interests in addition to my beloved chess. I value the many friendships that I have made in the chess community over the years.

Good-bye and Thank you
Les Bunning

FIDE Representative Report

I attended the General Assembly in Bled last November. Also I attended the Qualifications Commission, the Titles and Ratings Committee and the Continental Board Meetings. At the General Assembly,

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov was reelected President and appears to be in firm control. Ignatius Leong who had previously announced he was running against Ilyumzhinov withdrew his candidacy and was appointed Vice President. Two others were appointed Vice Presidents. Now on the FIDE Presidential Board we have a President, an Honorary President, a Deputy President, 6 Vice Presidents, 3 Honorary Vice Presidents, 4 Continental Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

FIDE is indeed a political organization, a veritable United Nations of chess. This is not as bad as it may sound. Each delegate does seem committed to the promotion of chess in their Country. However, delegates can have their own personal agendas, which can take priority in their minds over what maybe best overall for the chess world. Alliances often need to be formed to successfully achieve any new chess cause or policy. Alliances are not permanent and can be changed at any time. For example, at the Continental Board meeting, the United States was prepared to make a motion to separate the two Americas. The U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Bahamas would be one Continent and Central America and South America as the other Continent. That would change the present situation of all one Continent. The reason for the change being primarily the heavy travel expenses between North and South America, plus the meetings in South America tend to be mostly in Spanish. Two different worlds really. I advised the U.S. that I would support their motion. However, William Kelleher the U.S. Delegate consulted with Jorge Vega the Continental President and then withdrew his motion. Mr. Kelleher told me that Mr. Vega had said that Mexico, all Central American Countries and all South American Countries would have voted against it. So the status quo remains. Therefore in FIDE's mind, from the top of Ellesmere Island in the Arctic Circle to Cape Horn at the bottom of South America is all one Continent.

Two topics of conversation at the General

Assembly were drug testing and time controls. I spoke out against both. However, FIDE emphasizes that to be part of the regular Olympics we must first conform to their drug policies as in any other sport. Regarding the faster time controls, only the U.S. and Canada seemed that concerned about the faster time controls. Deputy Vice President Georgios Makropoulos stated that although there was some criticism at first, now everybody likes the faster time controls. Well I do not think so.

The unification process is going forward, although some problems keep arising.

Yasser Seirawan gave a long speech at the General Assembly about the process and how it was a great thing for chess. Then Garry Kasparov appeared and endorsed it saying that the World Championship now belonged to FIDE. I believe that by next year we will have a single world champion. Expect snags along the way though.

The next Olympiad is set for October 2004 in Majorca, a Spanish resort island in the Mediterranean. Turin, Italy, site of the 2006 Olympic Games was awarded the Olympiad for that year.

Getting back to the Continental Chess Association, although the Americas remain one Continent, the U.S. and Canada still retain their Zonal tournaments. This was confirmed at both the Continental Board Meeting and the General Assembly. During this meeting I was thanked for revising the Continental Statutes and Financial Regulations. The revision was grammatical as the English translation from Spanish left a lot to be desired. Other items of note from that meeting. There will be a membership fee of \$100 minimum for each national federation. The Pan Am Youth Festival in 2004 will be in Cartagena, Columbia. A new event was endorsed. It will be the first North America Chess Championship for children and youth in the under 10, 12 and 14 categories. The event will be open to players from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the

U.S. The first event will be in the U.S. next year. I mentioned that Canada would be interested in holding the event in 2005. We have to become more involved in these tournaments, to have any voice that matters in Continental and world chess. However, we must be sure we are able to first do it right. On any FIDE international tournament or meeting that we bid on, there must be full adequate funding outlined and a comprehensive report showing positive details of all the functions involved and how they will be handled.

If all goes well, then Canada and the CFC will be looked upon with new respect. However, if the proper preparation is not there, and the event is cancelled or is mired in problems, the reverse will be true. Therefore I propose that a CFC Governor attend the 2004 event to see how it is run and get an idea of the funding required.

Other than all of the above, I have been involved in getting International Arbiter Titles for Canadians and have recently submitted more applications. Hopefully if approved, this should give Canada a record number of IAs. I also communicated with FIDE to assist in getting IM and FM titles for our players. Also I contacted the FIDE office on occasion to clear up confusing FIDE Handbook rulings for our organizers.

Recently, Gerry Litchfield in our office has been contacting FIDE regarding various title applications and corrections to rating and spelling errors. The office has most of the backup information for these types of things. This is another of the many functions that Gerry performs. He is now achieving excellent results in his communications with FIDE, and I believe he deserves a lot of credit for this.

This sums up my report. FIDE will continue to operate and both delight and exasperate various parts of the chess world with its actions and decisions. I will again stand for nomination as FIDE Delegate and Zonal President. If elected, I will continue to voice

opinions on Canada's behalf, work for Canadians on the world chess scene, and report back to our members on FIDE actions that affect them in the chess world.

Maurice Smith
CFC FIDE Delegate
Zonal President 2.2

Addendum: I am pleased to report to the Governors that we have received official notification from FIDE that the following Canadian players have received the FIDE Master title:

Rodulfo Alipayo
Andrew Ho
Marcel Milat
Andrew Peredun
Jura Ochkoos
John C. Yoos

Maurice Smith

CFC Rating Auditor's Report 2003-3

This year was my second as Rating Auditor for the CFC. The year saw a marked increase in the number of enquiries from individuals concerning chess ratings. Unfortunately many of these requests were made through the CFC office. This resulted in our office staff having to spend time which would be better spent on other duties. To address this, I suggest contact information for the Rating Auditor be disseminated to the membership (possibly through En Passant) directing them to submit ratings questions to the Rating Auditor.

A copy of the CFC's rating software has still not been made available to the Rating Auditor. However, I will note that the office made significant and sincere efforts to address this matter during the past year. Provision of this software, once achieved, would both markedly improve the performance of Rating Auditor duties and save time for the office staff.

Relations with the office (specifically Gerry Litchfield) continue to be effective and friendly. My emails have always been promptly and politely answered. In any working relationship, good relations such as these are essential. There were several rating appeals received this year and these were quickly resolved.

In the spirit of reducing office workload, I would like to suggest that the legwork for the Master title certification process (recently passed by the Board of Governors) be performed by the Rating Auditor. It is my understanding that there has been little progress on this initiative precisely because the office does not have the time to spare. This is NOT the fault of the office. "Grunt work" like that required for master certification can and should be removed from the office. This would leave the office staff free to pursue their other duties.

Alvah Mayo

Women's Coordinator Report

Early in 2002 I moved to Kitchener Ontario and accepted the position of Chess Coordinator for the city of Kitchener. In June of 2002 I started a women's chess club, the first in Canada I believe. At one time we had as many as 12 members and met once weekly. I also worked on obtaining sponsorship and raising the profile of women's chess in Kitchener with some success. Unfortunately obtaining sponsorship for elitist events is difficult in recent times but I feel with the positive reception and profiling seeds have been planted for future events. On the national scene I talked to David Cohen and was happy when he organized the Ontario Women's Championship last year. Plans for a national women's championship fell through this year and as a result I am stepping down as Women's Coordinator. I wish whoever takes the position all the best.

Hans Jung

CFC Office Report: 2003 AGM

The current financial state of the CFC is not good. For 2002-03 the net income arrived at \$12,500. This excellent figure however should not give any false impressions. It pales in comparison to a huge fiscal loss the year before. In order to run the CFC as a retail operation I require a cash float of at least \$50,000 in the CFC account. To place an order of our plastic chess sets alone usually costs about \$28,000. Also despite the Olympiad sponsorship from Belzberg Technologies, the CFC had to first front all money for the event. It was not until the conclusion of the Olympiad that the sponsorship funds arrived.

Thus, to run the office this past year required a display of financial juggling on my part. This does not make the job of running the office very easy or pleasant. Demands are pouring in from all over, and many of them require funds to perform them.

Below is information of interest, Parts A & B;

Part A) Current CFC Membership Report;

| <u>As of</u> | <u>04/30/2003</u> | <u>04/30/2002</u> | <u>04/30/1998</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Family | 15 | 16 | 29 |
| Honorary | 48 | 43 | 37 |
| Junior | 244 | 233 | 344 |
| Life | 342 | 338 | 309 |
| Adult | 1642 | 1684 | 2080 |
| Part. Jr | 200 | 135 | 295 |
| Total Members | 2,491 | 2,449 | 3,094 |
| \$\$ collected | \$66,752 | \$66,099 | \$85,622 |

Part B) 2003 CYCC Financials;

Additions to Fund

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| National Ch. Entry Fees = | \$22,425.00 |
| Northern Ontario Ch. Fees = | \$ 1,533.00 |
| 6 Ontario Qual. Fees = | \$ 1,519.00 |
| Northern Ontario Qual. Fees = | \$ 1,486.00 |

Many people will not wait long for their products and will quickly look elsewhere. I did see evidence of this in the past year that cost us profits.

Despite the good income figure for the past year, my current intuition of our cash flow situation is that it is no better than it was in April 2002. I am also very disturbed by many current scenarios that may require even further CFC funding in the coming weeks without any corresponding influx of cash. Soon I could be refusing to cut and sign cheques. If the CFC wishes to continue as a retail operation, an infusion of cash will be required. I cannot guarantee any results without such resources.

I kept telling everyone the whole past year, “Despite progress on income, we are in an Emergency situation!” For whatever reason, I do not feel that message was understood.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Ontario Ch. Fees = | \$ 988.00 |
| New Brunswick Ch. Fees = | \$ 626.00 |
| British Columbia Ch. Fees = | \$ 489.00 |
| Nova Scotia Ch. Fees = | \$ 250.00 |
| Alberta Ch. Fees = | \$ 188.00 |

Less Subtractions from Fund

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Share to Town of Kapuskasing = | \$14,750.00 |
| Medals, Medallions, Supplies = | \$ 1,831.93 |
| Other Misc. Expenses = | \$ 114.73 |
| Current Fund Balance = | \$12,807.34 |

Less Further expected changes

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Payable to Town of Kapuskasing = | \$ 200.00 |
| More Misc. Expenses = | \$ 60.00 |
| Expected costs for WYCC = | \$15,000.00 |
| Expected Deficit = | \$ 2,452.66 |

Gerry Litchfield
 Business Office
 Chess Federation of Canada

June 19, 2003

Board of Directors
 The Chess Federation of Canada
 E-1 2212 Gladwin Crescent
 Ottawa, Ontario
 K1B 5N1

Dear Board Members:

**Re: Management Letter on the
 Review Engagement of the April 30,
 2003 Financial Statements**

During the course of my review of the financial statements of the Federation for the period ended April 30, 2003, I identified some matters which may be of interest to management. A review does not constitute an audit and consequently

I do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements. I wish to emphasize that control over and responsibility for the prevention and detection of defalcations or other irregularities or errors or omissions must rest with you.

As a result of my observations on this year's review, I have outlined below some suggestions for your consideration. This letter is not exhaustive, and deals with the more important matters that came to my attention during the review. Minor matters were discussed with your staff.

- 1) There was a significant improvement in the quality of the accounting records this year. This is mainly because the bookkeeper, Pat Hendrick, is checking

the accounting records each month and reconciling the bank, checking payroll, etc. This arrangement is also good practice from an internal control perspective in that it provides for a greater segregation of duties. I recommend that the Federation continues with this service.

2) One of the major assets of the Federation is inventory. During my analysis it was noted that approximately 25% of the inventory is slow moving. Although it is inevitable that a certain amount of inventory will eventually turn out to be unsaleable or obsolete, care should be taken to ensure that these types of losses are minimal. You may wish to implement special discounts and promotions on these slow moving items.

3) According to revised GST rules for charities, only 60% of the GST collected on taxable sales is to be remitted. However on disbursements, charities can only claim 50% of the GST paid. The Federation has been remitting 100% of all GST collected and claiming a credit of 100% on all GST paid. Although the net result is not expected to be significantly different, GST should be filed in accordance with the current rules.

The following is some commentary on the financial statements:

i) There has been a significant improvement in operations compared to last year – the net revenue was \$12,579 as compared to net expenditure of \$33,811 in the previous year. This improvement is mainly due to a decrease of salaries, benefits and staff travel of \$33,821 and an improvement in gross

profit on the sales of books, equipment and software of \$14,884.

ii) Sales of books and equipment are up from \$208,593 to \$222,878, an increase of 10.8%. The gross margin on sales has also improved, to 34.0% from 29.2%.

iii) The largest change on the balance sheet is an increase in inventory of \$13,625, from \$82,098 in the previous year to \$95,723. This was pretty much financed by the net revenue for the year of \$12,579.

iv) Membership revenues stabilized after years of gradual decline. The increase in membership revenues of \$2,219 was mainly due to an increase in the number of life memberships purchased (\$2,975 in 2003 compared to \$1,319 in 2002). Note that life membership revenues are transferred to the Chess Foundation of Canada.

v) As noted above, salaries, benefits and staff travel decreased by \$33,821, from \$81,497 to \$47,676. This decrease was due to the fact that much of the work was handled by one staff person in 2003 whereas there were two staff for most of the previous year. Staff travel also decreased by \$3,910 and the use of contracted casual labour decreased by \$2,811.

vi) Office expenses decreased by \$2,919, from \$39,355 to \$36,436. Although there was an increase in professional fees of \$5,266 (due to bookkeeping assistance and consulting fees for the database), this was more than offset by savings in office supplies, postage and telephone.

vii) Other executive and administration decreased by \$2,552, from \$5,550 to \$2,998, due to a decrease in presidential expense and other executive expense.

viii) Note that contributions to clubs, provincial affiliates and the Foundation of \$20,518 was primarily financed by donation revenues of \$16,310.

ix) Other programs revenue of \$81,387 (re: the Chess Olympics, CYCC and Pugi Fund) are offset by corresponding expenses for the same amount. The increase of \$37,104 over the prior year is primarily due to activities related to the Chess Olympics.

I have reviewed all of the issues in this report with Gerry Litchfield and received his comments thereon. I would also like to express my appreciation for the co-operation which I received during the course of my review from Gerry and

Motion for GL#1 2003/2004

Moved by Joe Oszvald/John Niksic:

Moved that the attached formal bids by the British Columbia Chess Federation (BCCF) for the 2004 CYCC and the 2004 Canadian Open Chess Championship be published in GL#1 for discussion and acceptance vote in GL#3 on or before October 15th 2003.

Discussion: During the AGM no bid that conforms to the CFC requirements for the 2004 CYCC and 2004 Canadian Open was presented. We therefore request that the decision taken at the AGM be set aside and a formal vote by all Governors be taken on the BCCF bids, which are attached.

Ruling by Halldor P. Palsson, President, Chess Federation of Canada: I rule that the Joe Oszvald/John Niksic motion is out of order.

from Pat Hendrick. I shall be pleased to discuss with you further any matters mentioned in this report at your convenience.

This communication is prepared solely for the information of management and is not intended for any other purpose. I accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

Yours sincerely,

Brian D. Watson CA

cc: Gerry Litchfield

Reasons: My reasons are based on Robert's Rule of Order. The AGM made decisions that are hard to reverse. The AGM at Kapuskasing had four non-conforming proposals to hold the 2004 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) and the Canadian Open (CO). The proposals are in the GL and can be studied by Governors. The Chair at the AGM ruled that none were suitable for publication and vote in GL #1 and there is nothing to stop the AGM from making decisions on the proposals before them.

The AGM awarded the 2004 CYCC and CO to Denis Nadeau and his team of Kapuskasing, Ontario. The award is subject to the Kapuskasing organizers obtaining \$20,000 in sponsorship and otherwise meeting the CFC rules with respect to the CYCC and CO. The Kapuskasing organizers have until September 30, 2003 to clear these conditions.

At the AGM no Governor raised a point of order or an objection to the awarding of the CYCC and CO. I rule that no notice of this motion was given.

A decision of the AGM can be overturned on two grounds (i) Reconsider and (ii) Rescind [Repeal or Annul]; Amend Something Previously Adopted. I will deal with why neither (i) or (ii) apply here.

§36 Reconsider – a motion – enables a majority in an assembly within a limited time and without notice, to bring back for further consideration a motion which has already been voted on. The purpose of reconsidering a vote is to permit a correction of hasty, ill-advised, erroneous action, or to take account of added information or changed situation that has developed since the taking of the vote. To provide both usefulness and protection against abuse, the motion to Reconsider can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side. Reconsider can be applied to any motion except (i) an affirmative vote whose provisions have been carried out (ii) an affirmative vote in the nature of a contract when the party to the contract has been notified of the outcome.

I find that neither Joe Oszvald nor John Niksic voted with the prevailing side in the awarding of the 2004 CYCC and CO.

Peter Stockhausen:Comments to the Master's Report 2002/2003

Kevin Spraggett alluded in previous correspondences to publishing a report that would demonstrate/prove that I, as the current President of the CFC:

- Have been a fraud
- Having behaved unethically while being President

I find that the awarding of the 2004 CYCC and CO is an affirmative vote that largely meets provisions (i) and (ii) above.

Joe Oszvald/John Niksic motion is ruled out of order as a Reconsider motion.

§36 Rescind [Repeal or Annul]; Amend Something Previously Adopted. In contrast to the case of a motion to Reconsider, there is no time limit on making these motions after the adoption of the measure to which they are applied, and they can be moved by any member, regardless of how he voted on the original motion.

No notice was given at the AGM so a two-thirds vote is required or a majority of all of the Governors in the incoming assembly.

Actions that cannot be rescinded or amended include: When the case is in the nature of a contract, and the other party has been informed of the vote.

I find that the award of the 2004 CYCC and CO is a contract between the CFC and the Kapuskasing organizers lead by Denis Nadeau and that he was informed of the vote. Therefore the Joe Oszvald/John Niksic motion is out of order as a motion to Rescind the award of the 2004 CYCC and CO.

- Having committed improprieties while being President

After reviewing the Master's Report I cannot find any material evidence, statements of witnesses or other material proofs that would substantiate the above claims or allegations.

The report however raises a number of other points:

- That I appointed Dr. Marc Ghannoum as part of a hidden agenda.
- That I kept Kevin Spraggett out of the loop
- That I misled the Executive/Belzberg regarding the regulations of board order assignment.

We had to appoint a co-captain that would step in, once Mr. Belzberg and Mr. Wilson would leave before the end of the Olympiad. The deadline for the entire team submission was August 15th.

Preliminary inquiries had yielded no interested candidate.

In an e-mail to me on August 1st, Mr. Spraggett suggested to me a Marc Ghannoum (whom I never really had heard of before) wanting to help the team as analyst, doctor etc. And Mr. Ghannoum was willing to pay his own way. Both Spraggett and Charbonneau spoke highly of Mr. Ghannoum.

On August 3rd Kevin send me a reminder on the same subject.

On August 8th I send e-mail to Marc Ghannoum asking for his confirmation. On August 12th I send e-mail to Kevin, inquiring if he had heard anything from Marc. Kevin replied in the negative. (Note this e-mail of mine clearly states that Ghannoum would be the Co-Captain.) On August 14th Marc Ghannoum send me an e-mail confirming to me that he would be available and honored to be part of the team. On August 15th we announced the team with Marc Ghannoum as Co-Captain.

While this is not an ideal way in proceeding, no hidden agenda or anything like this was in play. It was simply an issue of lack of alternatives, a

tight deadline and a single candidate with good references.

Further below are the copies of a short exchange of e-mails between Kevin Spraggett and myself from August 17th and August 19th. This exchange makes a few items VERY clear, namely:

- A, We are both aware of the importance of the board order selection.
- B, We are both aware that there are no regulations either CFC or FIDE on how the order is picked.
- C, I make it perfectly clear who I think has the most to contribute to this process (namely him).
- D, Kevin offers a detailed and description on how he sees the board order develop.
- E, After Kevin offers, I concur that it should be HIM to get the ball rolling with Sid Belzberg.

So, in effect, rather than being out of the loop, I expected Kevin TO BE the loop. And it is a mystery to me how I can mislead others about non-existing regulations.

Finally, the Master's Report makes ongoing references to my hidden agenda, manipulations etc. without ever offering a possible reason as to why I might act this way. No possible motive(s) are offered.

In closing, I never received the eight e-mails which Kevin has claimed to have sent me during November and December and despite repeated requests he has refused to provide me with any of these alleged e-mails.

Peter Stockhausen
CFC President
July 13, 2003

Copies of E-mails re: Marc Ghannoum (August 1st to August 12th)

Hi Peter

I trust you are well.

On a related issue, Marc Ganhooum has offered to pay his own way to Slovenia to assist in the team's preparations. He is a master level player, who according to Pascal, would be a big help.

Also, he is a doctor, and I understand that not only could he be our official doctor, but he intends to sponsor chess one day. On top of this, his girlfriend will also be going to Slovenia with the idea of being a journalist and doing a video of the whole affair.

Please give me some feedback on this, as he has been interested in this for the past six months and now needs some sort of direction so that he can take time off work.

all the best

kevin

Hi Peter

I trust you are well.

On a separate matter, I have been asked by Marc Ganhoum for some dates by which he can know one way or the other of the CFC's position. In essence, he is not costing the CFC anything, is a super person (guarantees from both Pascal and I), will not get into anyone's way, and will contribute to the Team.

Please let me know quickly, or if you have any questions or doubts just ask them.

Cheers (have a nice weekend)

Kevin

Hi Peter

I sent Marc an email over the weekend, and am awaiting a reply. I assume that he has not checked his email. Perhaps you should contact Pascal.

Cheers

>From: "Peter Stockhausen" <pstockhausen@pacificcoast.net>
>To: "Kevin Spraggett" <kevinspraggett@hotmail.com>, "Pascal Charbonneau"
><pusk27@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Marc Ghannoum
>Date: Mon, 12 Aug 2002 08:12:25 -0700
>
>Gentlemen,
>
>I have tried to get some confirmation from Marc Ghannoum that he will >indeed accompany our
Olympic Team and take over Captain's duties once Sid and Donald leave. But I have not received
any answer. Can you please help?
>
>Thanks
>Peter
>

> Dr. Ghannoum,
>
>Kevin Spraggett has informed me that you would be willing to accompany the >Olympic Team
and assist in team captain and analyst functions. Can you >please confirm to me ASAP if this is
so. >We MUST register the names by August 15th.
>
>Thank You
>Peter Stockhausen
>President
>Chess Federation of Canada

Copies of E-mails re: Board Order (August 17th to August 19th)

Hi Kevin,

Hope you are well. All is ok here and the good news is there are only eleven months left for me as President.

Captaincy

Obviously it has to be clear-cut. Sid will manage while there, but listening to him on the phone I think he will be grateful to have some help.

(Probably mostly from you and Alex) Sid was also VERY concerned that we have a provision in place once he and Donald leave. It is very clear they cannot stay for the duration. Also speaking with Donald Wilson I do not think either of them is aware of the magnitude of a chess Olympics. When I mentioned to Wilson that there

will probably 1.000 competitors in Bled, he was clearly taken a back.

Board Order
A, CFC Regulation

1207. BOARD ORDER

Shall be determined in accordance with FIDE regulations.

I have looked high and low on the FIDE web site and can't find anything. Maybe old age is blinding me:)

B, Board 1&2

Obviously the choice is either you or Alex. (Pascal is aware that the Canadian Closed and Zonal Champion does not have any Board automatically, never mind Board 1)) Should it be rating or "form"? Other considerations? Alex had another indifferent tournament in Massachusetts a week ago or so. He withdrew after 4 rounds at the "Continental" . (win against 2032, draw against 2680, loss

against 2530, draw against 2300) So on the October FIDE rating list the difference between the two of you might be so small as to be totally meaningless. What's your take on this?

C, Boards 3 to 6

You suggest straight by FIDE rating. Surely the easiest. Probably conforms to the FIDE regulations if there are any. Question is that best for the team? Should we use the July or October FIDE rating list?? Presumably we did something like this in Istanbul?

I agree completely with you that whatever it is, has to be made crystal clear well in advance.
Let me know your thoughts.

Cheers
Peter

Hi Kevin,

Yes, please do write to Sid, maybe just copy me so Sid knows that it is an official type of communication.

I will follow up on hotels and let you know.
Cheers
Peter

----- Original Message -----

From: "kevin spraggett" <kevinspraggett@yahoo.com>
To: "Peter Stockhausen" <pstockhausen@pacificcoast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2002 9:49 AM
Subject: Re: board order II

> Hi Peter
>
> thankyou for the kind words. I will write to Sid in the next week about the chores > and responsibilities involved...if that is ok with you. It will be sort of "in my experience this is what it was like..."
>
> Essentially Sid will not have too difficult a time since I am certain every one will chip in to smooth out the edges. The elos you mentioned are out of date, but I do not have here the address where they are up to date. I think my elo is something like 2535 and Alex's is about 2550.
> I would think that Yan would be good as a fourth and bluvstein as 5th. Jean would hold up the sixth board quite well, considering his recent good results. But > I don't think he should play above 4th board. 5th for bluvenstein would mean that he could play > more often and up to 3rd board.
>
> I would suppose that Pascal being on third makes sense, especially with the plus or minus 50 pt guideline. From third board he could play up to board > 1 if and when Alex and I sit out. In the past olympiad I think he might even have played board one.
>
> They tell me that slovenia is beautiful and quite > expensive. Apparently all of the hotels are 4 or 5 stars.
>
> Have you spoken with Mr. Wilson regarding hotels? I had emailed him in June about the effort to get everyone into the same hotel. do you know if anyone > has made any special efforts with respect to this, or
> should I try?>
> Later
> Kevin
>
> --- Peter Stockhausen <pstockhausen@pacificcoast.net>
> wrote:
> > Hi Kevin,

>>
>> Thanks for explanations on the line up.
>>
>> Maybe my thoughts were not quite clear, but to my mind we really have only >one person to rely on in matters of the actual line up and organization for the team during the Olympiad. Namely you.
>>
>> The Captain has no experience. Bluvshstein, Charbonneau and Teplitsky have only very little experience. Hebert has too much "baggage" to totally trust his opinion on matters of the good of a "Canadian" team. And as for Alex, I have never heard him expressing a thought or opinion on matters organizationally, Olympiad or otherwise. The CFC Executive, myself included, has zero competency in such matters.
>> I just visited the FIDE website and their ratings are as follows:
>>
>> Alex 2584
>> Kevin 25215
>> Yan 2453
>> Jean 2411
>> Pascal 2405
>> Mark 2380
>>
>> Why does this seem to be out of date to me? Do you have access to the July rating list? I think either you or myself should write to Sid and "lay out the land" for him. He has to understand the seriousness and the complexities of this issue, as well as the importance of publicly announcing the board order. (even if we say 1, Alex, 2, Kevin, 3 to 6 according to FIDE rating as of the October FIDE list).
>>
>> Please let me have your thoughts.
>>
>> Cheers
>> Peter

>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "kevin spraggett" <kevinspraggett@yahoo.com>
>> To: "Peter Stockhausen"
>> <pstockhausen@pacificcoast.net>
>> Sent: Monday, August 19, 2002 5:17 AM
>> Subject: Re: board order II
>>
>>
>>> Hi Peter
>>>
>>> Thankyou for the emails. I did not have access to the internet yesterday because the only cybercafe that know of in Lisbon was closed (Sunday)! I appreciate your responses. Some comments
>>>
>>> a)Fide Rules regarding board order
>>> As far as I recall, Fide insists that once the board order is determined it can not change once the Olympiad begins. (any >>unintentional board mixup later is met with a 4 to nil automatic result). Fide does allow a board order that does not respect the Fide >>elo classification (ie, it is possible to have the highest rated player play somewhere other than the top board, but this must

be >>> according to the team lineup submitted) So, any phrase using 'according to Fide regulations' is pretty much meaningless when >>> dealing with the issue of board order.

>>>

>>> b) Alex Lesiege's recent problems

>>> I also am not sure what to make of it. I previously speculated that his play had been going downhill,

>> but his recent results indicate something is really disturbing him, I assume personal matters.

>>> Who is the strongest player in Canada today? I think it is very subjective, but if we are to try to

>> argue according to some objective basis then Alex's record (in the past 3 to 5 years) would decide things.

>> He is still quite young, has won many tournaments, and is infact the highest rated player both fide and cfc.

>>> Pascal's recent success in the Zonal is an isolated event (that I hope he will repeat many times over).

>>> I am almost 48, still quite strong and experienced, but prefer not to challenge Alex's 'natural' right to

>>> claim being number one Canadian. However, if Alex does play poorly at the Olympiad >> then we can just sit him and still play with a reasonable team. (The team would be ordered according to the elo classification, which is more or less 'natural') If Pascal was on board one (and I think a negative score could be expected even if he was playing well...it will still be a few years before he becomes a gm) and Alex was playing badly then the team would have to sit two players and would have exhausted all of its flexibility. (Pascal would not be allowed to play any board lower than the original team line up--this is a fide regulation. I think it would be much better for both the team and for Pascal if he could play ALL of the boards, depending on circumstances)

>>>

>>> I think that even if my elo will be higher than Alex's by the time the olympics comes along (which I

>> doubt, but you never know the way he is doing right now) then I still think Alex should be board one. >>> First, because he probably would not play on any other board Second, he plays better against higher >>> rated players. Third, in the last two olympiads he proved to me that he if he gets motivated then the level of his play can get very high. (First board can do that motivating)

>>>

>>> I think that the fide elo rating system should be our board order guideline, plus or minus 50 points.

>> For example, a 2420 player could play a higher board than a 2450 player. This will give us enough

>> flexibility if someone is really hot at the time the olympics is taking place.

>>> As for the concept of which constellation would get the best results, I think that the most natural

>> board order would be the one likely to get the best result. Stacking the team in the middle would mean that we would not be able to take advantage of playing weaker teams (we would do overkill, which would be the normal result anyway), and against teams of equal lineup (ie, 2 gms and 4 ims) we would be gambling because we would > === message truncated ===

GOVERNOR COMMENTS

Pierre Dénommée: In introducing a CFC blitz rating, one should pay attention to the official FIDE definition of rapidplay and blitz. A 'rapidplay game' is one where all the moves must be made in a fixed time between 15 to 60 minutes assuming that the game will have 60 moves. A 'blitz game' is one where all the moves must be made in a fixed time less than 15 minutes assuming that the game will have 60 moves. Italicized parts were added during the last FIDE AGM because, according to the old definition, any game played with an increment, even 1 seconds with the addition of one seconds per move, was automatically considered a slow game. For example: 20 minutes plus 20 seconds per move is a rapidplay game ($20+60*20\text{ seconds}=30\text{ minutes}$) and 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move is a blitz ($3+60*2\text{ seconds}= 5\text{ minutes}$).

Assuming that the CFC is going to maintain three ratings: regular, active and blitz, it would be recommendable to adhere to FIDE standards and to limit blitz rating to what FIDE considers to be a blitz. A game played at G/50 is a rapidplay game, not a blitz; it is played according to the rule of rapidplay, not the rules of blitz, consequently, it shouldn't be rated as a blitz.

I support the motion on unrated players. In the 1999 Quebec Open a newcomer with a foreign name try to register as an unrated in a low section. Unfortunately for him, the FQE Executive Director did know that this nice guy has beaten Alexandre Lesiege in blitz (I don't know if this was a rated blitz). Consequently, the player has been forced to play in the open section in which he score 4.5/9. Whether he was truly unrated or not is irrelevant: it would have been unfair to the other players to let him compete in a low section and win the top prize. In the 2001 rulebook (for the new FIDE Laws of Chess) the FQE has adopted a new rule that have essentially the same aim. We did go further by giving us the right to suspend any player who deliberately tries to hide his rating.

The CFC Arbiter and Organizer certification program has been halted for many years. I have requested an exam many years ago but I have been told that the CFC has none to offer. I became an International Arbiter without ever writing a single CFC Exams, although I did write FQE Exams. It is quite abnormal that an organization like the CFC, which is recognize as a national sport federation by the Canadian Olympic Committee, is unable to actually certify its arbiters. It is also abnormal that a list of certified arbiters does not appear on the CFC website.

In 1989, Christian Bernard of the French Chess Federation spoke those historic words: "il sera nécessaire de former de nouveaux arbitres en offrant rapidement à toutes les personnes motivées par l'arbitrage la possibilité de suivre des stages qui délivreront après le contrôle d'un test de qualification, le titres d'arbitre stagiaire puis le titre d'arbitre federal."

Quite obviously, we must say almost the same thing with the addition that both the exams and the seminars must be available in both official languages ad mare usque ad mare. Also, there is a real need to certify organizers because FIDE offers a title of International Organizer for which the CFC is responsible for forwarding the application to FIDE. There is also a need to certify chess coaches because FIDE has an international title for them for which the CFC is responsible for recommending the applicant. Since I have no real coaching experience (I'm only an FQE level 1 certified coach), I will leave the coach certification to someone else and concentrate my attention on the other kinds of certification.

So we want to certify arbiters, but how are we going to succeed? Quite obviously, we cannot leave the management committee in charge of the arbiter and organizer certification program. This committee is doing splendid work in the office but arbiter certification should be controlled by arbiters.

The first thing to worry about is the CFC level of involvement in the certification process. It might range from the Canada Basketball model (no active involvement in

official certification, this task being performed by CABO1 which is totally independent from Canada Basketball) to the French model in which Unified National Examinations are administered by the National Federation simultaneously in many locations in France even for the lowest certification level. Canada is about the size of Europe, not the size of France. Doing something simultaneously everywhere would probably be overkill. We should use our provincial affiliates (and make special arrangement where there is none) to run the low levels of certification Arbitre seminar but the exams should remain national, irrespective of who administers them.

Any certification program is composed of the following three parts.

Theoretical part: usually taught during a seminar. In Quebec we have one day seminars, in France it is a three days seminar.

A written examination that verifies the understanding of the theory. I did one exam for the lowest level of certification, more is coming because a person who fails should not pass the same form of the examination twice.

A practical part. Knowing the theory is clearly not enough to succeed in the field. Some persons are great if they have all their time but become completely inept when they must act under pressure. This practical part should be tested by a two tournaments internship during which the new arbiter cannot act as a chief arbiter. Furthermore, the new arbiter should send a tournament report to the CFC. Although this report is not going to be used for rating purpose (the Chief arbiter report will be used for that), the CFC office will be able to ascertain that the new arbiter can write a correct tournament report. Tournament reports are important because they are the only thing that the CFC Office will ever see of a tournament.

In the old program there was no restrictions on the tournaments allowable to a certified Arbiter. So a local TD could have been the Chief Arbiter of a Canadian Closed or of a Canadian Open. This is not recommendable and we should look at Canadian baseball for an example of a better model. Level 1 baseball umpires are restricted to local and regional minor baseball. This restriction will motivate them to obtain the next level of certification that will enable them to work in all the minor baseball. At level 3 it will be all the provincial baseball, including major provincial baseball plus eligibility for national baseball. Although Chess is not organized in minor and major divisions, both the USCF and the French Federation have imposed restrictions on the type of tournament that an Arbiter can direct. Those restrictions are not intended to annoy the arbiters, they are there to encourage them to progress. Quite obviously, those restrictions concern solely the Chief Arbiter. Arbiters should be encouraged to work as Deputy of a more experienced arbiter in important competitions. Here are two examples of such restrictions

USCF Senior TD: A senior TD may not be the chief TD for Category N2 tournaments and should not be the chief TD of Category A tournaments, which includes any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw more than 300 players. Computer assisted senior TDs can be the chief TD of any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw up to 360 players with the aid of one assistant TD.

France AF4 (Lowest level) arbiter can be the Chief of Tous les matchs du championnat de France des clubs, y compris jusqu'à la Nationale 2 Tous les matchs locaux, départementaux, régionaux Tous les tournois fermés (sans joueurs classés FIDE) et tous les matchs joués au système de Scheveningen (sans joueurs classés FIDE) Toutes les Coupes locales, départementales,

¹ Canadian Association of Basketball Officials

² National championships

régionales Coupes Fédérales jusqu'aux demi-finales, y compris la Coupe de France.

The fundamental difference between the US and France is the in France there is a list of all the tournaments that an Arbiter can direct, whereas in the USA there is a list of all the tournaments that a TD cannot direct. Also, in the USA there is a difference between a computer assisted TD and a non computer assisted TD. In France, the two approved pairing programs, (PAPI and Masters) can be obtained free of charge and it is almost assumed that every arbiter of a Swiss tournament will be computer assisted. We will have to work out our own set of restrictions well suited to our country.

We should clearly write the mission of the Arbiter (fortunately this has been done elsewhere). The Arbiter should be considered a representative of the CFC on the competition site. We can have hundreds of well trained representatives working for the good of our Federation.

Another less pressing issue is that of Arbiter assignation. In all sports, arbiters are assigned. This means that a person in authority decides who is going to be the arbiter of a competition. Assignation gives an equal chance to everybody to gain experience as an arbiter. By contrast, choice by the organizer usually means that the same Arbiter is going to be in charge for the whole season while many other Arbiters are going to see no action. Assignation removes the conflict of interest that results when the organizer appoints the arbiters. Arbiters should represent the CFC on the competition site, not the organizer. Assignation requires the works of dedicated persons at all levels to assign the arbiters fairly. Those persons should not be permitted to assign themselves.

Arbiter compensation is another hot topic. In Quebec, most sport federations regulate arbiter compensation, if any, so that all arbiters of the same level get the same compensation. In Quebec, this has not been done due mainly to personal opposition by the FQE president. In France, Arbiter compensations are strictly regulated. It is mandatory that arbiters' compensation be

regulated before assignation is ever attempted because the cost to the organizer must be independent of the arbiter assigned. We should investigate to determine if arbiters are mostly considered volunteer in Canadian chess or if they are paid. Arbiter compensation should not be permitted to slow down the promotion of chess; being an arbiter should not be a career. Quite obviously, nobody in Canada can make a living out of Arbiter's wages. Contrary to hockey and basketball, there are no real professional opportunities for chess Arbiters.

There is a need to describe the responsibility of both the organizer and the arbiter in order to minimize conflicts between them. Although there will always be a certain overlap between the responsibilities, some task belong clearly to the organizer whereas other belongs clearly to the arbiter. Fortunately, this work has been done elsewhere, all that remains is an easy translation.

There is also a need to certify organizers but my interest in this matter is limited to the interactions between the organizer and the arbiter during the tournament. There are many experienced organizers that can help developing a curriculum and an exam. We should encourage them to get together in order to write organizer certification material tailored to the Canadian needs.

Last and not least, the CFC tournament rules were copied from the 1977 USCF Official Rules of Chess second edition. By now, many of them are completely obsolete. For example, the rules on equipment selection should give preference to compliant electronic clocks even if the player having the black pieces has a mechanical clock. It is time to modernize those tournament rules. The FQE modernized its tournament rules in 2001.

Kevin Spraggett: Gentlemen: Some short comments on Mr. Stockhausen's "refutation" of my 54 page report to the Governors of the CFC.

a) Mr. Stockhausen ‘‘invented’’ parts of emails supposedly from me. Had I wanted to fabricate evidence then I too could have reduced my 54 page report to a mere couple of pages! When I think of all the work I could have saved...(!?)

b) Mr. Stockhausen writes that the deadline for the team line up was August 15. This is correct. However, only Mr. Belzberg and the team players’ names had to be sent in to Fide by that date. Fide only wanted to know the name of the Captain and the players

c) Mr. Stockhausen writes, “We had to appoint a co-captain that would step in once Mr. Belzberg and Mr. Wilson would leave before the end of the Olympiad. Preliminary inquiries had yielded no interested candidate.”

As pointed out above (b), there was no rush to consider a substitute for Mr. Belzberg should he not be able to attend the whole Olympiad. In any case, Fide does not recognize the existence of any “co captain” position. Any substitute for Mr. Belzberg could have been handled later. There were more than two months before the time the team would have to leave for Bled: finding an adequate and qualified substitute could have been done at a leisurely pace.

Mr. Stockhausen kept the entire Executive and I in the dark with regards to what was really going on. As described in my MR Report, we were unscrupulously manipulated like pawns on more than one occasion.

I quote from Mr. Cohen, Vice President of the CFC in 2002/2003, with regards to Mr. Stockhausen’s communications with the Executive regarding Mr. Belzberg and Mr. Gannoum: “I’ve scanned my e-mails again for the past year... There’s nothing in my files that I can find earlier than Aug. 9 about Belzberg not being there for the entire Olympiad... The first reference I have to Marc Ghannoum is the August 9, 2002 e-mail from Peter... his co-captaincy was presented to us as a ‘fait accompli’... On this topic, there was nothing that we were ever asked to vote on... The Executive as a whole was never consulted regarding the Captaincy of the Olympiad Team. This is easy to recall, because, by comparison, there was a great discussion over the WYCC Captaincy, where the Executive considered - and voted on - about 7 candidates... So, unfortunately as it turns out, no alarms went off. We (the Executive) only understood the situation as being business as usual, and trusted Peter to carry on.”

We can only be perplexed when Mr. Stockhausen writes, ”We had to appoint a co-captain that would step in once Mr. Belzberg and Mr. Wilson would leave before the end of the Olympiad. Preliminary inquiries had yielded no interested candidate.”

Who is ‘We’ if not the Executive? Who are the individuals that are mentioned who were canvassed for the substitute position?

I think that the Governors have good reason to doubt Mr. Stockhausen’s veracity.

Bids Presented at the AGM:

Toronto Bid

Bid for 2004 Canadian Open; Combined Closed & Zonal with Women's Closed & Zonal; and Youth (Under 18, Under 18 Girls, Under 16, Under 16 Girls, Under 14, Under 14 Girls, Under 12, Under 12 Girls, Under 10, Under 10 Girls) Championships

PLACE

Macedonian Community Hall, 76 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, Ontario

NUMBER OF ROUNDS

CYCC: 5

All except CYCC: 9

DATES & TIMES

CYCC: 10:00, Monday, July 5 - Friday, July 9

All except CYCC: 10:00, Saturday, July 3 & Sunday, July 4; 18:00, Saturday, July 3 - Friday, July 9

TIME CONTROL

Game/180 minutes

SECTIONS

CYCC: Each of the 10 categories is 1 section, Swiss pairings

Open: 1 section, Swiss pairings

Closeds: Combined Closed & Women's Closed into 1 section, Swiss pairings.

BYES

Available any round for zero points.

SPECIAL RULES

Minimum rating requirement:

CLOSED: 2000 (highest established Canadian or FIDE rating).

WOMEN'S CLOSED: 1900 (highest established Canadian or FIDE rating).

CYCC: none.

Limit on number of players:

CLOSED: none.

WOMEN'S CLOSED: none.

CYCC: none.

Final round pairings:

In the combined Closed & Women's Closed, if the Women's Closed Champion can be determined by a pairing between the top 2 women (and they have not yet played each other), and if this

pairing does not affect the determination of the Closed Champion, then this pairing will be made. (This would also apply if there were any even number of women with a chance to win the Women's Closed Championship in the last round.)

FIDE RATING OF EVENTS

The Combined Closed and Women's Closed will be FIDE rated.

ENTRY FEE

CYCC, Closeds: \$200.

Open:

Until December 31, 2003: \$150

January 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004: \$200

April 1, 2004 - start of tournament: \$250

USE OF THE ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is submitted to the CFC and is to be used by the CFC in the following order of priority:

1. A one year ordinary or junior CFC membership (or extension) for everyone other than life or honorary CFC members.
2. CFC rating fee.
3. FIDE rating fee (Closed & Women's Closed).
4. Rental of the playing room.
5. Prize fund.
6. Organizer.

Upon presentation of the rental agreement to the CFC by the organizer, the CFC will submit forthwith, either to the organizer or directly to the landlord, \$50 (Open only: \$100 after December 31, 2003; \$150 after March 31, 2004) from each entry fee received, until the playing room has been paid for.

COSTS REQUIRED BY THE CFC

All costs required by the CFC, e.g., free entries, travel and accomodation for Champions, will be paid by the CFC in lieu of a grant to the Championships.

REFUND OF ENTRY FEE

The CFC will deduct the cost of the one year CFC membership before refunding the balance of the entry fee to anyone cancelling in advance.

ORGANIZER'S SHARE

The organizer is entitled to keep \$50 from each paid entry; plus the portion of each paid entry in the Open that is above \$150.

BUDGET

Revenue (based on all Open entries received by December 31, 2003)

\$200 entry fee:

CYCC: 30 players/category x 10 categories = 300 players

CLOSED: 90 players

WOMEN'S CLOSED: 10 players

Total: 400 players

\$150 entry fee:

OPEN: 200 players

Total Revenue: (400 players x \$200/player) + (200 players x \$150/player) = \$110,000

Expenses (in order of priority of payment)

1. CFC Memberships: (\$40/adult x 300 players) + (\$25/junior x 300 players) = \$19,500

2. CFC rating fees: \$3/player x 600 players = \$1,800

3. FIDE rating fees: \$2/player x 100 players = \$200

4. Organizer for the rental of the playing room: \$12,000

5. Prize fund: \$58,500

Travel (maximum \$43,500 based on budgeted paid entries)

Items and total are determined by CFC.

CYCC travel to World Youth Championships (1st, 2nd, 3rd in each category)

Canadian Closed & Women's Closed Champion travel to World Championship

Canadian Closed & Women's Closed runner-ups travel to Continental Championship

Cash prizes (minimum \$15,000 based on budgeted paid entries)

Total is determined by CFC by deducting allocation for travel portion of prize fund from the total prize fund.

Canadian Closed & Women's Closed Championships cash prize fund
Canadian Open cash prize fund

6. Organizer: (600 players x \$50/player) - room rental \$12,000 = \$18,000

Total Expenses: \$110,000

CASH PRIZE FUND

The CFC will provide a minimum of \$50 from each paid entry in the Closed, Women's Closed, and Open Championships for Cash Prizes. The CFC will inform the Organizer no later than August 31, 2003 of the amount or percentage of the prize fund that is required by it for its Travel Prizes. If no notification is received, then the \$50 minimum amount for Cash Prizes will apply.

MAGAZINE

CFC will provide, at no charge to the Organizer, one full page ad in each issue of the magazine it distributes to its members.

WEB SITE

The CFC will, at no charge to the Organizer, advertise these Championship tournaments on the front page of its web site (names, dates, place, link to contact or details); and prominently display the details of the tournaments on its web site.

CONFLICTING EVENTS

The CFC will not advertise and will not rate any event whose dates overlap the dates of these Championships, except the 1st Canadian Senior Championship, which it hereby grants to the Organizer to be held at the same site, dates and times as the CYCC.

Submitted to the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) July 15, 2003. This bid expires at the conclusion of the CFC's Annual General Meeting at which it is presented.

Acceptance of this bid by the CFC forms a contract between the two parties, and it cannot be changed except by agreement by both parties.

Sincerely,

David Cohen, B.Comm., MPPM
Organizer and Director, 1984 Canadian Open Championship, 1986 Canadian Under 16
Championship, 1987 Canadian Under 16 Championship, 2001 Canadian Women's Closed and
Zonal Championship
CFC National Tournament Director
CFC Governor

134-2107 Danforth Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M4C 1K1
(416) 707-6400
bw998@freenet.carleton.ca

2004 CYCC and Canadian Open

The British Columbia Chess Federation is interested in hosting the 2004 CYCC and Canadian Open. We propose a slightly different format for these twin events:

- the CYCC to be held in Victoria, July 5-8, 2004
- the Canadian Open to be held in Vancouver, July 10-18, 2004

The two cities are about 2 1/2 hours apart by ferry and road. By holding the events in B.C.'s two major cities, players and parents from other provinces will have an opportunity to see both cities.

The site for the CYCC would likely be the University of Victoria. Residences built fairly recently for the Commonwealth Games could be utilized for accommodations.

A variety of sites for the Canadian Open could be used.

These events have been held in eastern Canada for the past several years:

2003: Kapuskasing
2002: Montreal
2001: Sackville

It is reasonable to have the events in different parts of the country, so that travel for players in each area of the country is balanced, but also so that the players, parents and others who attend these events see different provinces and cities.

If the CFC is interested in having these events in B.C., we suggest that the BCCF be given until mid-September, 2003, to finalize its bid.

KAPUSKASING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM
ÉQUIPE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE DE KAPUSKASING
c/o 88 promenade Riverside Drive, Kapuskasing, Ontario CANADA P5N 1B3
telephone: (705)337-4252 fax: (705)337-1741 e-mail: townkap@nti.sympatico.ca

KAPUSKASING



Where the past meets the present
Là où le passé et le présent se croisent

July 15, 2003

Canadian Federation of Chess
Board of Governors

Dear Governors:

The organizers of the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and the Canadian Open in Kapuskasing, with this presentation, are bidding to get the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and Canadian Open in 2004. We assume the workload and costs would be much lower to simply maintain the present organization, the credibility where contacts are established and we already have sponsors interested to pursue this event again.

The conditions will remain the same as this year being \$150 for the Canadian Youth Chess Championships where \$100 goes to the organizers, 90% of registration fees of the Canadian Open would go to the prize fund. All costs are covered by the organizers.

We will apply for the same funding to provide a given \$20 000 to the prize fund, to get funding to pay conditions and publicize the events. We commit ourselves to improve in whatever way we can.

Basically, we guarantee the best event possible by a proven organization.

Sincerely,

Denis Nadeau,
Event Organizer



Kapuskasing, ON
2003

Kapuskasing, host of the ~l'hôte des
2003 Canadian Youth Chess and Canadian Open Championships
Championnats jeunesse du Canada et Championnat ouvert du Canada 2003

July 7 - 10 & 12 - 20 juillet 2003
www.kapchess.com
www.echesskap.com



Chess Federation of Canada
2004 Canadian Open Championship
Bid



| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Organizing Body | <i>Including address / e-mail / phone / fax</i> Ligue mauricienne des échecs (L.E.M) E-mail : openmauricien@hotmail.com Phone: (819) 539-9106 Jean Deschesnes (819) 538-4720 Roger Greiss Fax : (819) 538-3800 |
| Chief Organizer | <i>As above</i> Roger Greiss |
| Organizing Committee | <i>List members and their responsibilities functions</i> Roger Greiss, organizer Jean Deschesnes, assistant CFC : Mr. Gerry Litchfield, adviser and showing materials Renaud Gélinas, in the snack bar Raymond Greiss, in the snack bar Jacques Baril, moving pieces on wall chessboard Luc Massicotte, idem Richard Bérubé, chief referee and three assistant André Langlois, Invitation strong players |
| Advertising | <i>Where / When / Frequency</i> En Passant: April and June 2004 Échec+: Idem La Presse : As soon as I receive confirmation La Gazette : idem Le Nouvelliste : Twice in June 2004 Pamphlet : Mail letters to 400 players in Quebec and 250 in the rest of Canada T.V. Radio Canada |
| Publicity | <i>Where / When</i> As above. I will send early in February or march to all weekly newspapers our publicity. We will send also at the most schools, college and universities our pamphlet. So we can reach more than 85% of players and their parents. Parents must planify their hollyday four months before the evenement. |

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Internet Site/Coverage | <i>Describe</i> : CFC Internet – CFQ Internet – Chess Talk and our Website which is on line: echecsmauricie.com. The last Junior championship at Shawinigan is there. You can open it to have an idea. |
| City | Hôtel du Roy Trois-Rivières |
| Address | Street Address 3600, Boul. Royal, Trois-Rivières, Quebec G9N 1LB |
| Location Description | <i>Describe location / Restaurants / Shops / Transportation / Parking / Parks</i> The Hotel du Roy, Trois-Rivières, is a comfortable hotel located in a nice area. 104 rooms. (52 rooms with two beds, 52 with one bed, + 14 folding beds). Air conditioning, T.V., Plug for computer, coffee machine, some videos, make each room comfortable. Beside the Hotel restaurant, at five minutes walk we have two other hotels of 60 rooms, a Shopping Center and a lot of restaurants. Some of the restaurants are at two minutes in car: McDonald, Pizza Hut, etc. The Hotel have a big parking freee |
| Tournament Room(s) | <i>Describe size / layout / floor plan / Flooring / lighting / airbandling / height / interior noise factors / exterior noise factors / washrooms / etc.</i> Players will find three large noiseless hall. The biggest one measures 90 x 38 feet of a capacity of 180 players; height: 25 feet with demo board, the second hall just beside the first measures 52x32 feet of a capacity of 100 players, height 12 feet and the third measures 47x 25 feet of a capacity of 70 players, height 12 feet. The three rooms have tables with table cloth, floor in carpet, and good lighting. Washrooms: they are not far from the tournament rooms. |
| Analysis Room(s) | <i>As above</i> Another large room (58x 38 feet) for game analysis, height about 12 feet. |
| Registration | <i>Give details for advance and on-site registration</i> \$75\$ if registration for advance ; 90\$ on the site before the first round Players will send cheque or postal order to: Canadian Open Championship, c/o The Chess Federation of Canada |

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| | |
| Dates | <p><i>Give dates of tournament</i></p> <p>Section A: July: 10 - 18</p> <p>Section B: July: 10 - 14</p> |
| Format | <p>Section A: Ten rounds/ Swiss system One section.</p> <p>Section B: (without rating): Six rounds/Swiss system in one section</p> <p>(Section may be changed. I'm thinking to do five or six sections. I will discuss with my colleagues)</p> |
| Time Controls | <p>Section A: 40 moves/100min. + 40 min./mate</p> <p>Section B: 30 moves/1h30 + 30 min./mate</p> |
| Rounds | <p>Section A: July 10 : 10h-12h registration (Opening ceremony)</p> <p>13h round 1</p> <p>July 11 10h am; 5 pm round 2-3</p> <p>July 12/16 6h pm rounds 4-5-6-7-8</p> <p>July 17 11h am round 9</p> <p>July 18 11h am round 10 Closing ceremony</p> <p>Section B: July 10 : 10h-12h registration (Opening ceremony)</p> <p>13h round 1</p> <p>July 11 10h am; 5 pm rounds 2-3</p> <p>July 12/14 6 h pm rounds 4-5-6</p> <p><u>This schedule may be changed</u></p> |
| Playoffs | <p>Section A: Tie break at 4 pm / 30 min./mate</p> <p>Section B: Tie break at 10 pm / 30 min./mate</p> |
| Rated By | CFC and CFQ |

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Equipment Provided | <i>Provided by CFC: Digital horloge, chessboard, pieces and notation paper</i> |
| Prize Fund | <p><i>Give details</i></p> <p>Prize Fund.</p> <p>Open: 2000\$, 1200, 800, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200 -2200: 700\$, 500, 300 -2000: 650\$, 400, 250 -1800: 550\$, 350, 200 -1600: 450\$, 350, 150 -1400: 350\$, 250, 100 (junior: 300\$) (youth: 200\$)</p> <p><u>Prizes may be increased and instead to have one section we will make five sections with 2000\$ of each one. Its depends of our sponsors.</u></p> |
| Entry Fees | <p><i>Give details</i></p> <p>The entry fee will be 75\$ for advance; 80\$ after 15th june and 90\$ at the site. (Youth entry fee or Junior, less 10\$).</p> |
| TDs | <p><i>TD:Richard Bérubé,</i> Other Referee: Pierre Dénommé, Yves Casabon, etc. Assistant: Jean Deschesnes, Marc-André Fortier</p> |
| Side Events | <p><i>Opening Ceremony / Closing Ceremony / Speed tournament / bughouse / simul / lectures / etc.</i></p> <p>Opening Ceremony: I will send invitation to Prime Minister Paul Martin, also the Prime Minister of Quebec. They will come if they are in the country. The Mayor and the deputy of Trois-Rivières will also be there. At the occasion, Cocktail snack will be offered.</p> <p>Closing ceremony: With the presence of medias, we will present the winners.</p> <p>Blitz: possible saturday 17th.</p> |
| Accommodation | <p><i>Types / rates / when to book / distance to Tournament Site</i></p> <p>Single, double, three or four occupancy : \$50/night, air conditioning, T.V., plug computer and coffe machine in each room.</p> |

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| | Players have until 30 june to book room. The room tournament is in the hotel. |
| Budget | <i>Attach detailed budget.</i> O.K Will be followed |
| Date Submitted: | 31 st january 03 |
| Submitted by: | <i>Roger Greiss</i> |
| Accepted by: | |

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

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL 30, 2003

B [REDACTED] W



B D W

Brian D. Watson
Chartered Accountant

Page 1

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members:
The Chess Federation of Canada/
La Fédération canadienne des échecs:

I have reviewed the balance sheet of the Chess Federation of Canada/ La Fédération canadienne des échecs as at April 30, 2003 and the statements of changes in net assets and revenue and expenditure for the year then ended. My review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the Federation.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Brian D. Watson

Brian D. Watson
Chartered Accountant

Ottawa, Ontario
June 19, 2003

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT APRIL 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|------------------|------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 25,797 | \$ 22,070 |
| Accounts receivable | 7,471 | 8,501 |
| Inventory | 95,723 | 82,098 |
| Prepaid expenses | 2,391 | 3,575 |
| | <hr/> 131,382 | 116,244 |
| CAPITAL ASSETS (note 2) | 101,624 | 105,297 |
| | <hr/> \$ 233,006 | \$ 221,541 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 17,474 | \$ 15,452 |
| Entry fees payable | 3,905 | 940 |
| Due to the Chess Foundation of Canada (note 4) | 1,175 | - |
| Deferred membership revenue | 41,011 | 41,044 |
| | <hr/> 63,565 | 57,436 |
| DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (note 3) | 4,809 | 12,052 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Invested in capital assets | 101,624 | 105,297 |
| Unrestricted | 63,008 | 46,756 |
| | <hr/> 164,632 | 152,053 |
| | <hr/> \$ 233,006 | \$ 221,541 |

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS | | |
| Balance - beginning of year | \$ 105,297 | \$ 105,725 |
| Purchase of capital assets | 1,250 | 4,500 |
| Amortization of capital assets | (4,923) | (4,928) |
| Balance - end of year | <u>\$ 101,624</u> | <u>\$ 105,297</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED | | |
| Balance - beginning of year | 46,756 | 80,139 |
| Net revenue (expenditure) for the year | 12,579 | (33,811) |
| Purchase of capital assets | (1,250) | (4,500) |
| Amortization of capital assets | 4,923 | 4,928 |
| Balance - end of year | <u>\$ 63,008</u> | <u>\$ 46,756</u> |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Sales of books, equipment and software | \$ 222,878 | \$ 208,593 |
| Shipping and handling charges | 12,775 | 9,356 |
| Membership fees | 69,921 | 67,702 |
| Contribution from related party (note 4) | 3,619 | 6,622 |
| Rating fees | 19,506 | 21,368 |
| Publication sales and advertising | 5,816 | 5,121 |
| Donations | 16,310 | 14,918 |
| Other programs (note 3) | 81,367 | 46,815 |
| Other revenue | 1,247 | 2,794 |
| | <hr/> 433,439 | <hr/> 383,289 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Cost of sales | 147,048 | 147,647 |
| General and administrative | | |
| Salaries, benefits and staff travel | 47,676 | 81,497 |
| Building and equipment expenses | 17,059 | 16,936 |
| Office | 36,436 | 39,355 |
| Other executive and administration | 2,998 | 5,550 |
| | <hr/> 104,169 | <hr/> 143,338 |
| Programs | | |
| Publications | 57,161 | 54,034 |
| International | 10,597 | 10,199 |
| Contributions to clubs, provincial affiliates and the Foundation | 20,518 | 15,067 |
| Other programs (note 3) | 81,367 | 46,815 |
| | <hr/> 169,643 | <hr/> 126,115 |
| | <hr/> 420,860 | <hr/> 417,100 |
| NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR | \$ 12,579 | \$ (33,811) |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 APRIL 30, 2003
 UNAUDITED

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Organization

The Chess Federation of Canada / La Fédération canadienne des échecs was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Canada Corporations Act and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. The Federation's mission is to promote and encourage generally in Canada, the knowledge, study and playing of the game of chess.

These financial statements do not include the accounts of the Chess Foundation of Canada as detailed in note 4.

(b) Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the average cost basis.

(c) Amortization

Amortization is provided on the reducing balance basis as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Building | 4% |
| Furniture and equipment | 20% |
| Computer equipment | 33% |
| National library | 20% |

(d) Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for revenues. Membership fees are recorded as revenues in the period to which they relate. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable only if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

2. CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | 2003 | | 2002 |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------|
| | | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | | Net | |
| Land | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | |
| Building | 142,852 | 67,893 | 74,959 | 74,959 | 78,082 | |
| Furniture and equipment | 5,000 | 3,896 | 1,104 | 1,104 | 1,380 | |
| Computer equipment | 8,000 | 6,805 | 1,195 | 1,195 | 1,784 | |
| National library | 8,540 | 4,174 | 4,366 | 4,366 | 4,051 | |
| | \$ 184,392 | \$ 82,768 | \$ 101,624 | \$ 101,624 | \$ 105,297 | |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 30, 2003
UNAUDITED

3. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

| | Olympic Donations | CYCC Program | Kalev Pugi Program | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Balance - beginning of year | \$ 2,112 | \$ 7,999 | \$ 1,941 | \$ 12,052 |
| Add: contributions | 33,073 | 40,026 | 1,025 | 74,124 |
| Less: amount recognized as revenue | (34,016) | (45,551) | (1,800) | (81,367) |
| Balance - end of year | \$ 1,169 | \$ 2,474 | \$ 1,166 | \$ 4,809 |

Olympic donations are designated to provide financial support for participation of Canadian representatives in the International Chess Olympiads. The Canadian Youth Chess Championships (CYCC) entry fees cover the cost of sending players to the world championships. The Kalev Pugi Fund was established as a bequest in the Chess Foundation of Canada. Each year interest earned by this Fund is transferred from the Foundation to the Federation to provide travel assistance for junior players.

Contributions to these programs are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred.

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Chess Foundation of Canada is effectively controlled by The Chess Federation of Canada since the Federation appoints the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The Foundation was established as a trust to financially help the Federation promote and develop chess. Donations of \$500 (2002 - \$500) and life membership fees of \$2,975 (2002 - \$1,319) have been paid into the Foundation from the Federation. The Foundation has contributed \$3,619 (2002 - \$6,622) in support of the Federation's general operations and \$1,025 (2002 - \$1,303) towards the Kalev Pugi junior program.

The Foundation has not been consolidated with the Federation's financial statements. Financial summaries of the unconsolidated Chess Foundation of Canada as at April 30, 2003 and 2002 and the years then ended were prepared by another firm of accountants and are as follows:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|------------|------------|
| BALANCE SHEET | | |
| Assets | \$ 144,285 | \$ 143,116 |
| Liabilities | - | 4,219 |
| Net assets | \$ 144,285 | \$ 138,897 |
| STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE | | |
| Revenue | \$ 10,388 | \$ 34,496 |
| Expenditure | 5,000 | 7,925 |
| Net revenue for the year | \$ 5,388 | \$ 26,571 |

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

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 30, 2003
UNAUDITED**

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current presentation.