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GOVERNORS' LETTER FIVE

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President's Message

Women's Championship

I would like to congratulate our new women's champion WFM Dinara Khaziyeva. Our new champion will play on our women's Olympic team in Spain in October 2004. I know you will join me in wishing WFM Dinara Khaziyeva success at the upcoming world championship in Elista, May 21 to June 8.

I and the CFC would like to thank Bela Kosoian, Patrick McDonald, Hal Bond and Barry Thorvardson and Fred Henderson and the Ontario Chess Association for the effort they put into organizing the women's championship tournament. I would also like you to please join me in thanking our sponsors: Sid and Alicia Belzberg, the GTCL and the OCA. It takes a lot of effort by our dedicated chess organizers and money to put together a good tournament.

Tournament Directors Certification Program

A preliminary list of tournament directors is included in GL 5. The records of the CFC with respect to previously certified tournament directors were lost. The names on the list were submitted by Provincial Chess Associations. I did the list for Ontario based on tournaments submitted to the CFC since 1996 and other records. If you know of previously certified tournament directors please advice me by e-mail so that I can amend the list.

Resignation of Mr. Gerry Litchfield

The facts surrounding the resignation of Mr. Gerry Litchfield are reported below in Keeping Governors informed. His resignation was not sought by me or any other member of the CFC Executive.

Mr. Gerry Litchfield was reviewed in June 2003 and received a salary increase as of May 2003 and a lump sum performance payment. Each of these payments was double digit as a percentage of his salary. His next performance review was due after the end of the 2003-2004 CFC financial year. The CFC as an employer acted correctly in this matter.

Halldor P. Palsson
President,
Chess Federation of Canada

Keeping Governors Informed

The following player has been awarded a title by FIDE:
FM Fanhao "Bobby" Meng.

Resignation of Mr. Gerry Litchfield

I regret that Mr. Gerry Litchfield resigned April 16 as the Executive Director of the Chess Federation of Canada effective April 30, 2004. I and the rest of the Executive would like to thank Mr. Gerry Litchfield for his dedication to the Chess Federation of Canada and wish him well in his future endeavours.

I am pleased to announce that the Chess Federation of Canada has hired Mr. Peter Arseneau as the new Executive Director of the Chess Federation of Canada. I know all of you will join me in welcoming Mr. Peter Arseneau to the Chess Federation of Canada.

Junior Co-ordinator

I was honoured and happy to have been chosen as the TD for the Canadian Women's Closed Zonal Championship this past April.

As Youth Co-ordinator, I was even more happy to see a Canadian Youth emerge as our new Women's champion!

A hearty Congratulations from Me Dinara!

Now on to the matter of the CYCC and the proposed changes. I would like to add a few comments on this. I was corrected with regards to my calling this tournament the National Championship for our youth. I have to agree that the Canadian Junior is our official National Championship for youth.

The CYCC, though, is our National Age Category Championship. Here is where our new and emerging champions try out their wings against others in narrower age categories. Instead of an Under 10 or Under 12 having to compete against potentially a 19 year old Master, they can get their personal satisfaction at trying to be the champion of their particular age group.

The proposal for inserting another level of tournament is interesting. A Canadian CYCC qualifier would be much the same as the current CYCC is. A new level above this would be like a youth closed based on age groups.

While I do find this interesting, I am a bit leary about this for a couple of reasons. First a point about logistics. The proposal has the CYCC qualifier still happening in the Summer then the actual CYCC closed would be during March break. As I understand it, not all school boards in our country choose the same week for the break. Second, the CYCC is sending kids on to the WYCC. The WYCC is held in the fall – late October or early November. This would mean that kids would qualify in the summer of one year, compete in the March of the next year and then compete in the worlds late that second year.

Youth develop their skills very quickly and at very different rates. A two year schedule (or year and a half) would see very different players going to the Worlds than those that originally qualified. They could very well not be the strongest players in their age group by the time they go to the WYCC.

In fact, Youth players have their interest in Chess come, go and come back again in different degrees too. They may be on a low interest period when they are competing in any point of this long process and therefore not compete to their fullest.

Once we work out those logistics, though, we will be left still with a problem of having one more national competition. Our geography means that the costs of getting these kids to the national competitions will be a big barrier. We most certainly do not want to have this be a game for only the well off families to compete on a national or world level. We are working to try to gain sponsorships for our youth, but we are not there yet.

I would also have a problem with proposing the Canadian CYCC qualifier be 9 rounds over 3 days. These kids (especially the younger ones) would be exhausted playing 3 days with up to 9 hours a day at the board. They would also be getting quite restless as their physical activity would be so reduced.

I would have to also disagree with using a 60 min time control for the qualifier. It most certainly should be at the same time control as for the Worlds – 90 min plus 30 seconds. I have even changed the OYCC – Ontario Youth Chess Championships to match closer to this as it send kids on to the CYCC. The current OYCC uses a 90 min. time control as does the current CYCC. The proposed CYCC closed would have no problem using a 90 min plus 30 sec. time control. It would be a problem for kids to go from a 90 min game in a provincial to 60 min in a national and then back to a 90 min plus 30 sec for the CYCC closed.

I would also have a concern about having too many tournaments in the process. Currently, we have regional tournaments leading to provincial tournaments which, in turn lead to the CYCC which of course feeds into the WYCC. Inserting another level may cause kids and parents to not be as interested in competing. This would be a minor impact though.

I do look forward to discussion of this motion from as many viewpoints as possible. I invite governors and others to send in their thoughts on this potential change. I would also be interested in email exchanges if you prefer to offer your viewpoints or suggestions that way. You can email me at: patrick@psmcd.net ... Thank You.

Governor's Comments

Nava Starr:

Dear Chess Friends!

First of all, I would like to send this CONFIRMATION to second Mr. Michael Barron's Motion for changing of the Section12 of the CFC Handbook. I am behind him 200%!

I am furious about the discrimination our Women's Olympic Team has to deal with every two (Olympic) years. I strongly feel that we should be treated at least the same way as the men. This means getting the same amount of spending money (\$200.00 was given to each member of Men's team and only \$100.00 to each member of the Women's team for the 2002 Bled Olympiad) from the CFC. This means getting a sponsor for our Women's team (like Mr. Belzberg was for the Men's team in Bled), etc...

The Canadian Women's Closed was last held in Toronto in 2001, and becoming the Women's Champion of Canada for the eighth time my prize for winning was \$76.00!

Now it is the time again when our Canadian Closed is to be held because of the upcoming knock-out Women's World Championship (scheduled for summer of this year). Canada (being a Zone all by itself) has one spot in this very prestigious World event. How can this Championship be held if there is no or very little money for it? I would really like to see this problem being solved once and for all somehow in my lifetime!

Secondly, I am voting IN SUPPORT of the Motion moved by Peter Stockhausen/Kevin Spraggett regarding changes to the regulations 1000-1015 of the CFC Handbook.

Pierre Denomee:

With regard to the TDOCP program Section 2025, there is a FIDE endorsed method for doing that (the Varma tables). As for section 2042, matches decided by adjudication cannot be FIDE rated. This should be made clear in our regulations.

To address Roger Patterson's comments regarding the 2001 Canadian Closed, the 2001 Zonal did not use all the game in 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move. There was a fast time control at move 40 which caused the most casualties. This time control has been disliked by most players and by the Chief Arbiter who had never seen so many time forfeits in a single tournament. The FIDE time control is used in FIDE events while most other European open tournaments still use other time controls. Capelle la Grande is still using 40/2 SD/1.

In my opinion, the best time control for the players is 40 moves in 1h40 followed by all the moves in 40 minutes with the addition of 30 seconds after each move. In the second time control, 50 minutes can be used instead of 40 if the tournament schedule can accommodate it. If the tournament must have two rounds per day, there is a marked difference between 40 minutes and 50 minutes. In the former case six hours game would require 80 moves to be played but in the latter only 60 moves would be required to reach 6 hours of play. Very few games ever reach 80 moves, most of those which do usually involve the rook, king and knight vs. king and rook or the rook, king and bishop vs. king and rook ending.

If a tournament is a Canadian Championship and not a Zonal, we can use whatever time control that we want. If the event is a Zonal, we must comply with FIDE regulations for Zonals. Because Canada is a single country Zone, we can legally waive many FIDE regulations that would be mandatory if the zone has more than one country. FIDE has the

right to insist on the use of its time control for the Zonal that leads to its World Championship.

In response to Maurice Smith's comments on parents as arbiters, we should try to use to our advantage the energy and dedication of the parents of our young competitors. There is much more to a tournament than being an arbiter. The parents could find the best deal for the tournament hall, get in contact with the mayor, the City Hall, the MP and the corporate sponsors in order to raise money for the event. They could register the participants, operate the food concession, participate as a tournament aide (moving the pieces on demonstration board, printing and putting the name of the competitors on the tables, helping in the preparation of the tournament room, etc.)

I agree with Maurice that if a parent is an arbiter the tournament must have another arbiter which is not related to the first one. This is the standard FIDE procedure for the Olympiad: a Canadian arbiter cannot rule on any problems involving the Canadian team.

With respect to Frank Dixon's suggestion of sections at the Canadian Closed, I would suggest going even further by not only adding a reserve section (called accession in France) but also the women closed and three open tournaments plus a senior championship. It is ambitious and we should probably move cautiously but the extra open tournaments could be already existing tournaments that the organiser is confident will attract the usual number of players. You can take a look at <http://81.54.77.78/Regulations/271.pdf> in order to see how the French championship is organised.

The objective is to make the national championships larger by attracting more players in sections that will not lead to a Canadian Championship and to give the players in the higher section a real chance for a norm. If necessary we could invite a foreign GM (who cannot be Canadian Champion but who may win the first place prize) in order to have three GMs, the minimum required for a title norm.

In response to Lyle Craver's comment about FIDE's rating scheme, it is not only dumb from our point of view (countries with no official rating system have found the idea brilliant) but most likely statistically not significant. The Myanmar chess players already achieved unrealistic 2600 FIDE ratings simply by playing almost solely among themselves without really cheating. Kevin Spraggett's 2624 CFC rating is real and the same can be true of any players who have dominated his country long enough. On July 1st the FIDE rating floor will be lowered to 1600. Most likely, a player at this level will not aim for an international career unless he is young.

With respect to 2004-03 Section 1004(c), this is a poor idea because it prevents everybody from actually running a provincial qualifier if there is no provincial association. If we want to maintain that, we should think about naming an Interim Provincial Authority in all provinces that do not have a provincial affiliate.

In section 1010 why is the reference to the capital fact that all tiebreaks should be played with a Fischer clock not included in the rule? Do the movers fully realize the implication? Without increments it is most likely the arbiter's judgement that will decide the Canadian Champion. It should also be written that all tiebreak matches must be played under the rules of normal chess except that notation is not mandatory. Becoming the Canadian champion by capturing the opponent's king wouldn't look credible.

Bela Kosoian:

In my capacity as CFC Governor I second Michael Barron's motion about procedure of motion submission as detailed below:

"The procedure of motion submission to CFC:

1. Every CFC Governor can submit a motion in his response to Governors' Letter.
2. If one of the CFC Directors preparing current Governors' Letter has found this motion important for CFC, he can second this motion and call for vote in the current Governors' Letter.
3. Otherwise, this motion is called for discussion in the current Governors' Letter.
4. If one of CFC Governors (besides the motion originator) has found this motion important for CFC, he can second this motion and call for vote in the next Governors' Letter."

Michael Barron:

The following is my response to Governors' Letter #4.

1) The Governors' Letter frequency and purpose:

The deadline for submissions to GL #4 was December 22, 2003. GL #4 was released only on February 16, 2004 (8 weeks later!) and without answers to Governors' questions. Who and why need such delay? I expect Governors' Letter issue in two weeks after the deadline for submissions and believe that the Executive should provide answers to Governors' questions. Otherwise what is the purpose of the Governors' Letter?

2) The procedure of motion submission:

In GL#4 my question about the procedure of motion submission to the CFC was simply ignored by the CFC Executive.

According to By-law number two of the Chess Federation of Canada,
"The Chess Federation of Canada shall be governed by an Assembly of Governors".

The current Assembly of Governors has been working already more than half a year. During this period four Governors' Letters were issued. During this period the CFC Secretary has registered three CFC Motions:
One of them was passed by unanimous vote;
One of them was ruled as out of order by the CFC President;
One of them was called for First Discussion.

Is this a normal practice for the CFC? Is this a real governing of the Chess Federation of Canada by an Assembly of Governors? How can the Assembly of Governors govern the CFC if a CFC Governor can't submit a Motion? I asked the CFC Secretary about this,

and received answer from the CFC President: "You or any other Governor must find one other Governor to second your Motions for them to go before the Assembly."

I believe that the CFC President erred about this – there is no CFC rule or regulation which contains such a requirement.

On the contrary, Article one declares:

"17. Each individual Governor, is hereby charged with the responsibility of exercising his own independent judgment in all matters which may come before the Assembly for consideration; he may act in accordance with the directions or advice given to him by his Provincial Organization, but such shall not affect his power or status to vote on any matters before the Assembly and regardless of whether or not his Province may be affected by decision of the matter under consideration. It is the general intention of this Section to define beyond any doubt, the status of each Governor, as that of a Governor in fact, and not that of a delegate."

This means that each individual Governor has the power to raise a problem for consideration of the Assembly of Governors, including motion submission. But to avoid discrepancies, it will be good to clearly define such a procedure.

Therefore I would like to re-introduce the following motion:

Moved by Michael Barron/Frank Dixon that the CFC Handbook should include the following regulation:

"The procedure of motion submission to CFC:

1. Every CFC Governor can submit a motion in his response to Governors' Letter.
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3. Otherwise, this motion called for discussion in the current Governors' Letter.
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Halldor Palsson: *I am going to rule this motion out of order because it so fundamentally violates all rules of order. I am not going to itemize this beyond saying that the chair has to call the question. In GLs there is a first and second discussion and then the question is voted on. The CFC has always conducted business according to Robert's Rules of Order.*

3) Women discrimination by CFC:

The current revision of Section 12 of the CFC Handbook is clearly discriminating against the Women's Team. Canada has several promising girls in chess. However, these

girls are growing up and becoming women. We need to change obsolete discriminatory CFC regulations now to secure their chess future!

The speculations about the possibility for women to play on the Men's Team don't make sense – it has never happened in Canada before and won't happen in the near future. We should declare equal rights for women members on the Women's Team and for men members on the Men's Team.

***Halldor Palsson:** This motion is in order for the Incoming Assembly at the AGM in Kapuskasing. I rule that the motion on the Olympiad Regulations is still out of order. This is the same issues as motion raised in motion 2003-08, amendment 3. This was voted for by 6, against 19, abstain 7 [GL #1 2003-04, p.5]. The general rule is: "During the meeting or series of connected meetings (called a session) in which the assembly has decided a question, the same or substantially the same question cannot be brought up again, except through special procedures that imply unusual circumstance" [RONR (10th ed.), p72, I 29-31]. I invite Governors to address why a reconsideration of this matter is warranted at this time.*

I hereby re-introduce the following motion:

Proposal by:

Moved by Michael Barron/Bela Kosoian/Nava Starr that Section 12 of the CFC Handbook should be repealed and replaced by the following:

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. Technical Assistant(s)

- iii. Men's Team
- iv. Women's Team

2. Men's Team

The Men's Team shall be comprised of:

- i. Captain
- ii. 6 Players

3. Women's Team

The Women's Team shall be comprised of:

- i. Captain
- ii. 4 female Players

4. 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 Captains to promote and safeguard 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.

5. Technical Assistant(s)

- He/she is to assist **the Head of Delegation and the Captains** in carrying out **their** 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 **Head of Delegation**

6. Captains

- The Men's Team Captain and the Women's Team Captain are responsible for the Men's Team and the Women's Team matters respectively.
- 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 judgment, 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

7. 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 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 Men's Team Captain or the Women's Team Captain respectively 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 judgment at certain predetermined 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 **Executive** of the CFC.

3. Selection of the Captains

- **The Men's Team Captain and the Women's Team 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:

- Be a Canadian Citizen or a **permanent 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 **permanent residents** 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]
- 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 Men's 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
- b) The Canadian Women's Team shall include 4 female players:
 - The winner of the most recent Canadian Women's Closed and Zonal
 - One player decided upon by the Selection Committee
 - The two 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 Olympiad. 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 Olympiad.
- 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 judgment, two candidates for **the Men's Team and one candidate for the Women's Team** — approximately between the ages of 15 and 35 — who do not qualify by rating for the National Team in question.
- It is assumed that all 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 **on the Men's Team and on the Women's Team** shall be decided upon **by the Men's Team Captain and by the Women's Team Captain respectively**.
- 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 **four players of the Men's Team and three players of the Women's Team**. The **reserve players are** 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 non-playing Women's Team Captain, then one of the Women's Team players will be chosen by the Executive of the CFC to assume these responsibilities and duties.
- When finances do not permit sending a non-playing Men's Team Captain, then one of the Men's Team players will be chosen by the Executive of the CFC to assume these responsibilities and duties.
- When finances do not permit sending a Head of Delegation, then one of the Captains will be chosen by the Executive of the CFC to assume his 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 power to choose the replacement(s).

(Note: Changes to the previous regulations are in red.)

Michael Barron:

4) Motion 2004-03:

This motion is intended to enlarge Canadian participation in the World Youth Chess Championship but it diminishes the stature of the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. I don't think it's good for Canadian juniors and for Canadian chess. I believe that Canada should send not more players to the WYCC but rather the best players! To achieve this goal, we need to organize a really strong and serious Canadian Youth Chess Championship that can attract the best Canadian juniors – a ten player round-robin tournament in each age category during nine days, with one game per day and FIDE time control – like the WYCC. For increasing chess popularity among juniors we need to keep mass Canadian swiss tournaments similar to current CYCC (probably one common section), but it should be Canadian Youth Qualifier that will qualify players for CYCC.

Therefore I would like to propose another revision of regulations 1000 – 1015 of the CFC Handbook:

1000. Events:

This section establishes the rules for:

(a) The holding of the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (“CYCC”), which consists of the following ten tournaments:

Canadian under 18 Championship (open and girls),
Canadian under 16 Championship (open and girls),
Canadian under 14 Championship (open and girls),
Canadian under 12 Championship (open and girls),
Canadian under 10 Championship (open and girls);

- (b) The holding of the Canadian Youth Qualifier tournament;
- (c) Canadian representation at the World Youth Chess Championship (“WYCC”);
- (d) The financial obligations of the CFC to Canadian participants in the WYCC.

1001. Frequency:

A Canadian Youth Qualifier and CYCC shall normally be held each year.

A Canadian Youth Qualifier shall normally be held during summer school break.

A CYCC shall normally be held during winter school break.

1002. Format:

The Canadian Youth Qualifier tournament shall use a 9-round swiss format held over 3 days.

The CYCC tournaments shall use a 10-player single round robin format for each category set out in Article 1000(a) held over 9 days (1 game per day).

1003. CYCC Players:

The following players shall be eligible to participate in the appropriate CYCC tournament provided they comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007:

- (a) The top 3 finishers of the preceding CYCC for each category set out in Article 1000(a).
- (b) The top 3 players from the Canadian Rating List (see Article 1005) for each category set out in Article 1000(a).
- (c) The top finishers of the preceding Canadian Youth Qualifier until the total number allowed to compete is reached.

1004. Canadian Youth Qualifier Players:

Any players who comply with the formal entry requirements of Article 1007 shall be eligible to participate in the Canadian Youth Qualifier tournament.

1005. Rating Requirements:

In determining the rating for qualification pursuant to Article 1003(b), the following shall apply:

- (a) The players rating shall be from the rating list designated by the CFC Board of Directors and published approximately eight weeks prior to the CYCC.
- (b) The ratings used must be Established Ratings unless the CFC Board of Directors decides that the playing strength of a player with a provisional or other rating is sufficient to qualify.

(c) In exceptional circumstances the CFC Board of Directors can qualify a player by rating if tournament results which would qualify a player are not submitted in a timely manner or for any other reason.

1006. Additional Places:

When a player who has qualified to play in the **CYCC** has qualified under more than one Article of section 1003, then the extra place will be filled from the **Canadian Youth Qualifier participants** pursuant to Article 1003(c).

1007. Age, Citizenship, and Residency:

Each contestant in the **CYCC and Canadian Youth Qualifier** must **meet** the age requirements specified by FIDE for the **WYCC**. Each player shall be either (i) a Canadian citizen or (ii) a **permanent resident** of Canada. The admittance to the Tournament of such exceptions shall be entirely at the discretion of the CFC Board of Directors.

1008. Entries:

All eligible players who may qualify pursuant to Article 1003 and who wish to participate in the **CYCC** shall notify the CFC Business Office no later than **4 weeks** before the start of the Championship of their intention to participate, enclosing their entry fee of \$150.00. All eligible players who wish to participate in the **Canadian Youth Qualifier** shall notify the CFC Business Office no later than **4 weeks** before the start of the Tournament of their intention to participate, enclosing their entry fee of **\$100.00**. The CFC Board of Directors may delegate this function to the tournament organizers. Entries which cannot be accepted because the number exceeds the number of players allowed shall be advised thereof and their entry fee returned to them. In exceptional circumstances, the CFC Board of Directors can vary the time limits in this Article.

1009. Time Control:

The **Canadian Youth Qualifier** tournament shall use the time control 1 hour per game for each player.

The **CYCC** tournaments shall use the FIDE time control announced for the **WYCC**.

1010. Tie Break:

Ties for the top three places in the **CYCC** shall be resolved by a playoff. Which of the following time controls shall be used depends on the time available (the slowest time control shall be used if possible): a) the same time control as used in the tournament; b) 1 hour per game; c) 30 minutes per game; d) 15 minutes per game; e) 5 minutes per game.

If two players finish the tournament with the same number of points, a two-game playoff shall be played. The player who receives White in the first game shall be determined by lot.

If three or more players finish the tournament with the same number of points, a single round robin playoff shall be played.

If, after a playoff is completed, two or more players are still tied, another playoff shall be held using a faster time control. This process shall be repeated until the tie is broken.

1011. Players' Expenses:

Each player will be responsible for paying his or her own travel expenses, accommodation and meal expenses to the CYCC and Canadian Youth Qualifier. [Amended, see Motion 2003-02, 02-03GL3, December 2002]

1012. Participation in the WYCC:

The following players are eligible to participate in the appropriate category of the WYCC:

(a) The winner of each category in the CYCC. If a winner is unable or unwilling to participate, the second place finisher in that category shall be invited to go in his or her place. If the second place finisher is unable to participate, the third place finisher in that category shall be invited to go in place of the winner. Players who qualify for the world event in this manner shall have their entry fee and air fare to the world event paid by the CFC.

(b) The second and third place finishers in the CYCC. They are not guaranteed to receive CFC funding.

1013. Canadian Youth Qualifier Organization:

The principal organizer of the Canadian Youth Qualifier is the CFC with the responsibility for the event resting with the Junior Coordinator and the Executive Director. All expenses such as prizes, trophies, medals, and rent shall be borne by the CFC. The Canadian Youth Qualifier shall normally be held immediately preceding the Canadian Open tournament. The organizers of the Canadian Open will receive \$5 from each entry for securing the playing site. Any surplus funds generated will be utilized by the CFC for future Junior activities, or transferred to the Junior Fund (Kalev Pugi Fund). [see Motion 2003-02, 02-03GL3, December 2002]

1014. CYCC Organization:

The principal organizer of the CYCC is the CFC with the responsibility for the event resting with the Junior Coordinator and the Executive Director. All expenses such as prizes, travel to the world event, trophies, medals, and rent shall be borne by the CFC. CYCC tournaments for different categories can be held at different locations across Canada for increasing visibility and popularity of chess. Any surplus funds generated will be utilized by the CFC for future Junior activities, or transferred to the Junior Fund (Kalev Pugi Fund). [see Motion 2003-02, 02-03GL3, December 2002]

1015. Authority of the Board of Directors:

The CFC Board of Directors shall rule on any situation not covered by these regulations and shall have the authority to rule on any matter which is in dispute.

(Note: Changes to the previous regulations are in red.)

Halldor Palsson: It is important that Governors with new ideas not only express them but also look at how the proposed changes impact on the funding of the program under consideration. The Canadian participation in the WYCC is largely funded by the CYCC

held just prior to the Canadian Open. If you want to proceed with these ideas please have them seconded. I would suggest that you frame them as amendments to the motion moved by Peter Stockhausen/Kevin Spraggett regarding changes to the regulations 1000-1015 of the CFC Handbook. I note that there are important differences between what you propose and the revisions introduced by Stockhausen/Spraggett but there is also considerable overlap.

5) The status of chess in Canada:

Does anybody know why for Sports Canada chess is *explicitly excluded* from all their support programs? Is it possible to change this?

5) Financial Management:

Maurice Smith informed us that the membership revenue is up and there is virtually no drop in tournaments being rated. It's nice to know, but maybe somebody could provide us with exact numbers? How many former CFC members decided not to renew their CFC membership last year? How are the organizers adjusting their tournaments?

Halldor P. Palsson: Thank you for asking, below are our annual membership fees and rating fees by month in 2003-04:

Month	Membership Fees	Rating Fees
May	6,253	1,992
June	3,397	1,202
July	5,897	1,798
August	2,809	1,192
September	8,660	2,477
October	5,380	2,064
November	9,236	2,379
December	4,706	1,933
January	6,479	1,576
February	5,138	3,030
March	7,331	2,520
April (Budget)	6,750	2000
Total	72,036	24,163

Membership fees were \$69,921 in 2003 and \$67,702 in 2002.

Rating fees were \$19,506 in 2003 and \$21,368 in 2002.

The latest example: the Greater Toronto Chess League decided this year to pay rating fees for all participants of the Toronto Closed and Reserves Championships. As a result, the number of players increased from 20 to 44 and the amount of collected CFC rating fees increased from \$40 to \$132 (230% increase).

It's a good example and the main point is: the players should not pay rating fees – it's already covered by CFC membership! An increase of the rating fees means an increase in

expenses for the organizers (in this case for GTCL) and lack of funds for other chess projects. So, let's think one more time: do we really need to take away money from the GTCL and other chess organizers or should we give them more money to organize more chess competitions in Canada?

Mark Barnes:

Motion 2004-03: (Stockhausen/Spraggett) Canadian/World Youth Championships. I support this motion.

Stephen Wright:

Regarding Motion 2004-02 Halldor Palsson wrote, "I rule that Governor Ken Craft does not have standing to challenge my ruling as he did not move or second the motion that was the subject of my ruling."

I would like to know what set of rules the president was using when he made this decision. Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition), Section 24 gives the following: ". . . any two members have the right to appeal from his decision . . . By one member making (or "taking") the appeal and another seconding it, the question is taken from the chair and vested in the assembly for final decision." Note it states "any two members" - I see no mention of the appeal having to be made by the mover or seconder of the original motion.

Regarding Motion 2004-03:

This motion seeks to seed players directly to the WYCC, which was the intent of motion 2004-02. Motion 2004-02 was ruled out of order, yet motion 2004-03 proceeds to first discussion with no comment whatsoever. Curious . . .

Halldor Palsson: The most important thing about the 2004-03 motion is that it is in order and puts your issue before the Assembly. While I think it is a terrible idea to bypass the CYCC, this does not prevent Governors from amending the CYCC rules to allow that to happen. I accept that I made some errors applying Robert's Rules of Order to your motion in an effort to avoid calling your amendment (1) frivolous or absurd or (2) containing no rational proposition with respect to a championship qualification system since the number of players potentially qualified under your original proposal cannot be determined.

Frank Dixon:

I am including the text of a recent letter from Alex Lambruschini (the new President of the newly-formed Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association) to its Executive members. I am the advisor to this group which is governed by post-secondary students.

I will now introduce a motion for the discussion among the Governors on this topic of post-secondary chess in Canada.

Motion 2004-04 Moved by Frank Dixon, and seconded by Michael Barron:

That the topic of post secondary chess in Canada be opened for discussion among Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC), and that a method of governance and affiliation be developed for this portfolio, under CFC auspices, through liaison with the newly-formed organization, the Canadian Post Secondary Chess Association (CPSCA).

I refer specifically to the aforementioned letter from Alex Lambruschini. Mr. Lambruschini is a second year student at Queen's University and the President of the Queen's University Chess Club. Alex and I were the co-organizers and directors of this year's Championship which was hosted by Queen's. The CPSCA, a new group for post-secondary chess in Canada, was founded in Kingston on Jan. 10, 2004, during the Championship tournament for this year. An article on this tournament and the new organization will be published in the forthcoming June, 2004 issue of CCE after arrangements with the magazine editor FM Hans Jung.

At this time, I would like to direct the attention of CFC Governors to the fact that until now there has been no organized structure for post secondary chess in Canada. On my recommendation, this new organization has been formed to correct this deficiency.

I have been asked to serve as advisor to the new group and am pleased to do so. I will sit as an ex-officio member of the CPSCA Executive, which will be elected annually. The plan is to have the new group operate under governance from students in Canadian post secondary institutions. This will give the students themselves control and input with their chess as well as serving as a potential training ground for new chess leadership in Canada. Student tournament directors and organizers will be given the opportunity to develop their skills and experience. A constitution to govern the affairs of the CPSCA is in preparation and I would suggest that, wherever appropriate, it must be in harmony with any and all CFC documents.

Next year's championship has been awarded to the University of Toronto, for early January 2005. Any university or college in Canada is eligible to send at least one four player team to compete for the Queen's University Cup for Chess which will be awarded annually to the championship team. This new trophy was donated to the new CPSCA by the Queen's University Chess Club in January 2004. So, we are developing new rivalries and traditions.

Since there are so many Canadian youth playing chess in CYCC, Chess 'N Math, high school events and other programs, it seems logical and appropriate to extend this popularity into the post secondary education field.

I want to emphasize at this time that in light of past questions over eligibility (for example in the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championships) players who take part in the Canadian Team Championship for Post Secondary Chess MUST in fact be currently registered students at the institution which they are representing.

I am inviting comments and suggestions from CFC Governors at this time to develop this portfolio of chess in Canada. A structure of affiliation between the CFC and the new group is desirable. I would suggest that one possibility would be to include the new group under the portfolio of the CFC Junior Coordinator. As advisor to the new group, I am willing to cooperate and work with whatever structure the Governors develop, as will the Executive of the CPSCA. The mutual benefits to the CFC and the CPSCA should be strengthened by any new interaction.

Friday 16 January 2004

CANADIAN POST SECONDARY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Hi all,

It is a pleasure to serve as Chair of the new Canadian Post Secondary Chess Association in order to promote the growth of post secondary chess in this country!

This message is intended to convey the agenda I wish to pursue in order to meet this objective. As a first order of business, contact was made with the CFC to express in some initial detail the plans and purpose of the new Association. The letter sent is attached for your interest.

In the coming months, the most important step to firmly establishing the Association is to make contacts with as many universities and colleges in Canada as possible so that all existing post secondary chess clubs can be brought into this new initiative.

To ensure the continuation of post secondary chess tournaments the critical issue to address is funding to support sending teams. At the meeting on January 10th it became clear that most universities would only provide adequate support to their teams if they were participating in an official national championship. Thus a key objective I am pursuing is to use the Association as the starting point to establish at U of T in one-year's time the first Canadian University Chess Championship for which all interested post secondary institutions in the country will have assistance through the Association in pursuing the financial means necessary for participating in the event.

As mentioned, initial contact with the CFC has already been made with regard to the Association's ambitions for post secondary chess in Canada. In putting in place a national championship, it will be logical to work with the CFC to receive organizational support. We are fortunate to have CFC Governor Frank Dixon as an advisor with the Canadian Post Secondary Chess Association and who can work as a liaison between our student-run Association and the CFC. For next year's event at U of T the Ontario Chess Association will also be contacted for the support they can provide.

The current members of the Association are:

Chair: Alex Lambruschini (Queen's)

Jim Pryor (Waterloo)

Kit Ng (Toronto)

Morgan Mills (Toronto)

Andrei Moskvitch (McGill)

David Gunapalan (McGill)

David Mann (Ottawa)

Pavel Fulmyk (York)

Frank Dixon -- CFC Governor -- ex-officio

I also have contacts at Windsor, Western, McMaster, Scarborough and Carleton. Each of the clubs at these universities will be asked for a representative to be added to the Association's contacts.

I am establishing contacts at BC and other universities in Western Canada. Help is especially needed in Quebec and the Maritimes. Bilingual members of the association will be prove to be the most valuable in contacting post secondary institutions in Quebec, and I especially ask for help from the McGill members in this area of growth.

Thus the threefold agenda of the Canadian Post Secondary Chess Association has been outlined: make contacts at as many institutions as possible; establish a truly national Canadian University Chess Championship for next year; and work with the CFC and other existing chess organizations in meeting our objectives.

There is now a great potential for the growth of post secondary chess in Canada! The objectives presented can be met with the enthusiastic participation of post secondary chess players across the country. As the founding members of the Association, please send me your suggestions and let me know what role you can do in our overall objective of the growth of post secondary chess in Canada. Even if that is just strengthening the chess club at your university, that will be a great help.

Finally, a webpage will be set up for our Association, however, this needs to be accomplished through contacts with some web savvy people, which I do not have at the moment. Any help in this regard would be very much beneficial to our Association.

So it was a pleasure to meet with you in Kingston and I hope that we will be successful working together. For those of you with interesting digital pictures from the tournament please send them to me.

Sincerely,

Alex Lambruschini

Lyle Craver:

First, I find the President's move to rule Mr. Craft's chair challenge out of order bizarre in the extreme given that his stated reason was that Craft was not the mover or seconder of the original motion. I was the seconder of the motion which caused the challenge to the chair and I was seconding Mr. Craft's challenge so any suggest that Ken did not have standing to challenge the Chair seems quite fatuous to me.

In any case, the objections raised by Stephen Wright's original motion (which I seconded) are very much addressed by the Stockhausen /Spraggett motion so I will confine my efforts to advocating for the passage of it. Attentive governors will remember Mr. Spraggett's 52 page effort of last year primarily directing towards attacking the Past President. If they can now collaborate on such an important motion there is indeed hope for the rest of us!

Junior Coordinator's report: Unless I have overlooked something the Canadian Junior Championship and the Canadian Cadet Championship remain our national championship. I would appreciate being informed when the CYCC became "our NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!" as I have been a member of either the Assembly of Governors or CFC Board of Directors continuously for the past ten years and do not recall ever being asked to vote on such a motion.

Halldor Palsson: The CYCC = Canadian Youth Chess Championship. I do not understand your point on why it is wrong to call it a national championship? See also comments by Patrick McDonald

TDOCP Program - this is a very good effort though there are some rough edges that would cause me to vote against this proposal unless amended. Once the motion is amended accordingly I will be happy to support this effort.

Specifically:

- FIDE International Arbiters should be grandfathered in as National Tournament Directors without an additional fee. IAs are already automatically granted CFC Honorary Membership (no real benefit to me since I am already a CFC Life Member but kudos are always welcome) and the International Arbiter title expires when the IA does.

- I strongly object to paragraph 2021 which gives the TDOCP Committee the power to amend the CFC Handbook. Amending the Handbook is a privilege of the Assembly of Governors under the CFC Constitution and the very idea of voting it away is unacceptable. I cannot accept paragraph 2022 for the same reason. The correct method is for the TDOCP to move changes to the Handbook to reflect changes in FIDE practice.

- I would argue the TDOCP is too small with three members - five would be better and might well be merged with the National Appeals Committee.

- Paragraph 2042 seems unusually cumbersome - perhaps it should be rewritten with respect to the present game adjournment rules in mind.

Comments from Governors:

- Obviously Alvah Mayo and I entirely disagree on the matter of the 2004 Canadian Open. I have made specific charges about the bidding process for the 2004 event which he does not address but merely describes my comments as "sour grapes". The Governors do need to bear in mind that I am considered a "dove" out here among the people I represent - definitely not a "hawk". My record as a strong CFC supporter speaks for itself and I have steadfastly supported the CFC against incursions from the FQE, AEM and others for many years.

In this case I think the decision taken was wrong and don't feel the need to be apologetic for saying so. I have already discussed this privately with Halldor man to man and I think we have an understanding. As I have said above, I do believe the Stockhausen /Spraggett motion addresses the critical points from the Wright /Craver motion and urge all Governors to support it.

- I agree with Roger Patterson that it is not necessary to support the "FIDE time control" in all events. I note in this context that the United States Chess Federation has done their own thing in FIDE rated events in their own country for decades without facing FIDE sanctions. As such I don't feel the need to follow FIDE blindly although my reading of

the sections of the FIDE and CFC Handbooks cause me to say that in the majority of cases where there is a significant discrepancy between the two I prefer the FIDE rule to the CFC rule - but absolutely NOT in ALL cases! (Specifically I do believe the FIDE Quickplay Finish rules are superior to what we do – and usually announce in my tournaments that the tournament will follow them)

- To Maurice Smith I would say that when the Canadian Open has been outside Ontario and Quebec there have been numerous events in Toronto and Montreal. The traditional Canadian Open dates are prime dates on the tournament calendar and I would hardly think otherwise. For the CFC to consider sanctions against Vancouver would be highly hypocritical in light of the non reaction to last year's Quebec Open.

As for when he received the minutes of the November 03 Bled meeting I simply shake my head and say "that's FIDE for you" the same way the general non chess public refers to Canada Post! Overall I think Maurice takes way too much flack from Governors and others concerning FIDE matters and he deserves praise as the most active FIDE Zone President we have had for many years.

- To Mr. Dixon I say that he is right in his support for moving the Canadian Open around the country but we must follow the actual bids. I would prefer requiring all bids to be published in the last GL before the AGM so that all Governors can effectively vote on them with their proxies. I also feel the Assembly should have no hesitation in voting "none of the above" if it is felt that none of the bids are up to snuff.

In this case the appropriate action is NOT to allow one of the unsuccessful bidders to resubmit their bid behind the backs of the Governors (particularly those unable to attend the AGM) but rather to announce bidding is re-opened and have the site decided by vote in the first GL of the new year. That is the appropriate action and is fair to all parties concerned. I hope Dixon's optimism that the lessons of Canadian Open 2004 have in fact been learned is justified.

- I agree with Mr. Barron that an annual or at worst bi-annual Canadian championship is highly desirable. We have gotten our schedules messed up due to the circus that is regrettably FIDE and need to determine what we as Canadians wish to do.

- I find Mr. Barron's comments about censorship and the GL quite surprising since I have made comments in GLs this year the present Board cannot have liked much. Last year when I was CFC Secretary I published Mr. Spraggett's 52 page report concerning his quarrel with Mr. Stockhausen to be published verbatim so I just don't think Barron's comments on censorship hold water. (I note in passing that I do feel I would have had considerable justification to edit Spraggett's report but believed I was upholding the values of the CFC in publishing it verbatim though surely those who were in the know must know my views on the points Mr. Spraggett was making!)

- As for Barron's comments about how many sponsors and fans could have the best Canadian hockey teams (sic), if they were playing only once in three years" I simply suggest the Olympic hockey tournament manages without difficulty to attract fans and sponsors though their tournament only takes place every FOUR years.

Concerning the CFC AGM I feel strongly that the CFC Executive should commit itself to issuing a one or two page "press release" within 48 hours of the AGM detailing (a) who the incoming Executive is and (b) which motions were passed and (c) which bids were accepted. It is not necessary to give exact vote counts or details of the discussions so from a technical point of view this quick summary should easily be doable within 48 hours of the end of the AGM. To allow Chesstalk and other organizations to have the ONLY source of CFC AGM news for 6-8 weeks from the end of the AGM to the publication of the first GL is unconscionable and should not happen again. I feel very very strongly on this point and would welcome a motion on this subject.

Finally I note the unfortunate state of the French language section of the CFC Web page. I note that this area has not been updated for nearly three years as shown by the page at <http://www.chess.ca/French/gouverneurs.htm>. Even if the language skills of the Business Office are not up to the task of providing full services en francais, this page ought at least to be up to date.

At this point it is unacceptable to still list Dale Kirton as CFC President and the rest of his executive. Even a person with minimum French skills ought to be able to ensure the names on the CFC Executive page remain current. We are after all the Chess Federation of Canada and that includes quite an important linguistic minority whose interests ought not to be ignored.

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Lynn Stringer
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Henry Chiu
Stephen Wright
Toni Delini
Francisco Cabanas
Joshua Keshet
Paul Brown

Regional (RTD) certified
Lynn Stringer ~ 1980
Lyle Craver - 1986
Francisco Cabanas
Jason Feng
George Hara ~ 1990

Jeremy Crowhurst
Tim Bethell
Gregory Churchill
David Gardner
Daniel Myers
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Von Sarac
Dan Scoones
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Andrei Botez
Bruce Harper

Motions for First Discussion:

Motion 2004-04: (Dixon/ Barron) Post secondary chess in Canada

Motions for Second Discussion:

Motion 2004-03: (Stockhausen/Spraggett) Canadian/World Youth Championships

Motions for Vote:

None.

Deadline for Submissions to GL #5: May 15, 2004.