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GOVERNORS' LETTER SIX

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President's Message

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting GL #6 out to Governors. In the end I edited this issue to get it out. I will ask the CFC Office to send out the financials from our auditors and any bids for national events that we receive before the AGM.

I would like to thank my Executive for all the work they did for the CFC this year. Please join me in wishing Maurice Smith the best in his retirement and thanking Stijn De Kerpel for his contribution to the CFC this year.

At the end of a year in office it is useful to reflect on our progress. After I got elected I did a review of CFC finances with Gerry Litchfield. The CFC was at a loss of about \$6,000 for the first three months of the 2003-04 financial year. The Executive accepted that we had to cut expenses. Most of the cost savings were associated with the cost of our magazine. With these cost savings and the revenue increases approved at the 2003 AGM taking effect September 1, 2003 the finances of the CFC were turned around. I am awaiting the report of the auditor but I expect the CFC to have a modest audited income of about \$5,000. I will send out a more detailed report on CFC finances before the AGM.

The CFC struggles to acquire and retain membership. I asked Gerry Litchfield to do a number of mailings using the CFC list to recruit expired members. This was not very successful in terms of recruiting members. Please join me in thanking Governor John Rutherford for signing up the largest number of CFC members this year.

The year in chess was good. The number of good strong tournaments has never been higher in Canada. The CFC was also very fortunate to find a number of sponsors to support juniors that went to the WYCC. I would like to urge more of our organizers to use the fact that the CFC can issue tax receipts to sponsors that help talented young people compete internationally for Canada.

The women's championship was held and our new champion WFM Dinara Khaziyeva played in the world championship. Our champion from 2002, Pascal Charbonneau, finally went to the world championship. The next Canadian Championship and Zonal is already scheduled for August 2004.

I am seeking re-election as President of the CFC at the AGM in Kapuskasing. I am asking for your support for another term in office.

Halldor P. Palsson

Vice President's Report

It has been a very interesting year. I was pleased that the CFC was able to enter in a partnership agreement with the World Chess Network (WCN) , and hope we will (in the future) be able to offer partnerships with other groups.

I was also pleased to work with a dedicated group of people on the Executive; thank you gentlemen for your time and efforts.

A special thanks to Gerry Litchfield for all your hard work and dedication to Canadian chess. I agree with Mr Wright that the CFC must look at its retention problem of employees. The business Office is the lifeblood of the organization. It is the Executive Director that is on the front lines, not the Executive.

Unfortunately, due to an increasing workload, I will not be running for re-election this year. I wish the new Executive much success.

Stijn De Kerpel

Past President Report

The past year was a quiet one. This is quite normal, as the main role of the Past President on the Executive is to be supportive of the new President and to offer advice, when required. And this is what I did.

I like to thank my fellow Executive members for putting up with me and wish the new Executive all the best for the coming year.

Peter Stockhausen
Past President 2003/2004

Treasurer's Report:

I am pleased to inform that following the introduction of cost saving and revenue generation measures, CFC's finances are in good shape.

[The report by our auditor will be e-mailed to Governors when it becomes available.] Please refer to the income statement and balance sheet for further details.

Dilip Panjwani,
Treasurer
CFC.

Secretary

Our secretary Alvah Mayo could not complete this issue of the GL because of his workload. This issue is therefore prepared by Halldor P. Palsson for our secretary and that creates problems. If there are items that were sent directly to Alvah Mayo they are omitted in this issue of the GL.

REPORT OF THE FIDE REPRESENTATIVE

One of the most significant happenings in FIDE the past year was the identifying and publishing of the mismanagement of FIDE funds. At the FIDE meetings in Greece the Verification Committee which acts as an Audit Committee gave statistics showing that just about all revenue produced was used to pay the expenses of the FIDE Secretariat in Switzerland. It was shown that the FIDE credit card and cell phone were used indiscriminately resulting in large expenses. Also salaries and other expenses were higher in Switzerland than they would be in other Countries. It was recommended that the Executive Director be removed and the Office be moved to Athens. Subsequently the Executive Director resigned and the Office has indeed been moved to Athens. These are positive improvements. However, at this writing, to my knowledge the position of Executive Director has not been filled.

The World Championship reunification process is well under way. Of course some problems still exist. The acceptance of a bid from Libya to hold the World Championship Tournament was controversial to say the least. At first Libya refused to allow visas to all Countries, but apparently they have now relented. The United States in particular have been very concerned about safety in that Country. Along the same lines, the Women's Championship had to be moved from Georgia to Russia because of security problems. If FIDE was more

conscious of existing security conditions in Countries submitting bids, and also not so impatient to accept bids, then many of these problems could be overcome.

FIDE has delegated many responsibilities to the Continental Associations. Therefore at the FIDE meetings in Greece I attended the Continental Americas meeting. The only English speaking representatives there that I can recall were from Bermuda, Barbados, U.S. and myself. Everyone else spoke Spanish and the meeting was conducted in that language. Although there was some translation, you always wonder what you are missing. Also when they talk amongst themselves, you have no idea what is going on. The South American Countries barter amongst themselves to see which PanAm tournaments they will run. Then they look across at Canada to see what we will do. Of course the answer is the same as always - nothing. However I advised the Continental President that I wished to make a speech. I advised the meeting that Canada would like to be more involved but we get no Government funding for any international events or meetings. I mentioned that I believed this situation along with sponsorship was gradually going to change and we would become more involved. This has to happen or Canada will have absolutely no influence on any FIDE matter. Other Countries with Government funding hold FIDE meetings, FIDE World Championships and PanAm Championships, while Canada does absolutely nothing. When it comes to chess, Canada is a Fourth World Country. Even Third World Countries hold FIDE meetings and Championships with Government support. I say this using the context of how other Countries see us. Our top players and now especially a tremendous amount of talented Juniors help Canada look better at the playing level.

While at the FIDE meetings in Greece I also attended the Titles and Ratings Committee Meeting. There I argued unsuccessfully that Pascal Charbonneau's result at the Continental was worthy of a GM Title. Also I argued against lowering the FIDE rating floor to 1600 and then to 1000. This was also unsuccessful as most of the Committee members do not have their own rating system. I argued against the proposal of a ranking system for chess Countries. The proposal would rank Countries by items like how many FIDE rated players they had, how the Country performed in Olympics and similar items. The Chairman said that ranking Countries would help them get sponsorships. However, in my opinion, if you were in the bottom half of the rankings it would have the opposite effect.

FIDE will continue to use shorter time controls. President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov remains confident that chess will attract more sponsorship that way. He also insists that chess will be included in the Olympic Games, even before bridge. The President stated that this century will be the century when mental games will dominate. Perhaps in Europe and Asia, but I see no signs of that happening in North America.

During the year, I assisted in several of our Tournament Directors getting the International Arbiter Titles. There is a substantial amount of paper work involved and the information has to be correct in detail and complete before I am able to send everything off to FIDE. Similarly I aided in several of our Masters getting FIDE Titles. This was all very positive and rewarding and I was very happy to be involved.

Now after eight consecutive years on the CFC Executive, including three years as President, I am announcing my retirement from the FIDE positions and the Executive. I am retired from regular employment and wish to spend more of my time and finances on family members. Anyone wishing to be nominated for the positions of FIDE Delegate and Zonal President should be prepared to spend considerable time and money on FIDE matters and travel to FIDE meetings. On the down side, you will experience meetings that are never run on time, are chaired by people who think that making a motion means raising your hand, and 15 minute coffee breaks that last 45 minutes. On the plus side you will meet many unique people from various Countries who are devoted to chess and its promotion. An important point to remember is that you are representing Canada to the world.

Although I am retiring from the Executive, I intend to exercise my right as a Governor to continually work for the best interests of the CFC. I have done so since I first became a member in 1976 and will continue to do so. I believe that it is extremely important to support our National organization and it should be the top priority with all our members and especially our Governors.

I will miss seeing some of my international counterparts, although I will not miss some of the meetings. During my eight years on the Executive, I have worked with many outstanding chess people who have become my chess friends. These are people I respect and admire and have helped make it all worthwhile. I wish all of you the best in chess and I am sure that I will see many of you at tournaments and meetings in the future.

Maurice Smith
CFC FIDE Delegate
Zonal President 2.2

Junior Co-ordinator

Report will be available at the AGM in Kapuskasing.

Keeping Governors Informed

General Announcements

The CFC is looking for a FIDE Delegate and Zonal President to replace Maurice Smith who is retiring. Anyone wishing to be nominated for the positions of FIDE Delegate and Zonal President should be prepared to spend considerable time and money on FIDE matters and to travel to FIDE meetings. The CFC only issues tax receipts for FIDE travel to the FIDE Delegate.

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Governor's Comments

Michael Barron:

Dear CFC Governors and Executive!

Unfortunately, I need to repeat almost all my questions from the previous Governors' Letter that still were left without responses:

1) The Governors' Letter frequency and purpose:

The Deadline for submissions to GL #5 was February 26, 2003.

The GL #5 was released only on May 3, 2004 (10 weeks later!) and almost without answers to Governors' questions.

Who and why need such delay?

I expect Governors' Letter issue in 2 weeks after Deadline for submissions and believe that Executive should provide answers to all Governors' questions or at least explain why they cannot answer them.

Otherwise what is a purpose of Governors' Letter?

2) The procedure of motion submission:

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

The CFC President wrote to me in a private e-mail:

"You or any other Governor must find one other Governor to second your Motions for them to go before the Assembly."

In the GL#5 this Motion was seconded, and we received response from the CFC President: "*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.*"

I understand that it's very important that the Assembly of Governors works according to certain Rules. But I believe much more important that the Assembly of Governors works for benefit of Chess in Canada.

If during a whole year the Assembly of Governors can produce only 1 decision according to existing Rules – we need to change such Rules!

Who and how can initiate a first discussion in GL?

It seems that the CFC President believes that only the CFC President himself has such exclusive right. Do we really need such CFC President?

I am forced to repeat myself:

According to By-law number two of the Chess Federation of Canada

[http://www.chess.ca/section_2.htm]:

"The Chess Federation of Canada shall be governed by an Assembly of Governors".

It means that each individual Governor has a power to raise a problem for consideration of the Assembly of Governors, including motion submission. The role of the CFC President is to organize and direct constructive discussion for achieving benefits of Chess in Canada.

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

Moved by Michael Barron/Frank Dixon/Bela Kosoian 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.
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 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."

3) Women discrimination by CFC:

Current revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook is clearly discriminating Women's Team. Now Canada has several promising girls in chess. But girls are growing up and becoming women. We need to change obsolete discriminatory CFC regulations now to secure their chess future!

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

I don't understand why according to the CFC President, "*This motion is in order for the Incoming Assembly at the AGM in Kapuskasing*"?

Because only few CFC Governors are able to come to the AGM in Kapuskasing?

I cannot see any other reason to postpone discussion of this important issue until AGM.

4) The Olympiad Regulations:

This issue needs the reproduction of whole its history:

GL #1 2003-04 [<http://www.chess.ca/Gls/03-04GL1.pdf>]:

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

...

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

...

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.

...

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.”

GL #2 2003-04 [<http://www.chess.ca/Gls/03-04GL2.pdf>]:

“Michael Barron:

...

The approved revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook leave impression that only Men's team is a National Team, and Women's team is something not necessary.

I would like to propose the corrected revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook attached in Appendix A.”

GL #3 2003-04 [<http://www.chess.ca/Gls/03-04GL3.pdf>]:

“Michael Barron: the corrected revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook was missed in Governors' Letter #2. I have included it in Governors' Letter #3 and call Governors' vote for approving it.

Halldor Palsson: *I rule this motion out of order. This is the same issue 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]. APPENDIX A IS DELETED.*”

GL #4 2003-04 [<http://www.chess.ca/Gls/03-04GL4.pdf>]:

“Michael Barron:

...

The President ruled my motion about changing of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook as out of order. This ruling is incorrect, because:

- The new Assembly of Governors has right to reconsider decision made by previous Assembly of Governors, if it isn't good enough.
- The motion in question is not the same as motion 2003-08.
- The motion 2003-08, amendment 3 wasn't voted on AGM.

At the last AGM only ten outgoing Governors were present: Maurice Smith, David Cohen, Alvah Mayo, Halldor Palsson, Neil Macleod, Dilip Panjwani, Ellen Nadeau, Caesar Posylek, John Quiring and Alick Tsui. The CFC has sixty Governors and every Governor has the right to express his opinion.

I hereby formally challenge the President's ruling about this motion and call for discussion.

Halldor Palsson: *I am forced to rule that the motion introduced by Governor Michael Barron has to stay out of order. The motion was not seconded. If the motion is reintroduced and seconded by somebody, the challenge that it is the same as 2003-08 can go out for an immediate vote."*

GL #5 2003-04 [<http://www.chess.ca/Gls/03-04GL5.pdf>]:

'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 – new revision)

...

Halldor Palsson: *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".*

Finally, new revision of the Olympiad Regulations got its place in the Governors' Letter!
And now everybody can read it and decide if it the same as motion 2003-08 or not.

But... the CFC President already forgot his comment from GL #4 and repeats his comment from GL #3.

What should I do now?

Repeat my comment from GL #4 ?

Or claim a draw due to threefold repetition?

5) Motion 2004-03:

This is the only motion that got some sort of discussion – thanks to the CFC Junior Co-ordinator!

I really need to clarify my position on this matter:

I agree with Mr. McDonald that it's better to use for the Canadian Youth qualifier the same time control as for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. It's also better to play 1 game per day as in the CYCC. And for big swiss event with 100+ participants 9 rounds is the necessary minimum. The question is: can we afford 9-day-long Canadian Youth qualifier?

In my proposal the Canadian Youth qualifier is really much the same as the current CYCC is, and 3 days for this event left from the current regulations for CYCC. But obviously the more is the better.

This event certainly adds one more level of national chess competition, and the purpose is – to have more strong and serious Canadian Youth Chess Championship. Is it really a problem?

I believe that for improving juniors one more level of national chess competition would not be excessive, especially in the wintertime.

We have already the second national youth event - the Pan Am qualifier that sends kids to the Pan American Youth Chess Festival. Do we really need this event? Isn't it better to send to both international events our strongest juniors and select them in the single National Championship – like adults selected in the Canadian Closed?

So, if the Canadian Youth qualifier could replace the current CYCC, the new 10-player round robin Canadian Youth Chess Championship could replace the current Pan Am qualifier and be held during Christmas school break, like the current Canadian Junior Championship.

I don't think it's a problem that Canadian Champions will have more than half a year for preparation to the WYCC – it will only motivate them to study chess better.

By the way, we can consider the Canadian Junior Championship as additional section to the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (under 20) and apply to it the same approach – swiss Canadian Junior qualifier in the summer and 10-player round robin Canadian Junior Championship in the winter. I believe it would be attractive for strongest Canadian juniors, because now we have a lot of strong events in the summer and very few in the winter.

Now let's look at how the proposed changes impact on the funding of the program under consideration. 10-player round robin with \$150 entry fee gives us \$1500 revenue. It should be enough for participation of Canadian Champion in the WYCC. And Canadian Youth qualifier with 140 participants and \$100 entry fee give us \$14000 more revenue. Minus organizational expenses, it leaves us enough profit for sending 10 juniors to the Pan American Youth Chess Festival.

Surely, all these ideas need further consideration and polishing. From the practical viewpoint, I think, for the Assembly of Governors vote should be presented a set of simple questions:

1. Should we make Canadian Youth Chess Championship more serious or less serious?
2. Should we encourage our strongest juniors to participate in the CYCC or let them bypass the CYCC and go directly to the WYCC?
3. Should we consider Canadian Youth Chess Championship as National Championship?
4. Should we change format of the CYCC to 10-player round robin tournament in each age/gender category?
5. Should we hold the Canadian Youth qualifier tournament for selection of the best Canadian juniors for the CYCC?
6. Should we hold the Canadian Youth qualifier as one big swiss tournament or as a set of separate tournaments for each age/gender category?
7. How many rounds should be in the Canadian Youth qualifier tournament?
8. Should we invite to the CYCC top finishers from the previous CYCC? How many?
9. Should we invite to the CYCC top players from the appropriate CFC rating list? How many?
10. Should we send the CYCC top finishers to the WYCC? How many?
11. Should we send the CYCC top finishers to the Pan American Youth Chess Festival? How many?
12. Should we use for the CYCC the FIDE time control?
13. Should we use for the Canadian Youth qualifier the FIDE time control?
14. Should we hold the CYCC during 9 days with 1 game per day?
15. Should we hold the Canadian Youth qualifier during 9 days (for 9-round swiss) with 1 game per day?
16. Should we hold the Canadian Youth qualifier in July immediately before the Canadian Open?
17. Should we hold the CYCC in January, in March or in August?

6) The status of chess in Canada:

Anybody knows, why for Sports Canada chess is *explicitly excluded* from all their support programs? Is it possible to change?

7) Financial Management:

This question got the detailed CFC President's answer.

Thank you Mr. Palsson for information!

As we can see, this year the membership revenue is up about 3%, while the CFC membership fee was increased by 9%. It means that this year the CFC lost about 6% of its members.

I found this statistic very anxious. I believe that the main problem of CFC is unpopularity amongst chess players. So, we need to increase our popularity and our membership by all possible ways – even if it means decreasing in our revenue. If we get more members – we will secure our future.

Unfortunately, now we got opposite results – we have increased our revenue, but lost our members. Is there future for such organization?

8) Governors' vote at the AGM:

I support Mr. Craver's proposal about publishing of all Canadian Open bids in the last GL before the AGM so that all Governors can effectively vote on them with their proxies.

Moreover, I think that every motion supposed to be voted at the AGM should be published in the last GL before the AGM so that all Governors can effectively vote on it with their proxies, and any other unpublished motions should not be voted at the AGM, but in the first GL of the new year instead.

Sincerely,
Michael Barron,
CFC Governor.

David Cohen:

This to inform the CFC Secretary that if I am nominated for the position of CFC President for 2004-5, then I accept the nomination. I do not accept nomination for any other position.

Sincerely,

David Cohen
CFC Governor

Lyle Craver (British Columbia)

First off a POINT OF ORDER: the GL gives on its cover a deadline date of May 17th while on the final page gives a deadline of May 15th. Today is May 16th and I demand to have my comments received by the Secretary for inclusion in the GL.

General Comments:

While I'm sorry to see Gerry Litchfield go it is important the work of the CFC go on. While my dealings with him (both as a member of the CFC Executive and later) were not totally satisfactory things were more positive than negative. We need to be on the lookout for ways to ease things for the business office. I do NOT think we should be spending large sums on sending the ED on junkets which are not really CFC business (which happened repeatedly with Mr. Archimbault in both France and Quebec) but there is clearly a happy medium to be reached between giving the ED the luxuries of a Turkish harem and forcing him to work in Dickens-esque surroundings.

I gather Mr. Denomee agrees with me about the inadvisability of supporting a lower FIDE rating floor. As worded the casual reader would quickly think he and I were in disagreement on this matter!

Re Mr. Barron's comments - anything procedurally the CFC Governors can do to streamline our deliberations and make invocation of CFC Executive "Emergency Powers" in areas of Governors' jurisdiction is a GOOD thing. I have long felt the CFC Executive has stepped in arbitrarily and made decisions on matters that properly belong to the Governors in situations that were not in fact emergency matters at all. This "emergency" action should be restricted to true emergencies and effective decision making by the Governors more common as anticipated by the CFC Constitution and Handbook.

As a former editor of the GL I can attest that compiling GL's is just not that conceptually difficult a job. I would move all the e-mails into a single folder and at the appointed time create my outline for the next GL and cut and paste as required. Before sending my draft GL to the Business Office I regularly checked each e-mail to ensure I had not failed to include any person's comments.

It's a reasonable amount of work to do it RIGHT though no one part of it is all that difficult. I share Barron's view that 7-9 weeks between GLs is unreasonably long in 2004.

On the other hand, a motion that can't find a seconder isn't much of a motion. I do not agree with the president that a first and second discussion of each motion is required though my preference would be to allow a mover to request an earlier vote with the president to rule on each request. If it's purely a procedural matter (for example "The CFC Assembly of Governors wishes to congratulate _____ on his award of the International Grandmaster title") I think such an immediate vote is entirely appropriate.

Certified TD Lists:

I object to the inclusion of Mr. Toni Deline as a National Tournament Director and demand to know on the basis of what tournaments he was nominated for this title. If the 1999 Canadian Open is one of these tournaments I note that his involvement was SOLELY in his role of BCCF president as he was not in any way one of the tournament directors of this event. I also note in passing that Mr. Deline was emphatically NOT on the list of names provided by the BC Chess Federation! Certainly his role as an organizer (e.g. NOT as a TD) in the 2000 Keres Memorial which cost the BCCF several thousand dollars due to his negligence in attending to the finances of the tournament ought to demonstrate that the CFC awarding the National Tournament Director title to him would be odious and would bring the NTD title into disrepute. In fact the role of Organizer in both of these events belonged to the British Columbia Chess Federation (of which he was then president) and no BCCF Executive decision ever made him personally Organizer - to the extent that he acted at all it was as agent of the BCCF.

Deline was definitely on the first draft list discussed by the BCCF but was removed in the final version. [I am not officially writing as an officer of the BCCF but was then and am now Secretary-Treasurer of the BCCF and would vote against adoption of any such list with Deline's name as a NTD]

I hereby demand Deline's name be struck from the NTD list.

Motion 2004-03: My comments were very simple - there are two 'national championships' with the Canadian Junior Championship and Canadian Cadet Championships being the actual 'national champions' as recognized by FIDE. The U18/16/14/12/10 cycles are helpful but are not part of official FIDE cycle. The World Junior Champion receives the International Grandmaster title - what does the WYCC U18 Boys champion get?

Motion 2004-04: At this point what exactly is being sought? I think it's a good idea and wish them well but what more should we be doing at present?

Frank Dixon, Kingston

1) Of interest is the candidacy of Kingston chess organizer Rob Hutchison for the NDP in the upcoming federal election, for the riding of Kingston and the Islands. Mr. Hutchison had his rating up to 1974, a few years ago, is currently President of the Kingston Chess Club, where he has served on the Executive since the mid-1990s, and has been involved with running the Kingston Open (EOCA Grand Prix event) for several years.

Professionally, Mr. Hutchison is the Director of the Kingston Cooperative Housing Group, and has been an advocate for more affordable housing in the Kingston area and around the province of Ontario. However, he will have a tough task in the election to defeat incumbent Liberal Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, who is running again.

2) With the Post-Secondary chess portfolio, the possibility of getting provincial chess associations involved should be utilized. I did not mention this in my submission to the last GL. I will be approaching the Ontario Chess Association for structural cooperation in the near future, to help develop this sector. I would encourage other University chess people across Canada to interact with their provincial chess associations, in preparation for increasing participation in the next InterUniversity team tournament, scheduled for Toronto, and organized by the University of Toronto, in January 2005.

3) It is noteworthy that the Canadian Defense Forces do not have any organized chess programs, at least to my knowledge. The Forces seem to have organized recreational and sports activities in a huge range of disciplines, but not in chess. This is an opportunity for the CFC and for other chess organizations, which should be pursued. Several members of the Kingston Chess Club, who are in the Canadian Forces, have approached me recently, with ideas to build up this area. I will be working on this with their help in the Kingston region, and will keep Governors informed on progress.

4) I want to thank Mr. Gerry Litchfield, outgoing Executive Director of the CFC, for his years of excellent service for Canadian chess. Best wishes to Gerry in his future endeavors. I also want to welcome Mr. Peter Arseneau as incoming Executive Director.

5) I would like to encourage the CFC Executive to have full information about upcoming bids for major events, such as the Canadian Open, the Canadian Closed, the Canadian Junior, and so on, to be available at least a couple of weeks in advance of the CFC Annual General Meeting, set for Kapuskasing in July, so that Governors can be informed about these important topics. Let us not repeat the problems from last summer, where the bid for the 2004 Canadian Open was non-conforming, and confusion reigned for several months afterwards, as the bid was changed and updated without Governors being informed. Full information will allow Governors to arrange their proxies for voting, if they are not able to attend Kapuskasing.

Stephen Wright:

Comments for GL #6

Resignation of Gerry Litchfield

This is extremely unfortunate news – I believe the CFC owes Gerry a huge debt of gratitude for his unstinting efforts as Executive Director. The executive should consider why it seems impossible for the CFC to retain long-term employees – are perhaps the working conditions and remuneration inadequate for the tasks expected of the Executive Director?

Tournament Memberships

I note that my questions on this subject in the last GL went unanswered – is this the wrong forum for such questions? I will repeat my last question: what percentage of the \$10 tournament membership goes to the CFC and what percentage to the provincial affiliate?

Junior Ratings

Section 7 of the CFC Handbook contains the following article:

"711.2 Rating of Junior Events.

All pure Junior and Scholastic tournaments will be regular rated unless 50% or more of the participants have regular ratings over 1500, or the time control is less than 30 minutes per player per game. [See GL2 1999-2000, October 1999]"

I gather that this article was included by an executive vote, rather than being voted on by the governors. I can understand the rational offered at the time (that since a junior's playing strength [potentially] changes so rapidly, as many games as possible should be rated regular to give the most accurate rating possible), but there are serious practical problems with the article. Basically, stronger juniors are unwilling to play 30-minute games that will end up being regular rated. Personally I find the figure of 1500 to be rather arbitrary; I believe the point at which there is a qualitative difference in play as a result of a short or long time control to be much lower, around 1000 or 1100. In addition, the 50% criteria is unworkable for open sections or tournaments: how a tournament is to be rated needs to be advertised beforehand, but the composition or average rating of an open event will not be known until the tournament takes place.

I would welcome discussion on how this article can be improved; perhaps it is possible to have one combined rating covering all events, but employing different K factors for the various time controls, to decrease the impact of games using a shorter time control.

Motion 2004-03

I am willing to support this in lieu of my own motion on the CYCC.

Motion 2004-04

I support this initiative.

Pierre Denomme:

I support creation of a strong women team. I know that money is always an issue, but we should clearly state our support to Canadian women Chess.

New CYCC rule 1002 (3 games per day). We teach the young players to think before moving a piece playing. Three games a day is too much.

New 1009 (1 Hr games). Why so fast? Use of incremented time control is especially important in youth tournaments. Usually, it is almost never possible to claim that a position is impossible to win by normal means when the players involved are still routinely giving-up pieces. Without incrementation, the result of the game might be decided by the arbiter's decision (see article 10.2 of the Laws of Chess).

New 1010 (tie breaks) Playoff should always be played using a Ficher clock if one is available in order to avoid

an unfortunate controversial decision by the arbiter. Nobody should be Canadian Champion by decision, this is good for boxers, not for Chess players.

5) The status of chess in Canada:

We should get in contact with the Government in order to know that. Perseverance is required, if we are not recognised as a sport the first time there will be a second time and a third time. Success has been achieved in many other countries, so our efforts are not meaningless.

Post Secondary Chess. Post secondary school in Quebec is quite special : it is composed of two years of CEGEP and three years of university. Usually, Universities and CEGEP do not compete in the same league, they both have a separate council in the Quebec Federation of Student Sport. There have been other previous experiences : last year the Quebec Intercollegiate League did hold its first regular season but unfortunately there has been no further activities during the 2003-2004 academic year because of insufficient participation.

The TDOCP vs. the National Appeals Committee.

I would say, keep it separate from the National Appeal Committee. It might be true that not many cases get there in each year but as a principle, the juridic power should remain distinct from the legislative power.

Tournament Directors Program

Ken Duff (Secretary, NBCA)

The list that appears in GL#5 is incorrect. The following is the one that should have been sent.

NEW BRUNSWICK TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Assaff, David 102063
Bowes, Richard 103047
Brun, Jacques 100253
Craft, Ken 106361
Davis, Neil 111760
Duff, Ken 102718
Elman, Danny 100236
Grant, Hector 107764
Graves, Charles 101501
Harris, Joe 108799
Johnson, Ghislaine 121367
Legacy, Leo 109003
Leger, Yvon 112095
Maillet, Randy 112745
Maund, Chris 103904
Roach, Albert 104580
Tremblay, Roger J.A. 103901

Helpers:

Boyce, Brian 113027
Doucette, Raymond 112674
Godsoe, Cliff 107486
Ossinger, Brian 111808
Tremblay Deveau, Esther

Eastern Ontario

Neil James Frahey

Invitation to the CFC AGM

Dear Governors,

As host for the 2004 AGM we would like to extend a warm invitation to attend the meetings starting at 9am Monday July 12th and Tuesday July 13th. Location,: Civic Center, on the Kap Bay. Tim Hortons coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning and we are looking forward to providing at least one lunch. To facilitate planning we need to know how many will be attending.

If you will not be at the AGM please reply with a "No", this way we'll know the invitation was received.

If coming to the AGM , please respond with a "Yes"

We're looking forward to welcome you to Kapuskasing, the AGM and the Canadian Open 2004.

Regards,

Ellen and Denis Nadeau, organizers

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2004 Annual Meeting of the CFC

July 12th July 13, 2004

Kapuskasing, Ont.

AGENDA FOR INCOMING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Election of Governors from Provinces (Territories) without an Affiliated Provincial (Territorial) Association
 - A. North West Territories (1)
 - B. Nunavut Territory (1)
 - C. Quebec (3)
 - D. Yukon Territory (1)
3. Re-Registration of Proxies
4. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
5. Election of Officers
 - i) Board of Directors
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Junior Coordinator
 - ii) Officers not on the Board of Directors
 - A. Masters' Representative
 - B. Women's Coordinator
 - C. Rating Auditor
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Appointment of Chess Foundation of Canada Trustees
8. Appointment of Committee Members
 - A. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - B. National Appeals Committee
9. Bids for 2005 and later events
 - A. 2005 Canadian Open
 - B. 2005 Canadian Youth (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18)
 - C. 2005 Canadian Closed and Zonal
 - D. 2005 Canadian Women's Closed
 - E. 2005 Canadian U20 (Junior)
10. Any other business
11. Location and time of 2005 AGM
12. Adjournment

2004 Annual Meeting of the CFC

July 12th to July 13th, 2004

Kapuskasing, Ont.

AGENDA FOR OUTGOING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
3. Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting
4. Reports:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Past President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Treasurer
 - G. Rating Auditor
 - H. Junior Coordinator
 - I. Women's Coordinator
 - J. Masters' Representative
 - K. Auditor's Report
 - L. Office Manager
 - M. Chess Foundation
 - N. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - O. National Appeals Committee
 - P. Canadian Correspondence Chess Association
 - Q. Canadian Youth Chess Championship
5. Motions
6. Any other business

Proxy Form **Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Kapuskasing 2004**

I, _____ of _____
a member of the **Outgoing Assembly** of Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada, hereby appoint
" _____
as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at
the Annual Meeting to be held in Kapuskasing on the 12th to 13th of July, 2004, or at any
adjournment thereof

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2004.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy:

Motions for Vote

Motion 2004-03 Stockhausen/Spraggett CYCC rules

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

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

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

Incoming Assembly:

Motion 2005-01 Barron/Kosoian/Starr Olympic Regs Ch 12 CFC handbook

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

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Witness _____

Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy

Nominate For:	President	_____
	Vice-President	_____
	Treasurer	_____
	Secretary	_____
	FIDE Representative	_____
	Rating Auditor	_____
	Junior Coordinator	_____
	Women's Coordinator	_____
Vote For:	President	_____
	Vice-President	_____
	Treasurer	_____
	Secretary	_____
	FIDE Representative	_____
	Rating Auditor	_____
	Junior Coordinator	_____
	Women's Coordinator	_____

Instructions to Proxy:

Motions for First Discussion:

Motions for Second Discussion:

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

Motions for Vote:

None.

Deadline for Submissions to AGM July 5, 2004.