

**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
GOVERNORS' LETTER ONE
2004-2005**



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CFC AGM - MEETING OF OUTGOING GOVERNORS, MONDAY, JULY 12, 2004

1 Registration of Proxies

- 1.1 Maurice Smith: Ari Mendrinos, Martin Jaeger, John Quiring, Phil Haley, Bruce Thomas.
- 1.2 Hal Bond: Stijn De Kerpel, Steve Killi, Mark Dutton, Caesar Poyslek.
- 1.3 Halldor Palsson: Terry Fleming, Roger Patterson, Les Bunning.
- 1.4 Kevin Spraggett: Neil Farey, Nava Starr, Richard Keep, Neil Sutherland, Ron Hinds.
- 1.5 Ellen Nadeau: Fred McKim, Wilf Ferner, Alik Tsui.
- 1.6 Chris Mallon: Francisco Cabanas, Peter Stockhausen.
- 1.7 Secretary: David Cohen, Cecil Rosner, Nathan Divinsky, Michael Barron, John Niksic, Ford Wong, Yves Farges.
- 1.8 Peter Bos: Gregory Churchill, Jason Feng, Lyle Craver.

Note: Hugh Brodie's Proxy given to David Cohen who is not present.

Total Proxies: 33 Proxies

2 Outgoing Governors: John Rutherford - Thunder Bay, Maurice Smith -

Toronto, Frank Dixon- Kingston, Pierre Dénommée - Montreal, Kevin Spraggett - Toronto, Hal Bond - Guelph, Ellen Nadeau - Kapuskasing, Barry Thorvardson - Brampton, Albert Ede - Halifax, Peter Bos - Brantford, Eric Van Dusen - Ottawa, Halldor Palsson - Ottawa, Dilip Panjwani - Waterloo.

- 2.1 **Total Number of Votes:** 46

- 2.2 **Note:** Mavros Whissel showed up later in the meeting.

3 Redistribution of Proxies

- 3.1 John Rutherford received: Ari Mendrinos, Yves Farges, David Cohen, Cecil Rosner.
- 3.2 Pierre Dénommée received: Neil Farey.

4 Minutes from 2003 AGM

- 4.1 **Motion:** Minutes from 2003 AGM be accepted as amended. Smith/Bond **PASSED Unanimously.**

5 President's Report - Highlights

- 5.1 The President's written reports were available before the meeting (GL 6 and 6.5). The President highlighted a year of big changes in the Office and in the CFC magazine.
- 5.2 Fundraising and the CCRA - The President said that the CFC issues tax receipts to donors that fund our national teams and this was very successful with respect to the WYCC last year. The CFC is now compatible with other associations that have the same tax status.
- 5.3 Gerry Litchfield resigned from the CFC. Peter Arseneau took over the Executive Directors position within Litchfield's notice of two weeks.
- 5.4 The CFC Secretary, Alva Mayo, could not fulfill his duties at the end of his term of office and was thanked for his efforts.
- 5.5 Maurice Smith congratulated the President in providing leadership during a tough year while managing to increase revenue and decrease expenses.

5.6 Hal Bond queried on charitable donations regarding parents accompanying a child for WYCC. He stated that a CCRA opinion may be required on this issue. The President responded that the supervision and custody of children for the WYCC cannot be assumed by the CFC because of lack of resources. If donated funds toward parental expenses came through the CFC the donors got a tax receipt.

6 **Vice-President's Report - Highlights**

6.1 President: The VP did a great job aiding in day-to-day operations of the CFC office and he signed most of the cheques issued by the CFC.

6.2 Hal Bond queried on the employment status of the Executive Director, Peter Arseneau. President: Peter Arseneau is permanent in his position and can only be terminated for cause. The contract also provides for one months notice by the CFC and the Executive Director.

6.3 Barry Thorvardson: A Trillium grant may result in a resource of one to two part-time postions or even one full-time position at the OCA.

7 **Past-President's Report**

7.1 Written report was presented in GL #6.

8 **Secretary's Report**

8.1 President: No report. The Secretary obtained a new job after graduating from university and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

The membership numbers for the 2003-04 are up but the all important Adult (O-memberships) are down again. The membership revenue is about the same as per the financial report. Here are the numbers for the last few years:

CFC Memberships April 30.

Type	1998	2002	2003	2004
Family	29	16	15	19
Honorary	37	43	48	51
Junior	344	233	244	242
Life	309	338	342	349
Adult	2080	1684	1642	1606
Part. Jr.	295	135	200	434
Total	3094	2449	2491	2701

9 **FIDE Representative's Report**

9.1 **Introductory Remarks:** Maurice Smith: FIDE consists of 160 countries. Many decisions taken by FIDE are not suitable for North America since other countries have difference in cultures and lifestyles. FIDE wants a universal rating system but Smith stated that CFC rating system was superior to FIDE's where the CFC required less corrections. The Executive Director that was asked to resign after a audit of expenses was rehired by the President. The FIDE Secretariat was moved to Greece. (It deals with administration and organization.) The Elista office deals with titles, ratings, and corrections. FIDE meetings usually start a half hour late with fifteen coffee breaks expanding to forty-five minutes. The chairs of meetings do not know how to run a meetings. For example, decisions are made without motions made where attendees do not know what decisions were made. From a North American point of view, all of this was frustrating. Nevertheless, the FIDE representative meets many interesting people from different cultures dedicated to chess. The FIDE representative attends the FIDE General Meeting at the Olympiad as well as the Continental President's meetings.

9.2 **FIDE KO Tournament**

9.2.1 The U.S.A has to complain in support of Israel. The Jewish GM's were able to play but Israel did not send a team because FIDE regulations refer to players only and not to accompanying coaches, trainers, security personnel. This issue will be examined at the next FIDE meeting.

9.3 **FIDE Continental Meeting**

9.3.1 South American countries fight over each other to hold FIDE tournaments. Canada does not run official FIDE tournaments.

9.4 **The Future Role of the CFC within FIDE**

9.4.1 The CFC must hold official FIDE tournaments and meetings if it is going to have more influence with FIDE. Other countries do not understand that a rich country like Canada does not do more but what it is hard to explain is that the CFC receives no direct government funding.

9.5 **Applause:** The meeting thanked Maurice Smith for his efforts as CFC FIDE representative and gave him a round of applause.

10 **Treasurer's Report**

10.1 The magazine is much more cost effective.

10.2 There is a downward trend in sales of books and equipment which is due to competition from retailers on the internet and Chess and Math stores in Toronto and Ottawa.

10.3 There was a bad debt regarding clock supplier from Germany.

10.4 **Motion:** Treasurer's Financial Statement and Auditor's Report be accepted. Thorvardson/Smith **PASSED Unanimously.**

10.5 Frank Dixion opined that if the end date of the CFC fiscal year was shifted to the end of May, the CFC may save up to 30% in accounting fees. Other Governors expressed that this may not be the case.

11 Rating Auditor's Report

- 11.1 President: No report was received from Alvah Mayo.
- 11.2 Frank Dixon: Reported that he wrote Alvah Mayo on the issue of integrating Active Ratings into Tournament Ratings.

12 Junior Coordinator's Report

- 12.1 President directed Governors to the written report by Patrick McDonald in GL 6.5.
- 12.2 Ellen Nadeau: She commended Patrick McDonald on putting together an excellent report collecting research on the benefits of chess in education.
- 12.3 Hal Bond further commended McDonald. He also singled out the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick for their chess curricula. Quebec was tops in math testing as publicized on television.
- 12.4 Pierre Dénommée: Twenty-seven Canadian children attended the WYCC. However, the CFC has no budget for the U16 - Youth Olympiad or the Pan-American tournament.

13 Report of Women's Coordinator

- 13.1 President: The Women's Coordinator defers her report. Bela Kosoian emailed me that she just had a baby but still wants to continue as the CFC Women's Coordinator. [Congratulations from several Governors.] Her track record in the position is excellent and I would like to see her continue.
- 13.2 Barry Thorvardson: He congratulated Bela Kosoian and Dinara Khaziyeva, our new Women's champion from Montreal. The Women's Closed and Zonal, directed by Patrick McDonald, was an interesting tournament where there was 'new blood' and all of the players fought hard. Bela found it hard to get aid from chess groups for the Women's Closed and Zonal. Even though the tournament was organized on short notice, it was well done. Sponsorships were as follows: Belzberg Technologies - \$2,500.00; OCA - \$1,000; GCTL - \$500.00 and free space; Hal Bond - Free food. The players liked the tournament. This was the first time in four years that Women's Closed was held.
- 13.3 Hal Bond: Money from sponsors truly helped.
- 13.4 Thorvardson: Suggestion that the Women's Champion be picked as highest ranked woman in a combined Canada Closed.
- 13.5 Kevin Spraggett: Women want their own tournament.
- 13.6 Thorvardson: Bela felt like a 'beggar' since her background is from Georgia and France, which did not prepare her for the Canadian context.

14 Report of Master's Representative

- 14.1 Kevin Spraggett: He has been representative for eight years. The representative's function is to put forward the best interest of Canadian players internationally. He was involved in writing up the rules for the

CYCC/WYCC and the Olympiad. There is more politics about the establishment of the rules but this did not necessarily result in what was best for the common good.

15 **Report of Executive Director and Office Manager**

- 15.1 Since Peter Arseneau could not attend the AGA for personal reasons, Eric Van Dusen introduced his report highlighting the following: membership decline, repairs to CFC office, upgrade of CFC software, and requirement for third-party accounting software.
- 15.2 Thorvardson: CFC could examine the following software: *Quick Book* or *Simple Accounting*. There is one journal entry between systems.
- 15.3 Mavros Whissel: He suggested more specials and sales on stale inventory, and to increase membership discounts.
- 15.4 Frank Dixon: He suggested that the CFC use its database to conduct study of purchasing habits between members and non-members. Through this, the CFC could establish market segmentation and tailor its marketing activities accordingly. In addition, the CFC could, instead of mailing reminders, do it by email.

16 **Report of Chess Foundation**

- 16.1 President: The Chess Foundation of Canada is reported in Footnote #4 in the Financial Statements sent to Governors July 2. As of April 30, 2004 there were \$148,383 in the fund. The CFC received \$5,394 from the Chess Foundation to pay for services to 349 Life Members and \$1,026 for the Kalev Pugi junior program. New life membership fees of \$6,488 were paid into the Chess Foundation of Canada last year. It is important to grow the Foundation to have enough money to serve Life Members.
- 16.2 Maurice Smith: I am one of the trustees. The fund has grown and with regards to investments, Stringer invests conservatively.
- 16.3 The foundation consists of a chair and four trustees. Stringer does all the work. The other trustees are John Rutherford, Maurice Smith, and Ed Rohanchuk.

17 **Report of Kalev Pugi Fund**

- 17.1 No report from the Trustees, see Footnote #3 to our financial statements. Trustees are Lynn Stringer, Patrick McDonald, and Hugh Brodie.
- 17.2 The Fund helps Juniors in their chess development. An award was given to Mark Bluvstein. The process is that a proposal and application is made and the trustees decide on a case by case basis.
- 17.3 Hal Bond: Wrote to the fund to create international opportunities in Canada. The fund is set up to only fund Canadians traveling abroad.
- 17.4 Chris Mallon: The Aeroflot tourney in Moscow had cheap travel.
- 17.5 Kevin Spraggett: It was \$700.00 Canadian for a Visa. Hotel was only in cash. He paid three times that amount he expected to pay.

17.6 President: The CFC has financial priorities. The CFC attempts to get reciprocal agreements with foreign countries: Invitations to foreign GM's in return for invitations for our GMs and promising juniors.

18 **Report of National Appeals Committee**
18.1 No report because there was no activity.

19 **CCCA (Canadian Correspondence Chess Association)**
19.1 No report. The CCCA severed all relationships with CFC many years ago.

20 **CYCC 2004**
20.1 Ellen Nadeau: We had one hundred participants. We received very positive feedback from both parents and participants. There was controversy over use of Swiss pairings-method. In some categories there was less than nine participants. In future events, it may be useful to have a five-round Swiss with a subsequent two rounds of KO format. This year a round robin was found to be appropriate. The Swiss system is designed to find the first rank accurately, but it is less accurate regarding the second and third ranks. The excitement level was up from last year. Electronic boards were on the internet for the top five categories.
20.2 Discussion regarding provincial and local qualifiers. The youth programs run by provincial associations vary. They are the responsibility of the provincial associations. It must be better publicized how provincial associations fund the entry fee and some of the expenses to attend the CYCC.
20.3 Thorvardson: Congratulations to Kapuskasing for hosting the CYCC and the Canada Open for two years in a row.

21 Lunch

22 **Report of the Editor of the CFC Magazine**
22.1 Thorvardson received Hans Jung's report via email. He had it on his laptop but had no copies for distribution. He read the report.
22.2 **Highlights:** Many content and format changes were done to the magazine. The title was changed to Chess Canada Echecs (CCE). Cover and logo were changed. Colour was added to key pages. New columns were established as follows: "Canadian Club", "Canada Chess Legacy", "Interview with chess organizers", "CFC Executive", and, a column by IM Lawrence Day.
22.3 A relationship was established with the USCF where CCE publishes their events. It is the hope of the editor that this will encourage Tournament Organizers to advertise in Chess Life.
22.4 As of 27 June 2004, a saving of \$18,000.00 in expenses had been realized.

23 MOTIONS

24 2004-03 Stockhausen/Thorvardson
 24.1 Changes to the CFC handbook regarding the CYCC would dilute the CYCC. This dilution would make it harder for Tournament Organizers to get sponsorships.
 24.2 **Motion to Table to Meeting of Incoming Governors** Van Dusen/Boss
 24.2.1 Copies of this Motion would be distributed to the incoming meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

25 2004-05 Cohen/Rutherford **DEFEATED OVERWHELMINGLY.**

26 2004-04 Dixon/Barron
 26.1 Frank Dixon is representative on Canadian Post-Secondary Chess.
 26.2 Motion to Tabled to Incoming Meeting Dixon/Smith **CARRIED.**

27 Motions of Harper/Stockhausen
 27.1 **Motion to Table to Meeting of Incoming Governors** Van Dusen/Dixon **CARRIED.**

28 Adjournment Van Dusen/Smith **CARRIED.**

CFC AGM - MEETING OF INCOMING GOVERNORS, TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004

1 Registration of Proxies

1.1 Maurice Smith: Ari Mendrinol, Martin Jaeger, John Quiring, Phil Haley, Shivaharan Thurairasah, Bruce Thomas.
 1.2 Chris Mallon: Bruce Harper, Peter Stockhausen, Francisco Cabanes.
 1.3 Peter Bos: Gregory Churchill, Jason Feng, Lyle Craver.
 1.4 Hal Bond: Wolfgang (Wilf) Ferner, Stijn De Kerpel, Caesar Posylek, Steve Killi, Mark Dutton.
 1.5 Kevin Spraggett: Neil Frahey, Nava Starr, Ron Hinds, Neil Sutherland, Richard Keep.
 1.6 Secretary: Cecil Rosner, Yves Farges, John Niksic, Michael Barron, Nathan Divinsky, Ford Wong, David Cohen.
 1.7 Halldor Palsson: Les Bunning, Roger Patterson, Terry Fleming, Alick Tsui.
 1.8 Ellen Nadeau: Fred McKim.
Total number of Proxies: 33

2 **Roll Call of Incoming Governors:** Ed Rohanchuk - Thunder Bay, Maurice Smith - Toronto, Frank Dixon- Kingston, Pierre Dénommée - Montreal, Kevin Spraggett - Toronto, Ellen Nadeau - Kapuskasing, Barry Thorvardson - Brampton, Albert Ede - Halifax, Hal Bond - Guelph, Chris Mallon - Brantford, Peter Bos - Brantford, Eric Van Dusen - Ottawa, Halldor Palsson - Ottawa,
Note: Total votes - 47: One vote plus 3 proxies per attendee.

3 **Election of Governors from Provinces (and Territories) without an Affiliated Association**

- 3.1 **Acclamations**
 - 3.1.1 Andrew Plunkett - Nunavut
 - 3.1.2 Neil Sutherland - NWT
 - 3.1.3 Vacant - Yukon
- 3.2 **Election of Quebec Governors**
 - 3.2.1 Redistribution of Proxies
 - 3.2.1.1 Dilip Panjwani received: Ari Mendarinos.
 - 3.2.1.2 Ed Rohanchuk received: Martin Jaeger, and John Quiring.
 - 3.2.1.3 Albert Ede: Caesar Posylek, and Wolfgang (Wilf) Ferner.
 - 3.2.1.4 Frank Dixon received: John Niksic, Yves Farges, Cecil Rosner.
 - 3.2.2 **Candidates**
 - 3.2.2.1 Pierre Dénommée **ELECTED**
 - 3.2.2.2 Hugh Brodie - Smith/Mallon
 - 3.2.2.3 Richard Keep - Spraggett/Van Dusen **ELECTED**
 - 3.2.2.4 Serge Archambault - Spraggett/Bos **ELECTED**

4 **New Roll Call and Redistribution of Proxies**

- 4.1 Serge Archambault was recognized by the chair.
- Note: NEW Total - 48 Votes: One vote and four proxies per attendee.**
- 4.2 Redistribution of Proxies - Otherwise noted below proxies reverted back to distribution as described in “1. Registration of Proxies” **AND** “3.2.1 Redistribution of Proxies”.
 - 4.2.1 Dilip Panjwani received: Ari Mendarinos.
 - 4.2.2 Ed Rohanchuk received: Martin Jaeger.
 - 4.2.3 Albert Ede received: Wilf Ferner, and Nathan Davinsky.
 - 4.2.4 Pierre Dénommée received: Ron Hinds
 - 4.2.5 John Rutherford received: Alick Tsui.
 - 4.2.6 Frank Dixon received: John Niksic, Yves Farges, and Cecil Rosner.

5 **Election of Officers**

- 5.1 **President**
 - 5.1.1 David Cohen - Harper/ Stockhausen - 14
 - 5.1.2 Alan McGowan - Posylek/Killi - 7
 - 5.1.3 Halldor Palsson - Tsui/Bunning - **25: ELECTED**
 - 5.1.4 Abstain - 1

NOTE: New Roll Call: William Doubleday was recognized as New Governor from EOCA/OCA.

Note: New Total - 49 Votes: This new roll call did not effect a redistribution of proxies.

- 5.2 **Vice-President**
 - 5.2.1 Serge Archambault - Richard Keep - 9
 - 5.2.2 Chris Mallon - Peter Bos - **35: ELECTED**
- 5.3 **Secretary**

- 5.3.1 Lyle Craver - Chris Mallon - 22
- 5.3.2 Eric Van Dusen - Kevin Spraggett - **23: ELECTED**
- 5.3.3 Frank Dixon declined nomination from Posylek
- 5.3.4 Abstain - 1
- 5.4 **Treasurer**
 - 5.4.1 Serge Archambault - Peter Bos
 - 5.4.2 David Cohen was nominated by proxy of Posylek but no instructions in Cohen's proxy regarding position of Treasurer. David Cohen would not stand for any other position than President and it was therefore deemed by the chair that it was an unacceptable nomination.
 - 5.4.3 Lyle Craver - Hal Bond - **ELECTED**
- NOTE: Proxy Redistribution:** Frank Dixon received Ari Mendrinos.
- 5.5 **FIDE Representative**
 - 5.5.1 Nathan Divinsky - Eric Van Dusen - **ACCLAIMED**
- 5.6 **Junior Coordinator**
 - 5.6.1 Patrick McDonald - Thorvardson/Mallon - **ACCLAIMED**
- 5.7 **Master's Representative**

Note: Position is elected at Canada Closed - Zonal. CFC President directs Barry Thorvardson, Canada Closed organizer to administer election. Time Controls for Canada Closed were changed from bid in accordance with the rules of CFC.
- 5.8 **Women's Coordinator**
 - 5.8.1 Bela Kosoian - Bond/Van Dusen - **ACCLAIMED**
- 5.9 **Rating Auditor**
 - 5.9.1 Michael Barron - Posylek - 1
 - 5.9.2 Pierre Dénommée - Smith/Dixon - **44: ELECTED**
 - 5.9.3 Alvah Mayo - Tsui - Albert Ede stated that Mayo will not stand, thus his nomination was declined.
 - 5.9.4 Abstain -1
- 6 **Appointment of Auditors**
 - 6.1 Present auditors are: Watson Folkins Corey LLP, Chartered Accountants. It costs approximately from \$2,800.00 to \$3,000.00 for Review Engagement Report. Brian D. Watson CA has done the report on the CFC for the last few years.
 - 6.2 **Motion:** Re-appointment of present auditors, Watson Folkins Corey LLP, Chartered Accountants. Smith/Bond - **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 7 **Appointment of Trustees of the Chess Foundation of Canada**
 - 7.1 **Present Trustees and Status** (expressed as number of years served of x-year term)
 - 7.1.1 John Rutherford : 2 years of 4-year term
 - 7.1.2 Lyn Stringer: 2 years of 4-year term
 - 7.1.3 Maurice Smith: 1 year of 4-year term
 - 7.1.4 Lyle Craver: Zero years of 4-year term
 - 7.1.5 Ed Rohanchuk: Zero years of 1-year term
 - 7.2 **Election of Trustees**

- 7.2.1 Four-year term
 - 7.2.1.1 Lyle Craver - Smith - **ACCLAIMED**
- 7.2.2 One-year term
 - 7.2.2.1 Shivaharan Thurairasah – **ACCLAIMED**

8 Appointment of Committee Members

- 8.1 **Kalev Pugi Fund**
 - 8.1.1 Junior Coordinator is ex-officio member.
 - 8.1.2 Lyn Stringer - Smith - **ACCLAIMED**
 - 8.1.3 Patrick McDonald - Bond - **ACCLAIMED**
 - 8.1.4 Hugh Brodie - Mallon - **ACCLAIMED**
 - 8.1.5 Hal Bond - Smith - Declined
 - 8.1.6 Frank Dixon - Bond - Declined
 - 8.1.7 Archambault - Nadeau - Declined
 - 8.1.8 Alick Tsui - Nadeau - This nomination was deemed unacceptable as it was not possible to determine Tsui's intention regarding this nomination.
- 8.2 **National Appeals Committee (Five positions)**
 - 8.2.1 Gordon Taylor - Ottawa - Van Dusen
 - 8.2.2 Pierre Dénommée - QC - Smith
 - 8.2.3 Serge Archambault - QC - Spraggett
 - 8.2.4 Mark Dutton - Toronto - Thorvardson
 - 8.2.5 John Quirring - Alberta - Smith
 - 8.2.6 Tony Ficzerre - Alberta - Mallon - BUT Mallon later withdrew this nomination.
 - 8.2.7 Hal Bond - Starr - Declined.
 - 8.2.8 **ALL POSITIONS WERE ACCLAIMED.**

9 BIDS for UPCOMING CFC EVENTS

- 9.1 **2005 Canada Open** (CYCC is organized by CFC Junior Coordinator)
 - 9.1.1 Edmonton
 - 9.1.1.1 Comments
 - Dixon: Sponsorship is only from Alberta Chess Association.
 - Thorvardson: OCA strongly supports the bid. Dixon: Time controls require manual handling of clocks by TD's. Spraggett: Aeroflot tournament had TD's manually adjusting clocks but it did not present a problem to players. Van Dusen: Projections for attendance and income from entry fees appear to be questionable. One hundred paid would represent \$12,500.00 in income, less than what is in proposal. Doubleday: Pairings by acceleration seem to be problematic. Palsson: The norm is two rounds but now it is four. Spraggett: Prize money is based on entry fees. Bos: Attendance of two hundred may be overly optimistic. As for the CYCC, Tony Ficcerre who recently moved to Alberta would be an

excellent choice for CYCC TD. **NOTE:** No other bids had been submitted for the meeting.

9.1.2 **MOTION:** Edmonton bid be approved. - Smith/Thorvardson
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 **2005 Canada Closed**
9.2.1 No bids were submitted.

9.3 **2005 Women's Closed**
9.3.1 No bids were submitted.

9.4 2005 Canadian Junior U20 for January 2005.
NOTE: Junior Coordinator will arrange for tournament organizer.

9.5 **2006 Canada Open**
9.5.1 SWOCL - Hal Bond circulated his bid to the Governors via e-mail and had copies which he distributed to the meeting.

Comments from Meeting

Bond: Digital clocks provided. Time Controls will be identical with FIDE and those at the WYCC. **Dixon:** Impressed with presentation. Attendance projection at CYCC of two hundred is optimistic. Expenses for CFC Rating Fees appear to be inconsistent. Differences in per day site expenses between CYCC and Canada Open. **Thorvardson:** The OCA strongly supports this bid even if does need some fine tuning. **Bond:** A reallocation of site expenses can be done between CYCC and Canada Open.

Van Dusen: As for approving in advance, attendees of the World Science Fiction conventions routinely approve bids two years in advance.
Spraggett: I want to get bids more than a year in advance of event. Bond is well known tournament organizer for international events.

Smith: There will be a bid from Toronto. The Estonia Club is preparing to bid for 2006 Canada Open. The Estonia Club is newly renovated and has four floors. The club holds the Paul Keres Memorial Tournament. The club is using myself as a consultant. I, however, agree that the organizing committee of Hal Bond and Patrick McDonald as well as the choice of venue is strong.

Bond: I acknowledge that the tournament date of August has competition from Quebec Open but Western Open is in July. The dates are not cast in stone. There is flexibility in scheduling to maximize attendance. **Smith:** The time from the round of 6:00 p.m. (18:00h) is often used to pull in players working full-time. **Bond:** That time is possible.

Smith: Regarding sections, the Canada Open is traditionally a one section tournament. **Bond:** When the Canada Open is one section, it is too complicated. There is a yo-yo effect for Class B and A players. If one

section used, then acceleration or double of acceleration of pairings must be used or even the “Jonathan Berry” method of acceleration is used where none of the players really understands how the pairings are arrived at. I like simplicity. Then as TD, it minimizes the need to justify pairing decisions to players.

Nadeau: July is the best. That is the feedback from parents. **Rohanchuk:** Let's set the date of the Canada Open and protect it by not rating other tournaments. **Mallon:** The Ontario Open has 2 sections: Open and U2000. With a rating over 1900, 85% played in the Open. **Dénommée:** The Quebec Open is a Category 13. **Archambault:** The Montreal International is always in August. The Canada Open was in the Atlantic, then in Ontario again. The estimate of two hundred players for the CYCC and two hundred fifty for the Canada Open is too much. Canada Open is always a ten round Swiss. In Europe, tournaments are usually one section. This proposal needs more work. **Rutherford:** Kapuskasing was awarded in New Brunswick, two years in advance. The Canada Open should be one section and in July. **Spraggett:** While I have concerns over the dates, (Vacation time is often in August), this is an excellent bid from Hal. We should give two months for the Toronto bid.

Charles Graves: I notice that there is absence of “Charles Graves Tie Day” within the proposal. I like to maximize my time for each game I play. The time controls are too fast. Wik aan Zee and Linares are tournaments with traditional time controls.

Bos: In my opinion, the bid underestimates the attendance. This tournament could pull in US players. It's a great bid.

Smith: We need to know first if there are any other bids. The CFC needs to change its policy to award bid two years in advance. It's a good bid, but it's too early.

NOTE: Adjournment for Lunch.

Nadeau: By September, the CFC should vote on this bid.

9.5.2 **Motion 2004-05-03:** The deadline for bids for the 2006 CYCC/CO is 15 September 2004, 17:00h EDT. Van Dusen/Dixon **PASSED 42-0-0**

9.5.2.1 **Amendment:** If no other bids received by the deadline, then the SWOCL Kitchener bid is approved. If other bids received, then a vote will take place in GL#2.

Spraggett/Dixon **PASSED 34-4-0**

NOTE: Chair (Palsson): The Secretary can set out motions in separate communications to governors. Within two weeks of bid deadline, the vote will take place if necessary.

Point of Order: Do Bond motion first. Vote: 24-18.

Motion: The CFC approve the 2006 bid from Kitchener. Bond/McDonald Chair: This motion is out of order as it contradicts the CFC Handbook, Rule 945.

Thorvardson: The OCA will support only the Kitchener bid.

Challenge to the Chair's ruling - Bos: A Notification in writing (a Letter of Intent) of a preparation of a bid must be received by 15 August 2004.

Chair Ruling: Because Maurice Smith is a Governor, then his verbal notification is deemed to be a formal notification of intent to bid.

NOTE: The amendment was passed, then the amended motion was passed as described above.

10 **Motion 2004-05-04:** “Protection of Canada Open/CYCC” - Rutherford/Cohen: Any other tournament that is two days before the CYCC and after the Canada Open will not be rated by the CFC or advertised in CFC media.

Discussion

Mallon: Do we want to prevent clubs from playing? I suggest to insert ‘other FIDE’, in lieu of ‘other’; and delete ‘the CYCC’. **Bos:** I suggest that the CFC prohibits regional championships.

Thorvardson: In the OCA, when the Ontario Open was in Kingston, there was a Toronto tournament. In the OCA constitution, it now reads that the Ontario Open is protected. All leagues have agreed not to compete with this tournament. The Canada Open is a similar event. The CFC should examine major events occurring simultaneously. Enforcement is done through the CFC not rating those other events. **Rutherford:** Local events do interfere. The CFC should send messages to all players that the Canada Open is important. **Spraggett:** What we are really talking about is the Western Open. Two tournament organizers organized the Western Open during the dates of the Canada Open. The CFC is a democratic organization and we should let it exist as such. **Ede:** I agree with Spraggett.

Rutherford: In New Brunswick, Kapuskasing was awarded but other major tournaments were organized at the same time of the Kapuskasing’s Canada Open. **Bond:** This is a complex issue. I hate “protection”. We live in a free society, but I agree with its intent. What about of issues of anti-trust? **Chair:** Sports federations are exempt from anti-trust regulations. **Dixon:** It is a complicated topic.

10.1 **Amendment:** Insert ‘Similar events’, in lieu of ‘Any other tournament’
Thorvardson/Rohanchuk

10.2 **Motion to Table Motion and Amendment to GL#1** Dixon/Thorvardson
PASSED

11 **Motion 2004-05-05:** “Post-Secondary Chess” - Dixon/Barron - Post-secondary chess is a new area of affiliation with the CFC. The main goal is to establish the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association (CPSCA).

11.1 **Motion to Table to GL#1** Dixon/Bos **PASSED**

11.2 Dixon: The CPSCA championship will be hosted by the University of Toronto in January 2005.

12 **Motion 2004-06** Harper/Stockhausen: Beginning with August 2004 the Governor’s Letter shall be published monthly. It shall be e-mailed to all Governors and published on the CFC Web site on the third Tuesday of every month.

Discussion

Thorvardson: This motion fixes a schedule for GL's. **Spraggett:** The GL's should be functional based on business to be voted on. **Rohanchuk:** Everything is possible, if you don't have to do it. Lyle Craver did nine GL's. How do we expect a lesser to do better.

12.1 Motion DEFEATED 14-25-1

13 Motion 2004-07 Harper/Stockhausen: Beginning with August 2004, the CFC Treasurer together with the CFC Office staff shall publish the full financial statement of the CFC every quarter, in the format that is currently used by the CFC office.

13.1 Amendment: Insert 'financial summary as determined by CFC Executive', in lieu of 'full financial statement'. Thorvardson/Rohanchuk
- PASSED 41-0

13.2 Amended motion PASSED 33-13

14 Motion 2005-01

Discussion

Smith: FIDE terminology is National team and Women's team. There are no objections to this language from any national chess federation. **Spraggett:** Many foreign languages do not support gender differentiation. At the Olympiad, there are 4,000 women out of 40,000 players in total. **Thorvardson:** Barron did budget without the President's approval where Barron allocated \$6,000.00 for Women's tournament. The issues are as follows: 1) whether Women's team should be called Women's National Team and 2) whether to equalize funding for each team. **Nadeau:** I am in favour of the intent of this motion. It encourages women's chess, but considering the proportion of women to men, I am not in favour.

14.1 Motion DEFEATED 11-32-3

15 TD Certification Program

Discussion

President (Palsson): The program was suspended after 1992. Submissions of list of TD's from each provincial organization were supposed to be received. In Ontario, the leagues were supposed to submit lists. In the new year, examinations will be given. **Dénommée:** The CFC needs rules for marking exams. There should be three on the Committee.

NOTE: This issue will be deferred to the CFC Executive. Pierre Dénommée volunteered to be on the Committee dealing with this issue.

16 FIDE changes timing of WYCC 2005.

16.1 Smith: Regarding bids for 2005 CYCC, CFC needs to review policy on regional and national events since low attendance can often be a factor.

17 Motion "Title of Junior Coordinator" - Thorvardson/Mallon: To change the title of "Junior Coordinator" to "Youth Coordinator". **PASSED by meeting 35 out of 48.**

17.1 Chair: This is a Constitutional Amendment and as such requires a Notice to the AGM of at least 30 days.

18 Remarks regarding Canada Closed

18.1 OCA President (Thorvardson)

18.1.1 The OCA has a new updated web site.

- 18.1.2 **NOTES REGARDING THE CANADA CLOSED** - I welcome all players to participate. Notify Barry Thorvardson if attending the awards ceremony. There are prizes for best performing player from each province. The awards ceremony is free for all players but nominal fee for all others. It will have a roast beef dinner.
- 18.2 Bos: There need to be changes to the bid process: A 2-year deadline, rotation from region to region. In addition, we need to mend fences with the FQE.
- 19 **Instructions to FIDE Representative**
 - 19.1 Thorvardson: The CFC needs to send a message to FIDE. The CFC lost a major sponsor in Belzberg Technologies because Belzberg is upset with FIDE. The CFC must say something but must be careful in its wording of the message.
 - 19.2 President: I will ask the FIDE representative to support the changes in the FIDE regulations regarding players and their accompanying personnel.
- 20 **Motion 2004-03** Stockhausen/Spraggett: Changes to CFC Handbook
 - 20.1 Amendment of Article 1012, "Participation in the WYCC"
 - 20.1.1 **Deletion of Sections (d) and (e)** - Van Dusen/Smith **PASSED 40**
 - 20.1.2 **Amendment of Section (c)** to read as follows: 'The top rated player in each category, selected according with the rating guidelines set out in Article 1005, provided the player has played at least 20 CFC regular rated games since the previous year's CYCC may request an exemption from the CFC Executive.' - Thorvardson/Dénommée **PASSED**
 - 20.2 Amendment of Article 1010, "Tie Break" - Dénommée/Thorvardson **PASSED 35**
 - 20.2.1 First paragraph, **Add**, ", where possible, use time and increment"
 - 20.3 Other revisions in Motion **PASSED**
- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** Smith (Note: Players rushed to next round of Canada Open).

DECISIONS OF THE NATIONAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

Mattson Appeal

August 15, 2004

Ruling of the National Appeal Committee (NAC) with respect to:

An appeal resulting from a game between Samuel Lipnowski (White) and Dane Mattson (Black) from the 10th and final round of the 2004 Canadian Open, played in Kapuskasing, Ontario on July 18, 2004.

After 59 moves the following position was reached (White to move):

White: Kf6, Rh3, Pf5, Pg6 Black: Kg8, Rg2, Ph2

Mr Lipnowski, playing White, has reached a won position – in fact there are no less than three moves that force mate in three, namely 60.Rb3, 60.Rc3 or 60.Rd3. However, White fell into a trap and played instead 60.Ra3 which was met by 60...Rxf6+. Now, no matter how White captures the Rook, Black can promote his Pawn, defending the mate threat on a8. Both possible endings of R + P versus Q are lost (refer to a Nalimov Tablebase). Thus the position has completely turned around, from a win for White to a win for Black, though admittedly Black would need to demonstrate good technique to bring home the full point.

Having completed his 60th move, Mr Mattson realized that all the space on the scoresheet had been used up and went off to get new scoresheets. During his absence Mr Lipnowski “adjusted” his Rook to b3 and then played 61.fxg6, thus moving two pieces during the same turn.. When Mr Mattson returned to the board he was shocked to see the White Rook on b3 and, realizing that 61... h1=Q would now be met by 62.Rb8 mate, he resigned. He assumed he must have hallucinated 60.Ra3. Mr Lipnowski’s deception may have succeeded but for the fact that a number of players had seen the position on the board after 60...Rxf6+. This is after all the kind of move that attracts the eye, and its purpose is obvious.

Mr Mattson appealed the result, and his Appeal was heard by a local Appeals Committee composed of GM Harmen Jonkman (Chairman), GM Kevin Spraggett and CFC President Halldor Palsson. Their conclusion was:

“The Appeals Committee condemns Samuel Lipnowski’s actions. Samuel Lipnowski’s result of a win must stand because Dane Mattson resigned the game before making an appeal according to Article 5.1 b) of the Fide laws.”

The NAC emailed Mr Lipnowski the above statement of facts and received a reply from him in which he admitted his wrong-doing and expressed his remorse [see Appendix A].

The decision of the NAC is that the result of the game must be reversed, and declared a win for Mr Mattson. The NAC agrees with the Appeals Committee that Mr Mattson’s resignation did end the game. But there is ample latitude in the Laws to overturn a result where fraud or coercion has been employed to secure resignation. For example, Articles 13.4 e) and 13.4 f) clearly give the Arbiter (and by extension the Appeals Committee and the NAC) the power to reverse a score. The action of Mr Lipnowski was cheating, pure and simple, and cannot be tolerated.

The NAC instructs the CFC Business Office to do the following:

- Change the official crosstable of the event to show that in the 10th round Mr Mattson won his encounter with Mr Lipnowski. Because this game was played in the last round, Handbook section 1952 is not applicable, so this can be done.
- That the necessary steps be taken to re-rate this game both CFC and Fide to reflect Mr Mattson’s victory – reference Handbook section 1951.
- That the \$35 dollar appeal fee be returned to the appellant – Handbook section 1906.

- That an effort be made to secure the scoresheets and return them to the players.

The NAC understands that Mr Mattson would have secured a prize had he scored 5.5 points at the Open. With our ruling above this has now happened. The NAC recommends that the CFC pay to Mr Mattson an amount equal to what he would have won had his 10th round game been recorded as a victory on July 18. The determination of said amount owing to Mr Mattson shall be made by the Business Office through consultation with the organizers. This expense may be defrayed in whole or in part through a fine levied against Mr Lipnowski. The NAC has no mandate to rule in this matter – indeed Handbook section 1953 suggests we stay away – so we refer this recommendation to the CFC Executive for their consideration.

The remaining question is what further sanctions should or ought to be applied. It is clear that Mr Lipnowski's actions have brought the game into disrepute [Fide Article 12.1], and we never want to see this repeated. The NAC considered the question of additional sanctions but could reach no consensus. Again, the NAC must emphasize that it has no mandate to impose or enforce such sanctions, so we refer this matter as well to the CFC Executive for their consideration.

Sanctions could take many forms, but a combination of a fine and/or a suspension seems most appropriate. This matter would be best addressed by a Disciplinary Committee. The CFC has not constituted such a committee, and so the NAC feels these disciplinary decisions are best referred to the CFC Executive.

The NAC wishes to list these factors which may mitigate additional sanctions:

- The delay in justice is not the fault of Mr Lipnowski. If the situation had been handled properly on-site we wouldn't be here. Three lines of defense failed us here: the opponent accepted the fraud and resigned; the Arbiters on site were not called to rule; the Appeals Committee failed to correctly interpret the Laws. That's not Mr Lipnowski's fault.
- Mr Lipnowski has admitted his guilt. He says he has apologized many times to Mr Mattson, and these apologies stretch back almost to the incident itself. It would have been better had he confessed immediately but that didn't happen.
- For almost a month Mr Lipnowski has been subject to some nasty personal attacks, mainly on the InterNet news-groups. It's easy to say he got what he deserved but maybe he got more than he deserved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Taylor (Chairman)
 Mark Dutton, IA
 Pierre Dénommée, IA

[Note that John Quiring recused himself from this appeal because he had written publicly on what had happened prior to the appeal coming before us. Serge Archambault was recused because he had served as one of the Arbiters at the Open.]

Cheron Appeal

August 19, 2004

Ruling of the National Appeal Committee (NAC) with respect to:

Tony Cheron's appeal of an NAC decision in 1995 regarding the game Nickoloff – Johnstone at the 1995 Canadian Closed in Ottawa.

A barest review of the facts:

On August 14, 1995, Nickoloff fell asleep at the board while playing Johnstone at the Canadian Closed.

Another player awakened Nickoloff when he had less than 10 minutes on his clock, and several players complained to the TD about this "outside interference".

The TD awarded the game to Johnstone.

On August 15, 1995 Nickoloff appealed the TD's decision.

A Local Appeals Committee met on August 18 and by a 2-1 vote overturned the TD's decision, took the point away from Johnstone, and ruled the game must continue.

Johnstone refused and resigned the game. The point was awarded to Nickoloff.

The decision was appealed to the NAC (it is not clear by whom). Some members of the NAC met by telephone on August 20, 1995, and reversed the decision of the Local Appeals Committee, forfeited Nickoloff and took away the point.

The final standings in that tournament: a three-way tie for first between Nickoloff, Livshits and Léveillé.

The appellant, Mr. Cheron, appeals the NAC's decision on the following grounds:

- improper procedures were followed when this case was appealed to the NAC
- the NAC was pressured by some of the other players in the Closed
- the NAC's decision was incorrect.

Mr. Cheron asks that Mr. Nickoloff be declared winner of the 1995 Canadian Closed.

Decision of THIS (2004) NAC:

We decline to hear this case.

We draw the appellant's attention to a motion made at the Annual General Meeting of the CFC, July 15, 1996.

Moved (Martin Jaeger, seconded by Terry Coulombe) that the NAC decision be accepted, and Ron Livshits be recognized as the 1995 Closed Champion.
Motion was carried.

We consider the matter closed.

Notwithstanding the above motion, it is not likely that we would hear this case in any event. The NAC's jurisdiction does not extend over other NAC rulings (CFC rule 1901).

Respectfully submitted,

John Quiring (Acting Chair)
Pierre Dénommée
Serge Archambault

[Note: NAC Chair Gordon Taylor was a player in the 1995 Canadian Closed and recused himself; Mark Dutton was on the NAC in 1995 and recused himself as well].

MOTIONS

2005-08:

Moved by Barry Thorvardson, Seconded by ??????????

To change the operation and priorities of the CFC Governors Letters to focus on Executive Direction, Major activities in Chess, Sponsorships and Corporate Decision Making. To start this process, only the CFC President, a majority of the CFC Executive, or a direction by 25% of CFC Governors, can authorize a Motion to be included, and voted on in by Governors Letter. Secondly to setup and use Internet Discussion Boards and Email for discussions and procedural development, and/or special committees, so that only supported, well written motions are brought to any meeting, or Governors Letter.

Background: This is similar to executive meetings in medium and large corporations, and also to our Canadian and Provincial Governments, where private member's bills require significant support to be even heard. It is disruptive, and a waste of valuable Governors' time to discuss poorly written or unnecessary motions. Even worse, it diverts the proper focus of the CFC Executive and corporate Governors from effective strategic planning.

Barry Thorvardson
CFC Governor
OCA President

MOTION 2005-09:

Moved by Christopher Mallon. Seconded by Pierre Dénommée.

- a. It is moved that the CFC Assembly and Executive adopt an online discussion board, to be linked from www.chess.ca/forum, as an official means of communication between Governors, and also the Executive.
- b. The board will have three sections, public forums in English and French, a private Governors-only forum, and a private Executive-only forum.
- c. The board will be moderated. Moderators will include the CFC President, the current Forum Administrator, and any other assistants as designated by mutual agreement of the CFC President and Forum Administrator.
- d. The Forum Administrator is appointed by the Executive and may be anyone other than the CFC President. The Administrator should have some experience with web design (specifically PHP script).
- e. All Governors and Executive, to gain access to the private forums, must be using their real first and last names. The Forum Administrator has the ability to edit and modify names.

BACKGROUND

This forum will allow us as Governors a much easier way to discuss motions and other items that may come up. It is not as unwieldy as mass emails, and obvious much faster than the GLs. At this point the forum does not in any way replace the GLs officially, however that can and should be looked into once the Governors get a feel for using it.

In the future this could actually almost eliminate GLs other than as a public news bulletin, as this software (vBulletin) is capable of secure voting and requires every user to have their own login and password, which means people cannot pretend to be someone else without being easily caught.

The forum already exists and if the www.chess.ca/forum link does not yet work you can find it currently located at www.designstedding.com/chessforum

Once you have registered, you will be given private forum access within 24 hours. If you don't receive it, please contact me!

Christopher Mallon

Motion 2005-10:

Moved by Halldor Palsson, Seconded by Eric Van Dusen

Whereas Lyle Craver wants to assume the position of Secretary, and has performed its duties in an exceptional manner in the past; and,

Whereas Eric Van Dusen wants to assume the position of Treasurer, and is able to use his professional background in purchasing in order to conduct local oversight of the operations of the CFC Office;

It is moved, that the Governors approve the reassignment of titles so that the positions of Secretary be assumed by Lyle Craver and that of Treasurer by Eric Van Dusen.

Motions for First Discussion:

MOTION 2004-09 Mallon/Dénommée On-Line Discussion Board

MOTION 2004-08 Thorvardson/????????? Governors' Letters: Procedures for Introducing Motions

Motions for Second Discussion or Business Arising (that will be called for vote in the next GL):

Business Arising from Motion 2004-05-03: The deadline for bids for the 2006 CYCC/CO is 15 September 2004, 17:00h EDT. If no other bids received by the deadline, then the SWOCL Kitchener bid is approved. If other bids received, then a vote will take place if necessary within two (2) weeks and/or in GL#2 .

Motion 2004-05-04: “Protection of Canada Open/CYCC” - Rutherford/Cohen: Any other tournament that is two days before the CYCC and after the Canada Open will not be rated by the CFC or advertised in CFC media. **Amendment 2004-05-04-01:** Insert ‘Similar events’, in lieu of ‘Any other tournament’ Thorvardson/Rohanchuk

Motion 2004-05-05: “Post-Secondary Chess” - Dixon/Barron - Post-secondary chess is a new area of affiliation with the CFC. The main goal is to establish the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association (CPSCA).

Motions for Vote:

Motion 2005-10 (Palsson/Van Dusen) Switch Secretary and Treasurer

Deadline for Submissions to GL #2: September 22, 2004