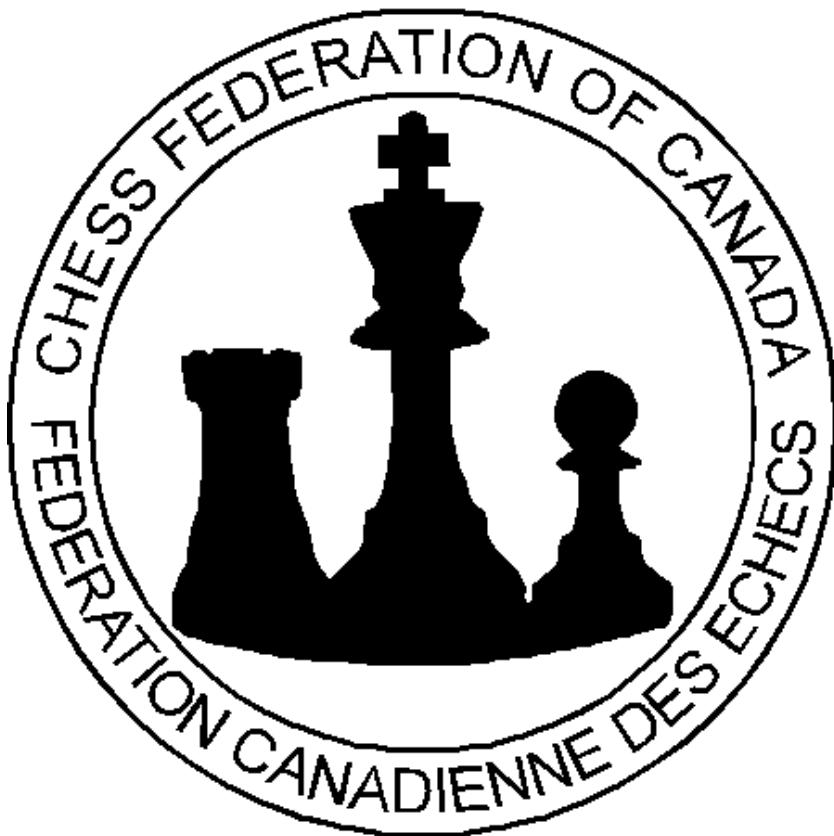


# CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

## GOVERNORS' LETTER ONE

### 1999-2000



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**ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS:** Anyone with an E-Mail address can have their Governors' Letter sent to them via E-Mail and save the CFC paper and postage costs.  
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Deadline for next Governors' Letter is September 17, 1999

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

My President's Report elsewhere in the G.L. outlines the successful year that we have had. While we can take some measure of satisfaction from this, I believe that that it will be very difficult to continue to maintain that degree of success. Cutting expenses was a significant factor in the improved financial bottom line. However, there is not much further we can go in this regard, therefore we must concentrate heavily on increasing revenue. Since this is based almost entirely on rating fees, membership fees and sales of chess supplies, these are the areas that have to be looked at to determine how their numbers can be increased. The Executive are already working on a plan to increase sales and we will endeavour to provide incentives to promote new memberships.

The Canadian Open just concluded was a very enjoyable event. The main elements were the delightful city of Vancouver, the first class Delta Pacific Hotel and the organizational skills of Peter Stockhausen. Next year we travel to Edmonton where the hosts promise to have one of the best Canadian Opens ever. Therefore, I welcome you to join me in that great capital city of Alberta.

As I write this, our men's champion Kevin Spraggett is playing in the World Championships in Las Vegas. Meanwhile, our women's champion Johanne Charest is scheduled to play in the Women's World Championships later this year. Also, many of our top young players will be competing in the World's Youth Championships in Spain in the fall. We can feel proud of all our very talented players participating in these tournaments.

The success of the C.F.C. depends a large part on the many volunteers who provide the time and the energy to organize and direct various tournaments, take on Administrative and Executive roles such as running chess clubs and many other duties that enable chess players to compete and enjoy the life game. At an awards ceremony in Toronto highlighting the work of volunteers it was noted that "Volunteers are the backbone of society." Well, in that case, the C.F.C. has a very strong backbone. I heartily salute all the people who do so much for our organization.

In the coming year, I look forward to seeing all our members working together to enable our organization to have another successful year. We should not forget that we are a Federation of our members and we are united in that respect. In unity comes strength, and together we can make our organization stronger. Let us all participate, compete and enjoy the year in chess.

Maurice Smith  
President  
Chess Federation Of Canada

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY**

I am pleased to have been elected Secretary of the CFC. I look forward to working with the Governors of the CFC. I would like to ask Governors to please send in their e-mail addresses to the CFC office (info@chess.ca). If we can distribute the Governor's Letter via e-mail we save the CFC paper and postage in addition to staff time. I would also urge Governors to send in their submissions and responses to items in the G.L. by e-mail to simplify the production of the G.L. for me.

Halldor P. Palsson (palsson@sonetis.com), Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada.

## **KEEPING GOVERNORS INFORMED**

The Executive has made the following decisions:

- a} A Management Committee will not be appointed this year.
- b} Executive Motion Stockhausen/Bunning: All pure Junior and Scholastic tournaments will be regular rated unless 50% of the participants are over 1500 or the time control is less than 30 minutes per player per game. Motion carried unanimously.
- c} There will be a separate boys and girls finals for the Youth Festival, although Regions and Provinces may run joint tournaments where the number of participants dictates the practicality.
- d} There will be increased coverage of the Olympic Fund in future En Passants.
- e} The following bid for the CYCC and the Canadian Open in 2001 was received:

2001 Canadian Chess Festival Bid By Peter Stockhausen & The BCCF

Dates: Tuesday, July 3rd 2001 to Sunday, July 15th 2001

Location: Vancouver (Richmond)  
Delta Pacific Resort & Conference Centre  
10251 St. Edwards Drive  
Richmond, BC  
V6E 4M9

Events CYCC  
July 3rd, July 4th, July 5th, (July 6th if necessary)  
Details to be worked out, but likely seven (7) rounds over three days.  
Playoffs, if necessary on Friday AM.

The timing will allow for holding the CYCC in the Grand Pacific Ballroom with 5 Top Boards and Demo Boards.

GM Kevin Spraggett and NM Jack Yoos have confirmed that they will conduct analysis sessions with players and parents throughout the three days just as in the 1999 event.

Canadian Open July 6th to July 15<sup>th</sup> 11 round single section swiss  
Time control 40/2 – 20/1 – SD/.5

CFC & FIDE rated

Guaranteed Prize Fund \$15,000

Lectures, Simuls, Quads, Speed and Siames Championships will be held during the week.

GM Kevin Spraggett, IM Georgi Orlov and NM Jack Yoos have confirmed their participation if the bid is successful.

Terms:

The Organizers will provide a site for the CFC Store free of charge.

The Organizers will provide a meeting room for the AGM free of charge.

The Organizers will provide a meeting room for the Board of Directors Meeting free of charge.

The Organizers will contribute 1.5% of all entry fees and advertising revenue to the Canadian Olympic Chess Fund.

The Organizers will provide appropriate support for the CYCC.

Upon acceptance of this bid, the Organizers will supply the CFC with a copy of the Conference Agreement with the Delta Pacific Resort & Conference Centre.

The CFC will collect all entry fees.

The CFC will support the Tournament Organization with \$1,000

The BCCF will support the Tournament Organization with \$1,000.

En Passant will provide six pages of Advertising free of charge.

This Bid expires on October 31st 1999.

Signed by Toni Deline, Lynn Stringer and Peter Stockhausen

We have notice of a bid forthcoming from Dave Barrett, Mt. Allison University, N.B., the details of which will be in the next G.L.

The Executive is prepared to accept the bid received from B.C. on October 31, 1999 if no other organizers submit a bid for these 2001 events prior to that date. The Governors will vote on competing bids.

Maurice Smith, President, Chess Federation Of Canada.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHESS FEDERATION  
OF CANADA  
Richmond, B.C., July 5, 1999**

Halldor P. Palsson acted as Secretary for this meeting.

The meeting started at 9.10AM. CFC President Maurice Smith took the Chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. Smith welcomed the governors and went over the agenda. He asked that all proxies be registered with the Secretary.

**Registration of Proxies:**

Governor	With a proxy for
Maurice Smith	Ari Mendrinos
Peter Stockhausen	Francisco Cabanas
Kevin Spraggett	Miles Obradovich
Phil Haley	Vojin Vujosevic
Les Bunning	Alex Knox
Lyle Craver	Shivaharan Thurairasah
Hugh Brodie	Robert Webb
Knut Neven	Martin Jaeger
Alek Tsui	
John Quiring	Hans Jung (given by Kevin Spraggett)
Joshua Keshet	Grant Brown
Mark Barnes	Walter Watson
Ford Wong	
Tony Deline	
10:30	
Francisco Cabanas	
Lynn Stringer	
Tom O'Donnell	Gordon Taylor
	Deen Hergott
10:45	
Nathan Divinsky	

The minutes of the 1998 Annual meeting were introduced as read by Mr. Smith. A motion to approve the minutes was introduced by Peter Stockhausen and seconded by Hugh Brodie. Motion passed, John Quiring abstained.

**REPORTS**

**1) President's Report – Appendix A**

The President's Report which was distributed prior to the meeting was read by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith said the CFC had a good year and emphasized the need for fiscal responsibility.

Discussion: Hugh Brodie asked Mr. Smith about financial support for the Olympic team from corporate sponsors such as Robin Hood Multi food of \$500. Mr. Smith hoped that more corporations could be asked to donate. Joshua

Keshet asked the President to elaborate on the federal funding issue and his letter writing to federal Members of Parliament.

## **2) Vice President's Report**

The VP, Les Bunning reported that it was a busy year for the executive. He revised sections of the Handbook and framed the rules for the CYCC. In addition, Les Bunning re-wrote the rules for the Canadian Championship as a Swiss.

## **3) No Report from the Secretary**

## **4) FIDE Representative Report. – Appendix B**

Phil Haley reported that it was a bad year for FIDE with terrible publicity. FIDE is oriented toward Russia and the far east. While he is hoping to see better things for FIDE, things are probably going to stay the same.

The Pan Am Youth Festival scheduled for Mexico has been canceled. (Subsequent to the meeting we have been advised that Brazil has agreed to host this event in Matinhos from September 30-October 6, 1999).

Phil Haley will be in Las Vegas for the month of August to serve on the appeals committee for the FIDE World Ch.

Discussion: Peter Stockhausen wanted to know if FIDE made any attempt to learn from other international federations that are equally poor in terms of official financial support? No. John Quiring asked about the fragile financial situation at FIDE, the funding being mainly from the FIDE President. Phil Haley said this was a worry. FIDE will get 20% of the prize fund from the upcoming World Ch. which will improve the situation in the short term.

## **5) Past President's Report – Appendix C**

Francisco Cabanas distributed his report in writing prior to the meeting. In his remarks he said that the CYCC showed that when the CFC set out to do things right we can do it. He also drew attention to the need to make CFC material bilingual by incurring a one time cost of translating manuals and rules into French.

## **6) Treasurer's Report – Appendix D**

Peter Stockhausen gave an overview of CFC finances. The lowering of cost gains are one time gains that are fiscally small. The structural costs of the CFC are high because we are a national organization. It is vital to increase the revenue base by getting wholesale accounts. While the CFC is a not for profit organization we still need money and resources to promote chess. Getting more customers and doing things well is a priority.

A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was introduced by Joshua Keshet and seconded by Francisco Cabanas. Carried.

## **7) Executive Director's Report – Appendix E**

Troy Vail distributed his report in writing before the meeting and had no additional comments.

Discussion: Craver said players like the web site and looking up their ratings and cross tables. Troy Vail replied that the many phone calls or e-mails the CFC gets are on the Tuesday the ratings come out. The membership follows their ratings closely. Les Bunning suggested that we publicize that ratings and cross tables are at the CFC website. Troy Vail will put a note in En Passant.

Joshua Keshet asked how much it costs to rate a tournament. The rating fee for junior players is \$0.75 at Chess & Math and \$1.00 at the CFC. Troy Vail said the exact cost was not known. Craver asked if clearer guidelines or formats could be issued by the CFC to Tournament Directors to minimize the cost of doing ratings. Troy Vail said that the text file generated by Swiss System, a pairing program used by most tournament organizers was the best format.

Hugh Brodie pointed out that the old website address for the CFC was on the boards being used at the tournament. Troy Vail said that these were the last boards with the old address and that it would still get to the CFC.

## **8) Office Manager's Report – Appendix F**

The office managers report was distributed in writing.

Discussions: Francisco Cabanas asked about the progress in making the CFC bilingual. David Miriguay said the invoice form is being made bilingual and that the next version of the score pad will become bilingual. Phil Haley asked about chess videos which are sold extensively by the USCF and also by Chess and Math. Troy Vail said they were not being purchased in Canada. Peter Stockhausen said a solution for the CFC might be to fulfill orders on request. Troy Vail said that we need some minimum quantities to get discounts and that this did not work for the CFC because prices were too high, a \$20-30 price range is more appropriate in Canada. ( Mr. Smith told Troy Vail to keep his eyes on videos.)

## **9) Auditor's Report – Refer to 1998-99 GL#5**

Maurice Smith asked for comments.

Discussion: A lengthy discussion on the scope and appropriateness of the auditor's report followed. Les Bunning noted that the auditor's comments went well beyond his area into relations with the FQE and Chess and Math. Troy Vail said that from working with the auditor that the auditor looks at the financial impact on the CFC and is trying to be helpful. Joshua Keshet thought that the auditor was perhaps too familiar with chess and too political.

Lyle Craver wanted more concrete analysis of the financial situation of the CFC and noted that membership is down 10%. CFC reduced expenses and current assets and liabilities are well balanced but we need to work on revenues. Cabanas said that revenues are predicated on tournament activity. We should look at areas in Canada. Where are the volunteers? We need to develop Tournament Directors. PEI and Newfoundland have increased.

Lyle Craver. What about the tournament membership issue? Troy Vail said that the full impact will only be felt in a year. Craver asked about the 235 tournament memberships. Are they individual people or multiple memberships for the same individuals? Cabanas said that the membership drop needs to be analyzed. What is going on with tournament memberships? Tournament activity is down. We want address information with tournament memberships.

Phil Haley asked about the \$3,839 in membership cards carried as an asset on the balance sheet and bad debts. Troy Vail said the \$3,839 was roughly 3 years of membership cards and that there were no bad debts. The follow-up marketing to tournament members was done before Christmas.

Joshua Keshet said that addresses were only submitted when they changed for regular members. For the tournament memberships, he was told by the office not to send addresses by Troy Vail.

Francisco Cabanas. The youth tournament did not require CFC membership. What concerns me is that we make decisions on tournament memberships with only partial information. Joshua Keshet asked if we can force tournament directors to require a CFC membership. Cabanas asked who the tournament director was that refused to collect CFC memberships. Smith asked the meeting to move on to other business.

Peter Stockhausen observed that for what we pay the auditor, the value for money is outstanding. Hugh Brodie asked how much we paid the auditor. Troy Vail. \$2,500. Ford Wong said that the meeting should take note of some of the things the auditor says. In particular, financial planning is important.

Maurice Smith asked the meeting to accept the financial statement. A motion to accept the financial statements was tabled by Lyle Craver and seconded by Peter Stockhausen. Carried.

## **10) Junior Coordinator's Report – Appendix G**

Joshua Keshet offered a written report prior to the meeting. In his remarks he noted that the CFC had no junior jurisdiction and that 80-90% was done by Chess and Math. It is important to revise the rating system because the current system does not address the junior issue. Most junior chess does not get rated under the current system.

The CFC is not cooperating well with the Provinces. Now BC has 50% of junior CFC memberships. Chapter 10 was written by Les Bunning, but needs revisions to provide for girls. The structure of regional and provincial events should be left to the Provinces and we exceeded our mandate by telling provinces how to run their events. We are doing very well in BC and Ontario. We need to get Quebec representation. Is it time to bid for a world junior event? Can the CFC, Chess and Math and the FQE run events together? The number of organizers at the local level is fixed. We have to find a way to cooperate. We have to work a year in advance for bids for national junior events.

Discussion: Francisco Cabanas wanted Provincial Championships to be held before rating floors are announced. President Maurice Smith thanked Joshua Keshet for all the effort he has put into the junior coordinator's job.

### **11) Kalev Pugi Fund Report – Appendix H**

Fund committee is Joshua Keshet, Tim Knechtel and Robert Webb. A written report was distributed before the meeting. Joshua Keshet said that the same criteria will be used to select among applications for travel assistance next year.

Discussion: Cabanas. Can we put a section in the Handbook on what Kalev Pugi Fund is to be used for? Bunning. We hand out the money to people in need. Brodie. How do you apply for these funds? Keshet said he was told not to solicit applications, but you apply to the CFC office. Smith. There is only \$1,300 to be spent. Stringer. I knew Pugi and he wanted to send those who could not afford to go.

### **12) National Appeals Committee – Appendix I**

Cabanas handed out a written report. In his remarks Francisco Cabanas said that there were two appeals and the conflict over 10.2 showed the need for the CFC should make an effort to conform to the FIDE rules.

Discussion: Phil Haley. The problem with sudden death finishes is not new. We are moving to Fischer clocks to encourage these new time controls.

John Quiring found the appeal of Nickoloff vs. a foreign opponent badly handled. Awarding a 1 to the winner and a ½ to the loser was not a good solution. Cabanas said there was no good solution to the problem.

Kevin Spraggett thought the solution by the NAC was a copout and that this decision prejudiced the participants. Les Bunning said the NAC should not be there to second guess local organizers. It is for sober second thought. Francisco Cabanas noted that there is no time minimum on NAC appeals. Smith said that there are just one or two appeals a year and they are controversial and this cannot be avoided.

### **13) CYCC Report – Appendix J**

Troy Vail distributed a written report prior to the meeting.

Discussion: Joshua Keshet said that there were some corrections to the written report. The CYCC has a larger loss because we are supporting more travel. We are paying ½ of the expenses of three girls traveling to Spain. Peter Stockhausen said that in the budget some of the \$150 was to be used for food and lodging. We chose to give \$70 of the fee back to pay for the lodging. Francisco Cabanas said there was a lack of communication on how much the entry fee was. Peter Stockhausen said that this was our first go and there was a lot of mis-communication. Joshua Keshet said that the CFC office and the Junior Coordinator get a C in PR but that they will do a better job next year. Phil Haley asked about the questionnaires to CYCC participants. Joshua Keshet committed himself to analyze the results and report back to the executive. President Maurice Smith said that some of the early comments were negative, but they improved considerably by the final. The CYCC was good this year, he congratulated the organizers on an excellent job.

## **MOTIONS AND STRAW VOTES**

Maurice Smith introduced constitutional amendment and 99-5. Les Bunning noted that there was a line missing from the constitutional amendment and that the motion should be read with the line included. The junior coordinator replaces the rating auditor on the executive. The rating auditor function is now largely done by the business office. Motion proposed by Cabanas and seconded by Bunning. For 23, abstained 2, carried with over 2/3 majority. Maurice Smith: 99-5 is a motion by Gordon Taylor and Deen Hergott to lift the sanction on Jean Hebert and Yan Teplitsky barring them from participating in the next Olympiad. Both players withdrew more than 15 days after they were notified of their inclusion on the team. Rule 1205b in the Handbook states: "Successful applicants withdrawing after the 15 day period has elapsed are automatically barred from the NEXT Olympics as well and may only be reinstated to eligibility by a vote of the Governors. This would be granted in recognition of late withdrawal caused by extreme and unavoidable hardship".

Discussion: Les Bunning noted that they did not have to accept the invitation. Jean Hebert decided he had to work. Peter Stockhausen said the policy was in place for a number of years. They have committed themselves. Jean Hebert's reasons are not good. Francisco Cabanas said he would support the motion. What concerns Francisco

Cabanas is that the CFC did not lose as we only sent 5 players in the end. There is a certain lack of procedure, but the players are culpable, but we should let them off. Phil Haley. This has been a problem with the Olympic team, we should have spelled out the sanction in the invitation.

Ford Wong. I am against this motion. We should give somebody else a chance to play on the team. Kevin Spraggett. There should be no doubt about the sanction.

Francisco Cabanas. This is an automatic sanction, we have to take it away because they are now banned. Nathan Divinsky. The ban will not help the CFC. I will vote for this motion. Phil Haley. Can Spraggett amend the motion? Maurice Smith. No and 99-5 was read. For 12, against 7, abstained 3. Motion passes.

Maurice Smith said that 99-6 and 99-7 had not been discussed enough in the G.L., therefore they could not be voted on and would in effect die at the meeting. However, they could be introduced as new motions in the upcoming G.L.

## **BIDS FOR 1999 EVENTS**

Hugh Brodie: Richard Berube approached me to organize the girl's championship.

Maurice Smith: We will reply to him in writing. Les Bunning: We should ask Mr. Richard Berube to run the under 16 and under 18 championships because we had no qualifiers from these events at the CYCC.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Joshua Keshet: There is no bid for the 1999 Canadian junior.

Les Bunning: The solution is to hold the Canadian junior as part of the CYCC. This simplifies the organization but the juniors cannot play in a younger age group as well if they qualify for both.

Francisco Cabanas: The 18-20 year olds may not attract the strongest players and may not be FIDE rated. The Canadian junior would be much weaker.

Les Bunning proposed a motion to donate \$500 to the Chess Foundation of Canada, seconded by Francisco Cabanas.

Francisco Cabanas: The Chess Foundation builds up chess in Canada. We have not done this in a long time. Joshua Keshet asked about a foundation for juniors. Hugh Brodie asked if there was any tax advantages to this. Les Bunning said that there were no tax advantages to a junior chess foundation. Vote: Motion carried.

Maurice Smith: This concludes the outgoing assembly.

## **INCOMING ASSEMBLY**

Governor	Proxy for
John Quiring	Grant Brown
Toni Deline	Lynn Stringer
	Al Whitman
Phil Haley	Alex Knox
	Shivaharan Thurairasah
Tom O'Donnell	Gordon Taylor
	Deen Hergott
Hugh Brodie	Hans Jung
Maurice Smith	Ari Mendrinos
	Bryan Lamb
Joshua Keshet	Van Sarac
Peter Stockhausen	Miles Obradovich
	Vojin Vujosevic
Les Bunning	Robert Webb
	Martin Jaeger
Lyle Craver	
Mark Barnes	Van Sarac (Assigned by Joshua Keshet)
Ford Wong	

Maurice Smith asked about governors from NWT. Troy Vail said we had 6 members up there. Les Bunning proposed a motion to nominate the current governor and defer the appointment of the governor for Nunavut to the executive. Seconded by Peter Stockhausen. Carried.

Yukon. Maurice Smith will approach the current governor and ask him to continue.

Maurice Smith: Nominations for Quebec. Phil Haley nominated Johanne Charest. Les Bunning nominated Gilles Groleau and Hugh Brodie. They were elected by acclamation.

Sask. Knut Neven: The last governor resigned last January and there is no activity. This happened before in Nfld. and PEI. Ford Wong nominated Knut Neven. Knut Neven agreed to serve. Troy Vail said the Sask. association was notified April 1 on how many governors it was entitled to. Maurice Smith ruled that the nomination stood. Knut Neven was acclaimed.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Maurice Smith was nominated by Vojin Vujosevic and acclaimed. Les Bunning passes the Chair back to Maurice Smith with his congratulations.

Peter Stockhausen nominates Les Bunning for VP. Les Bunning was acclaimed.

Secretary. Les Bunning nominated Halldor P. Palsson. He was acclaimed.

Treasurer. Les Bunning nominates Peter Stockhausen. Acclaimed.

FIDE Representative. Francisco Cabanas nominates Phil Haley. Acclaimed.

Junior Coordinator. Peter Stockhausen nominated Joshua Keshet. Acclaimed.

Master Representative will be chosen by the players at the Canadian Closed in September.

Women's Coordinator. Maurice Smith asked for nominations. Peter Stockhausen proposed a motion to defer the appointment to the executive so that we can do a proper search. Seconded by Les Bunning. Carried.

Rating Auditor. Maurice Smith. This is a position on the same basis as the women's coordinator and the master representative. Peter Stockhausen nominated Francisco Cabanas. Acclaimed.

Auditor. Maurice Smith asked that the appointment of the auditor be deferred to the executive. The chair said that Mr. Yip could raise his fee considerably and our hands would be tied because we would already have appointed him.

Discussion: Cabanas said this was not the right procedure. It is a conflict to have the executive appoint the auditor. Maurice Smith: Fair comment. Les Bunning observed that if the executive of the CFC were running the business office, there would be a conflict but office staff run the office so there is no conflict.

John Quiring proposed a motion that we defer the appointment of the auditor to the executive. Seconded by Les Bunning. For 16, Against 5, Abstained 1. Francisco Cabanas asked that it be recorded in the Minutes that he opposed this motion.

## **CHESS FOUNDATION OF CANADA TRUSTEES**

Maurice Smith. We need two trustees, one for a four year term and another for a one year term.

Les Bunning nominated Francisco Cabanas for a four year term, acclaimed.

Phil Haley nominated John Quiring for a one year term. He declined. Toni Deline nominated Lyle Craver who accepted.

## **KALEV PUGI FUND**

Les Bunning nominated Joshua Keshet, Tim Knectel and Robert Webb for re-appointment. They were acclaimed. Maurice Smith will advise them of their appointment.

## **NATIONAL APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Francisco Cabanas Nominated Gordon Taylor.

Mark Barnes nominated Francisco Cabanas

Toni Deline nominated Hugh Brodie

Tom O'Donnell nominated Deen Hergott

Francisco Cabanas nominated Lyle Craver.  
The new NAC was acclaimed.

Maurice Smith appointed Francisco Cabanas as the chair of NAC for the first meeting where the committee can elect their own chair.

## **LATER EVENTS**

John Quiring distributed a written proposal for a Canadian Open in Edmonton in 2000. In his remarks John Quiring said he was pleased to deliver this proposal for the organizing committee. The organizing committee is: Grant Brown (Chair), David Ottosen (Vice Chair), John Quiring, Ford Wong, David Gomboc and Peter Alderton.

The residences at the University of Alberta is the proposed accommodation. It is a 10-round Swiss in the traditional Canadian Open format. The committee has obtained \$25K in sponsorship.

Discussion: Hugh Brodie asked how the organizing was done by the committee. John Quiring: Fund-raising was from charity casinos. The committee wants to put together packages like they have in North Bay. The committee needs funds directly to pay their suppliers and wishes to collect the early entry fees directly. Francisco Cabanas asked why they chose the University of Alberta and why the time control is 40/2 and SD in 1. It is CFC policy to have the business office collect entry fees for the Canadian Open. The business office can work with the organizers and release the funds as they are needed. Where is the CYCC going to be run?

John Quiring. The proposal has no CYCC. The committee had never heard of the linkage and it is therefore not part of the proposal. John Quiring cannot agree to the linkage on behalf of the organizing committee. There are no volunteers in Alberta that have expressed interest in CYCC.

Les Bunning. The CYCC brought about 30 kids into the Canadian Open. It is an opportunity. This is a very good bid. We should not abandon our rule about the business office collecting entry fees for the Canadian Open.

Peter Stockhausen. The CYCC is a boon and the Canadian Open organizers got support from the business office. Processing the entry fee through the CFC increases credibility. The 1985 and 1989 Canadian Opens were held in Edmonton. July is dead in Edmonton. The City might give you funding if you use the conference center. There is no junior prize fund. How far is the rail trip from the University of Alberta campus to downtown?

John Quiring. The committee did not look at a downtown site. The event is long and the committee is targeting the event to budget conscious chess players. A deliberate choice was made.

Phil Haley. We only want high class Canadian Opens. The poor facility in Ottawa should not be repeated. Peter Stockhausen set the standard in Winnipeg. Bad sites are not conducive to sponsorship and the image of chess we want to project.

John Quiring. The cost of the 6 rooms is \$6K and the rooms are air conditioned. The Chair and Vice Chair of the organizing committee wanted a budget oriented tournament.

Francisco Cabanas. North Bay packages vs. other considerations. Can the organizing committee make this work in a downtown location?

John Quiring. We can look at three time controls and keep the 6 hour total playing time.

Maurice Smith. I understand that the CYCC was not considered. The players in the Canadian Open are in majority under 2000 but we usually have 3 time controls for the tournament and I would hate to see this rule broken. Do we vote to accept or vote to accept with changes?

Francisco Cabanas tabled a motion to accept the bid in principle with details to be finalized by the Executive and the organizing committee. Seconded by Bunning. For 24, 1 abstention.

## **ZONAL FOR 2000.**

Maurice Smith: A zonal is needed for the year 2000?

Phil Haley: The World Championship will be held every year.

Maurice Smith: Are there any bids for the Canadian Closed in the year 2000. No.

Deline: The women's closed is of interest to the BCC as either a Swiss or a 10 women round robin. We are flexible.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Smith: Any other business?

Francisco Cabanas: CFC active rules.

Tom O'Donnell: The 1999 Canadian Closed.

Les Bunning: The rating system, Handbook, CYCC Inc. and the NAC.

### **1) Active Chess Rules**

Francisco Cabanas: The old CFC active rules were written to respond to a need. Now that FIDE has active rules we should use only FIDE rules.

Francisco Cabanas proposed a motion to rescind the CFC active rules (sec. 7.11 in Handbook?) and adopt the FIDE active rules as the sole rules for active chess in Canada. Seconded by Peter Stockhausen. For 19 against 8.

### **2) The Canadian Championship**

Tom O'Donnell: About 50% of the strong players are not happy with the current format and the cost to them of the Canadian Closed. This is yet another example of the deteriorating standards in invitational events in Canada. The Canadian Championship should be limited to real contenders for the championship and have good conditions for the players.

Phil Haley: Can the master representative make a report to the executive on the success of the Canadian Closed in September under the new format? We can revisit the issue after that.

### **3) CFC Rating System**

Les Bunning. The CFC Rating System. We now have two rating systems, one for normal chess and one for active chess. My motion is that we only have one rating system for the CFC.

Joshua Keshet. This would begin to address the issue of how to get juniors rating. There is a specific issue with junior players with less than 1200 rating. They generally do not get most of their games rated.

Knut Neven. How popular are active tournaments? I am for combining the two systems.

Troy Vail. Approximately 18% of CFC rating revenues comes from active chess.

Francisco Cabanas. We have to work on the technical issues. The K factor for active chess might be  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  for example.

Tom O'Donnell. This change will apply to everybody.

Maurice Smith. There are more and more active tournaments in Toronto.

John Quiring. Active chess is not chess. Are we contaminating the rating system?

Les Bunning. I am prepared to withdraw the motion.. Motion withdrawn.

### **4) Tournament Memberships**

Les Bunning. Tournament Memberships (TMs) are \$6 per tournament. We should increase tournament membership fees.

Francisco Cabanas. We are rushing in. What kind of analysis have we done? The 235 TMs are from where? If we are losing members in Ontario and getting TMs fees from Quebec this will not solve the CFC membership problem. Les Bunning. We are selling \$6 memberships in place of \$33 memberships. This will cost us a lot of money.

Troy Vail. I will put the numbers on tournament memberships together.

Joshua Keshet. How many tournaments did those with TMs play in. If they play in only one tournament then a TM is a good choice for them.

Francisco Cabanas. The idea is to back end sell to TMs. If the Tournament Directors do not send addresses in we cannot do that. We require addresses for TMs.

Les Bunning. Many people join the CFC for one or two years and play in one or two tournaments a year. I propose a motion to increase tournament membership to \$15 from \$6. Seconded by Peter Stockhausen.

Ford Wong. This is to high.

Joshua Keshet. We are assuming that we are losing money on these memberships. What will be the impact on juniors?

Les Bunning. We have fee options for juniors.

Francisco Cabanas. I will not support this motion.

Vote For 8, Against 12, Abstained 4, motion fails.

Maurice Smith. The CYCC will be fully incorporated into the Handbook for the 2000 Annual Governors Meeting . The AGM will be in Edmonton. The meeting was adjourned.

## APPENDIX A - RESIDENT'S REPORT

By Maurice Smith

It was a good year for the Chess Federation Of Canada. There were many positive factors that helped us to achieve this result. The most important one was the financial bottom line. We have gone from a deficit of \$22,637 to a surplus of \$12,808. This is very significant, and Governors and Members alike should be very pleased with this turnaround. The Office staff deserve a lot of credit for helping to keep the lid on expenses. We must continue to be vigilant in our financial affairs and build on this impressive performance.

The school program continues to expand and this is another important factor. As more children become aware of our organization, it helps to increase the sale of chess supplies and gives a base from which to build future C.F.C. memberships. Chess supplies originating from the C.F.C. Business Office are now being sold in Toronto, and will be sold at Toronto tournaments. This gives us more exposure and should help increase our sales figures in future years. Getting sponsorship for our National programs has always been difficult. However, this year, we were able to persuade a Company to give some financial support to the Olympic team. On the subject of sponsorship and funding, I have written to the Federal Government and included the articles on English M.P. Charlotte Atkin's campaign to have chess recognized as a sport. Although Governments in the past have shown little regard for chess, times are changing and perhaps the atmosphere is becoming more conducive to influence Members of Parliament in a positive way. This year we organized the Youth Festival for the first time. Although the Finals will be completed after this report is written, all indications are that this will be a successful event. With the experience gained this year, next year should be even better.

So this was a good year financially and also a stable year for the C.F.C. There were few major controversies, and generally speaking, where there were differences, they were resolved in a mature manner. This is very important, because although there will always be many different points of view, we must all continue to cooperate to build a strong and effective C.F.C.

As we look toward the future, I am optimistic that we can continue to grow and get stronger. We will need to establish budgeting based on a two year span to include the Olympics. We also need to identify the geographical areas where sales and/or memberships are not increasing as much as other areas. Then we can establish plans to improve these situations. I also think that the time has come to start providing incentives to members to start new chess clubs. This would be another way to increase membership. Most of all though we need Governors and Members working together to help build our organization. Positive suggestions that are designed to aid the C.F.C. should be explored even if we initially disagree on the paths that they take us. This is in direct contrast to remarks that are made whose sole purpose is just to criticize or be negative.

I was fortunate this past year in having four Past Presidents on the Executive. Their experience and counsel made my job that much easier. I look forward to the coming year as I believe we can build on the momentum we have established this year. Therefore I will stand for reelection as President in the belief that I can contribute to another strong year for the C.F.C.

## APPENDIX B - REPORT OF FIDE REPRESENTATIVE

By Phil Haley

I did not attend the FIDE Congress in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia in October 1998 as I was still recovering from a quadruple bypass operation. I advised last year's annual meeting that I would not be going. It was agreed that Martin Jaeger would attend but Martin subsequently decided not to go. Although I was not present, I will summarize the main decisions of the congress.

The major decision made in Kalymkia was to reorganize and simplify the operating structure of FIDE. The functions of the Executive Council and the Central Committee have been merged into one body known as the Executive Board. The Executive Board will meet yearly but the General Assembly will now meet only every second year at the time of the Chess Olympiad. Even so, delegates will be welcome to attend the meetings of the Executive Board in non-Olympiad years if they so wish.

The Presidential ticket of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov was unopposed and was acclaimed for the next four years. The ticket consists of President: Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (Russia), Deputy President: Georgios Macropoulos (Greece), Vice President: P.T. Ummer Koya (India), General Secretary: Noureddine Tabbane (Tunisia) and Treasurer: David Jarrett (England).

The FIDE President has approved the setting up of a company known as FIDE Commerce PLC to handle all aspects of the commercial and marketing activities of FIDE. The President of FIDE Commerce, based in London, is Mr. Artiom Tarasov. It is expected that the operations of this company will generate income for FIDE.

Communications from FIDE have been poor during the past year. Hopefully they will improve with the creation of a new Web Site for FIDE. The address is [www.data.ru/fide](http://www.data.ru/fide). There were a considerable number of errors in the originally published January 1999 rating list. It is hoped to avoid errors in the future starting with the July 1999 rating list by publishing tentative ratings on the web site and giving Federations one week to advise of any corrections that should be made

The World Championship had been scheduled for Las Vegas in December 1998 but this caused problems because World Champion Anatoly Karpov objected to the fact that he had won the championship less than a year earlier and was scheduled to hold the title for two years until the next such event. However, the dispute was resolved with President Ilyumzhinov and World Champion Karpov signing a joint declaration that they agreed to hold the event in Las Vegas in January 1999. Communications from FIDE relative to this event have been very sparse but the event was again postponed and now is scheduled for Las Vegas from July 30-August 30, 1999. The final list of players who have accepted to play has not yet been issued. Canadian champion GM Kevin Spraggett will represent Canada in this event. It is most unlikely that Kasparov will play and there are rumors that Karpov will not play. In addition, with a \$3. million match having been arranged for October between Kasparov and Anand, it may be that Anand will also not take part. Unfortunately this could mean that three of the strongest players in the world will not be in the event although each has been invited. Even so, I personally believe the decision to hold the world championship in the knockout format on a yearly basis is a good one although it may take a few years to become fully recognized.. President Ilyumzhinov has appointed me a member of the Appeals Committee and I am looking forward to spending August at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

In the future the Women's World Chess Championship will be held yearly using the knockout system. The first such event is scheduled for Kishinev, Moldova from September 3-26, 1999. The Canadian Women's champion, Johanne Charest will be representing Canada in this event.

The World Junior/Girls Championship will be held from September 16-October 1, 1999 in Yerevan, Armenia. The World Boys and Girls Championship will be held in Oropesa del Mar, Spain from October 23-November 6, 1999.

The Chess Olympiad for the year 2000 will be held in Istanbul, Turkey and for the year 2002 will be held in Bled, Slovenia. The Spanish Chess Federation, the Nigerian Chess Federation and the Indian Chess Federation have all expressed interest in the Olympiad for the year 2004. FIDE Congresses in these years

will be held at the site of the Olympiad. For non-Olympiad years, the FIDE Congress of 1999 will be held in Qatar and the Congress of 2001 will be held in Tunisia.

## APPENDIX C – PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Francisco Cabanas

I will address in my report a question that all organizations face namely how preconceived beliefs about can actually create results. The question of how intangibles do create tangible results. If you believe that you are going to succeed you act in such a way as to succeed while if you believe that you are going to fail you will act in such a way as to fail. Let me cite some examples.

It is fair to say that the most significant new event this year in the CFC is the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC). What is significant here is that the CFC is actually successfully running a youth / scholastic championship on a Canada wide scale. When all the negative pundits had so many valid reasons why we would fail. Let me list a few. The entry of \$150 for the finals was too high and nobody would show up. I was actually told that \$80 was too high. We did not have financial resources. We did not have the proper expertise. We did not have the staff resources. We could not muster the support of the volunteers. We started far too late. We could never hope to run this event without the help of the AEM. And of course must I not mention the dreaded Q word. The negative pundits could not even get that right. We had Provincial Championships in 9 out of the 10 Canadian Provinces. The one province where we did not have a Provincial Championship was not Quebec. It was Saskatchewan. I could continue with many more reasons why we should have failed. The reality of the situation however is that we did not fail. There is a very simple explanation for this. The President, the Executive, the Junior Coordinator, the Office Staff, and of all the volunteers set out to make this event a success. We ended up with very positive results rather than reasons for failure. And now we can build on this success for next year. I have seen already many positive proposals to improve on this year's event so I will add one of my own. We must have Provincial Championships in all 10 Provinces of Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Saskatchewan) and Territorial Championships in all 3 Territories (North West Territories, Nunavut Territory and Yukon Territory).

I will now consider another example. If one were to consider a perennial concern of the CFC over the years I am sure that Quebec would make it to the top of the list. I respectfully suggest that we must take a hard look at how our beliefs affect this situation. If you believe that you can succeed in Quebec and you are a predominantly anglophone organization then investing resources in developing and providing services in French makes sense. And guess what you will succeed. There are many businesses and organizations based outside of Quebec that are very successful in Quebec. They do have one thing in common they are prepared to communicate in French. On the other hand if you are convinced that you will fail in Quebec no matter what then investing resources in developing and providing services in French is a complete waste. This approach will also ensure that you fail, since selling exclusively in English will get you nowhere fast in Quebec. If the CFC is to succeed in Quebec we must first make a serious effort to address this language question ourselves. We must start with the business office services ranging from sales to invitations, continue with the CFC Web site and translation of the handbook, address the question of the magazine, and finally deal with such issues such as the governor's letter. A timetable of 1 – 6 months for basic office services, including the easy parts of the web site, up to one year for the handbook, and 2 years to address the magazine and the governor's letter is not unrealistic. By 2001 we can have a CFC that can function in a respectable fashion in both English and French. As in the case of the CYCC we have a choice we can have positive results in Quebec or reasons for failure.

My last example deals with the financial situation. The current financial results represent a marked improvement from the previous fiscal year. One year ago many governors asked me what I considered to be the major financial issues facing the CFC. My conclusion today is the single most important reason for the financial turnaround of the CFC the quantum improvement in staff morale and effectiveness. This is largely the result of the restructuring of the business office and the contracting out of En Passant that took place in the spring of 1998. This is hard to quantify and difficult to prove although one year of hindsight does help. This is a case where an intangible can have a direct impact on the tangible bottom line. We now have in this case positive results rather than reasons.

In conclusion the CFC has a very bright future and enormous potential for growth. In order for this to happen; however we must be first prepared to accept that success is possible. We have a clear choice successful growth and positive results or reasons for failure.

## APPENDIX D – TREASURER’S REPORT

By Peter Stockhausen

The past year provided some encouragement as far as the financial health of the CFC is concerned. We were able to achieve a solid surplus and barring any unforeseen circumstances we should also achieve a surplus in the year 1999/2000.

From a strictly “mechanical” aspect, the accounting functions in the office work satisfactorily, as is attested by the auditor’s report.

The financial result has been achieved by accomplishing a number of objectives set out about 18 months ago:

Restructure the staffing  
Contract En Passant out  
Institute rigorous cost control measures

Our Financial Statement shows the results of these efforts. The benefits however, are one-time gains; in other words, they cannot be repeated at the same rate in future years.

Therefore our efforts in the next few years must be geared to substantially increase our revenue base. The areas most promising are the following:

Increase the CYCC Cycle with the objective  
of increasing total participation to 2.400 and  
increasing the NPBM to 300.

Enroll 500 additional schools into our school program with the objective  
to gradually incorporate the school events into the CYCC cycle..

Secure two wholesale accounts.

From an administrative perspective we have to establish a two-year budgeting cycle and discipline ourselves to adhere to a project cost analysis, prior to committing to new projects.

## APPENDIX E – EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

By Troy Vail

I guess I should start off my report by telling people why I'm still here. My plan was to start looking for another job in the fall of '98. This was mainly because of the bad work environment and that I felt the C.F.C. was an organization going nowhere. The first situation changed dramatically with the hiring of David Miriguay as Office Manager. He is an intelligent, hard worker and we work very well together. The latter situation changed when the Executive mandated the office to run the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. It is my belief that the long-term existence of the C.F.C. can only happen with the expanding of our junior chess programs.

### INTERNET

The Internet continues to be one of the strongest and fastest growing areas for the C.F.C. Communication with our members is the strongest benefit. On top of receiving an average of about 200 e-mails a week, our web site has ratings and crosstables updated every two weeks and a full catalogue of our products. A perfect example of this communication is this years CYCC finals. We put all of the information and participant list on the web site and greatly reduced the office time answering questions directly. We are hoping to expand the functionality of the web site over the next year to keep it a useful, interesting and convenient for members.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As you can see from the Auditor's Report and financial statements presented in the Governor's Letter, we had a better than expected year making over \$12,000 and improving our bottom line by over \$35,000 from the previous year. The major reasons for this turn around have been efficiencies in presenting our school program and greater emphasis on expense reduction. It is our hope this year, to couple these reductions with an aggressive campaign to improve our revenue stream.

### NEW BUSINESS MENTALITY

To ensure the future financial viability of the C.F.C. and improve upon it, a few conceptual changes will have to be made in the way the C.F.C. does business.

1. Focus harder on expanding the C.F.C.'s wholesale accounts over focusing on expanding membership numbers. This may seem counter-productive to our mandate at first, but it is actually the exact opposite. One medium sized wholesale account can bring in the same amount of revenue as a 25% increase in memberships. The former is much easier to accomplish than the latter and the profit generated from the wholesale account will be used on programs that benefit the members and in turn give them more value for their membership. This will on it's own, increase memberships and the funds generated will help us fulfill our mandate of promoting chess in Canada.
2. It is OK to make money off of junior/scholastic/kids chess. This will be a very hard pill for some people to swallow, but it is a necessity. First ask any advertising company where the money is and they will say in the under 20 age group. The same could be said for the movie industry that spends hundreds of millions on movies geared towards younger audiences. The same can be said for Association Echecs et Maths which has four times the revenue stream of the C.F.C. and many times greater profits than the CFC, while mainly servicing Canada's two largest cities. If it is a concept that everyone else can live with, I believe it is time for the Chess Federation of Canada to live with it as well.

### MEMBERSHIPS

This is one of the greatest disappointments of this year. I believe that the cause is tournament memberships. The greatest decline is in ordinary adult memberships with a drop of 224 members. If we look at the number of adult T members over this time period, we find there are 235. It shows me that many full time members are becoming part time members.

	J-1999	J-1998	O-1999	O-1998	P-1999	P-1998
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<b>AB</b>	24	34	173	233	35	34
<b>BC</b>	41	34	217	204	213	176
<b>MB</b>	6	15	65	81	4	10
<b>NB</b>	15	18	78	84	3	7
<b>NF</b>	5	10	29	26	17	38
<b>NS</b>	10	13	82	84	4	4
<b>NT</b>	0	0	1	4	0	0
<b>ON</b>	187	182	1008	1126	115	61
<b>PE</b>	8	12	10	15	4	7
<b>PQ</b>	13	12	94	109	4	3
<b>SK</b>	7	11	33	50	2	3
<b>YT</b>	0	3	13	12	0	0
<b>US</b>	3	0	63	64	0	3
<b>FO</b>	0	1	8	6	0	1
<b>Total</b>	319	345	1874	2098	401	347
<b>Difference</b>	-26 (-7.5%)		-224 (-10.7%)		54 (15.6%)	

This trend seems to be accelerating as you can see below with the ordinary adult numbers by month.

J-98	A-98	S-98	O-98	N-98	D-98	J-99	F-99	M-99	A-99	M-99	J-99	J-99
2100	2099	2089	2103	2058	2062	2051	2057	2041	1999	1949	1904	1874

This acceleration is because as memberships are expiring, people are not bothering to renew at a tournament, but just pay the tournament membership. I suggest to the governors that we either raise the cost of tournament memberships to help offset this loss, or get rid of the adult tournament membership all together.

## SCHOOL PROGRAM

The C.F.C.'s school program entered its second year. We continued to provide schools, free of charge, our School Training Manual, only this year it was provided via the Internet, instead on paper. This amounted to a considerable saving to the CFC in excess of \$14,000. We distributed another 370+ manuals electronically to schools since September '98 bringing the total number of schools receiving our manual to around 1,100. We have also sold approximately \$30,000 worth of chess equipment to schools.

This year we have plans to greatly expand this market and it is my hope that next year we will be able to show numbers many times the one's shown above.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## APPENDIX F – OFFICE MANAGERS REPORT

By David Miriguay

I would first like to introduce myself to the individuals who may not be aware of who I am. I became the Office Manager the last week of July 1998. My duties have included book and equipment sales and purchases, inputting tournament results to be rated, updating the web page, Coordinating the Junior cycle(to be discussed in a separate report) and processing the mail to name a few. I have also been learning the duties of the Executive Director since I was to replace Troy when he left. Since he has decided to stay, we have shared a lot of the duties involved in both positions. In my report, I will concentrate on the following areas: Sales - book, equipment, and computer/software, Purchases - book, equipment, and computer/software, Shipping revenues and expenses, Overall office operations.

### Sales

1. Books: Overall sales were down by just over \$5,500. This number is somewhat deceiving since sales can be divided into two categories, “Mail Order Sales” and “Off Site Tournament Sales”. This year, the CFC did not sell at the Toronto International Open, and there was a local Canadian Open. Off site sales were down because of this but mail order sales were up \$3,500, a very promising sign. We hope to carry this trend into following years by increasing the number of titles we sell, and continuing to offer the best possible prices to our members. Now that the CFC database has been up and running for a couple of years, the office is able to use the information to help determine buying patterns of the CFC members. We can then take that information and use it for direct marketing purposes. For example, the office targeted certain members and sent out pre-order forms for John Nunn’s new book “NCO”. We search the database for individuals who had made purchases of similar type books, and contacted them. By doing this, the office received some 40 pre-orders. It enabled us to know how many books we should initially bring in, plus guaranteed us 40 sales immediately. This also allowed us to take possible sales away from our competitors. We used this same strategy to create an informants pre-order list. It now stands at 24.
2. Equipment: Overall equipment sales were down by close to \$18,300. The major reason for this large amount is due to the loss of a major contract worth approximately \$17,500. This contract was loss to Chess n' Math when they approached one of our customers and significantly undercut our price by offering a similar product at a predatory price levels. Taking this into consideration, there was less than a 1% decrease in sales. The small decrease was due to the gain in mail orders for equipment of approximately \$1,900. The increase can be attributed to an increase in school sales achieved by the office, as well as the increase in purchases made by CFC members.
3. Computer and software: Sales were down less than \$100, or just over a 1% drop overall.

### Purchases

1. Books: In an attempt to become more fiscally responsible, the office tried to control the amount of money tied up in inventory. We attempted to keep the same number of book titles in stock, but keep less quantities of each title. The office was able to drop its book inventory levels by \$10,000. We also changed some of our book suppliers in search of better pricing and changed our importing strategies. This fiscal responsibility allowed the office to pass the benefits onto the CFC's members.
2. Equipment: As mentioned above, the office changed its' fiscal policy attempting to keep inventory levels in check. We brought in new clocks and new chess sets to add more variety and appeal to our members. If you compare the products we offer to the same offered by others, our prices are significantly lower.
3. Computer and software: Due to the increase in the number of organizations selling computer software, and the low margins involved, the office has decided to only stock MChess Pro.

### **Shipping and Handling**

The CFC switched from shipping via UPS to shipping using Canada Post. This change translated into a saving's of approximately \$5,400 without compromising service. We can still track our parcels and turn around time between Ottawa and major cities in British Columbia is only 7 to 10 days.

### **Future Markets**

As a former City of Ottawa employee, I organized programs for various age groups. The youth programs were the most successful, financially as well as in participation numbers. This is a vastly untapped market. I applaud the CFC Executive and Board of Governors for taking the initiative and attempting to tap into this market. Running a Youth cycle is a step in the right direction. I would like to thank the Executive for giving me the opportunity of Coordinating the CYCC cycle this year. It was an experience I won't soon forget, but this initiative must not end there. Yes we are in some schools, yes our National cycle could be called a success with over 100 participants in the final, but we can do more. We can increase our presence in Junior chess by working together in promoting our National cycle. We can increase the number of qualifying tournaments, go after more non-members, and help in the organization of school chess clubs and setting up competitions between them.

The CFC's approach to schools with the teaching manual was a very good start, but we must not remain stagnant. As a result, new initiatives must be developed. Let's all work together to ensure that as a whole organization, we are not competing with one another, but working toward achieving a greater common goal...the promotion of chess. There may be growing pains along the way, but we must not allow that to deter us from our objectives. The CFC is the National Organization for chess and we should step forward and recognize our responsibilities. Players who are Juniors now are our future, let us not sit ideally by and lose them. These members are key to the longevity of the CFC.

## APPENDIX G- JUNIOR COORDINATOR REPORT

By Joshua Keshet

Last year's CFC annual meeting was marked by fundamental Boards of Governors and Executive decisions to be more involved in the promotion and structuring of junior events in Canada. This new approach was a complete reversal to what had been happening in the previous few years when the dormant CFC involvement in junior chess allowed Chess&Math Association to be the dominant figure in this field by pursuing most of the scholastic chess initiatives in the country. The CFC decision to be more active and visible was driven not only by the desire of the Board to promote more chess in schools and sell more equipment and chess books, but also to finally stand up to our given national mandate to organize, run and rate scholastic tournaments and be in charge of controlling all events qualifying their winners to represent Canada in the World Youth Festival.

During last year meeting, it was made clear to the participants that many of the rules in CFC Handbook must be changed so it would be possible to accommodate the new initiative. Thus, Mr. Cabanas and myself presented a motion drafting the new rules to be implemented in Chapter 10 of the Handbook. A motion regarding the changes was accepted in principle and the Executive was given the power to work out any further detail that may be needed. Knowing the tight time constraints in getting ready for the 1999 scholastic events, and because of the immediate need to properly accommodate bids for the same, I was pushing and hoping for a speedy passage of a final draft of that motion. Nevertheless, to my surprise and disappointment, I found that the Executive was pushing their agenda at a different pace and style. As I saw the months passing by, it was still very hard to reach a clear consensus on the most key issues included in the draft. In addition, I was very frustrated with the lack of efficient communication between myself, the Office, and members of the Executives. By January 1999 I learned that many of the junior related drafts and motions circulating among the members of the Executive kept me in the dark. I contacted the President and communicated to him how upset I was by this improper procedure and by the fact that I only learned about some of the Executive and Office decisions after they became public or from a third party. The President promised to me then that communication lines are to improve and my input is to be sought in any junior issues before a decision is to be made and become public. Yes, I praise the President for the fact that since then communication has substantially improved. But, still to this day I keep facing the reality that some decisions about junior issues are decided without me being properly informed in a timely manner.

Well, the above is most of the criticism that I would like to raise. On the positive side of it, I think that the Governors should seriously consider giving the Junior Coordinator a stronger mandate then the mandate this person currently has.

Briefly reviewing the events that we ran last year, we can clearly demonstrate a record of great success that surpassed our own expectations. We took a giant step ahead in promoting, organizing and sponsoring junior chess activity. Here are listed the events that marked our agenda since the last annual meeting:

1. 1998 World Junior Championship. Danny Goldenberg represented Canada in the event that took place in India (Dec. 1998). He finished in the middle of the pack with 50% performance.
2. World Youth Festival. 7 boys and 6 girls represented Canada in the event in Spain (Nov. 1998 - detail in issue 154 of En Passant).
3. Canadian Junior Championship. The CFC has accepted the BCCF bid for this yearly event that was held this time in Vancouver (Dec. 1998 - Jan. 1999). Nevertheless, despite the early scheduling and CFC efforts to fill all 12 slots we ended up with 2 nationally unfilled slots which were given to BCCF to accommodate with local players. We did, however, succeed to meet the minimal requirements so that this prestigious event be rated by FIDE despite my disappointment with the no-show of many of our strongest 12 players in Canada (all but two declined). For future events we must seek ways to better accommodate more of the top Canadian junior players. We should reconsider issues of timing, number of players, and funding. The top 3 finishers were: (1) Pascal Charbonneau (PQ), (2) Lefong Hua (PQ), (3) Alfred Pechisker (BC).
4. Canadian Youth Festival. Given the fact that: a) we started slow with the passage of the new rules in the Handbook, b) we were late in formulating a proper bid for this event, c) we were trying for the

first time to implement a tournament combining five distinct age groups, and d) we started with only little or no real contact with some of the provinces; one can claim that the more than 100 entries at the Richmond finals be easily viewed as an overwhelmingly vote of success of this event. Still, we must not be alluded by a record of one time success especially since we were not very successful at the regional and Provincial levels. We should rather sit down and analyze any stage of this multi-stage event and propose a revised structure to the Governors and to the Executive for their consideration.

### **Topics for further discussion:**

#### **1. Revision of the rating system.**

- A. The current rating system does not meet the needs of junior, especially given the fact that so many new juniors earn their CFC rating through the Youth Festival. A motion for the revision of the system is pending and should be given high priority in consideration.
- B. The Youth Festival is a very good vehicle in promoting competitive chess and introducing the CFC rating to more juniors. But, this is not enough. We must find ways to extend our reach in rating more junior and school events, more of the Chess Challenge events that are sponsored by Chess&Math and more regional events on a year round basis. We should consider proposing a motion that makes the rating more widely available and attractive to the organizers of these non-CFC junior events.

#### **2. Establishing better communication lines between the CFC and the Provinces and Territories.**

I found that both myself and the Office do not have enough open contacts with the Provinces and Territories. We must revise and restructure our contact lines with all Canadian regions. Year round open communication lines are the only way to form an effective flow of information and promotion of junior issues. We must also listen more to the Provinces and seek their input prior to making any decision that may affect them. We have to remember that without their help we will not be able to attract crowds of interested juniors.

#### **3. Further Revisions of Chapter 10 of the Handbook.**

An important step had already been taken in the past year. The original draft was presented to the board at the last annual meeting, was revised, passed, and placed into the Handbook. Still, the job is not yet complete. Some of the provisions have to be reconsidered and in particular more work is needed in the following areas:

- A. The rules regarding the qualification of girls to national and international events must be added.
- B. The tournament structure at the regional and Provincial levels must be modified so it attracts more first time players.
- C. With the idea of attracting the largest number of possible participants to each Provincial event, we must verify that events are planned in such a way that they fit in harmony with other junior events (e.g. Chess Challenge).
- D. The rules in the Handbook must be extended to include the National Canadian Junior event.
- E. The rules must give Provinces and Regions enough incentive and freedom to run their qualifying events so they would be able to raise enough funds and so that they can support their champions.
- F. The format of the National finals must be reconsidered bearing in mind issues of costs, number of rounds, time control, travel support, etc...
- G. We must set clear deadlines and acceptable formats for bids for events at all levels.
- H. Regional and Provincial events should be scheduled at such times so Provincial qualifiers would be decided before the national qualified list of player is released.
- I. We must pursue all options so that we can make the Youth Championship more attractive to players in the 2 large Provinces. No event in Canada can ever be declared successful unless it attracts huge crowds from BOTH Ontario and Quebec.

#### **4. Bids for World junior events.**

We should seriously consider putting one or more bids for World FIDE events such as the Pan-American Youth Team event, Youth Olympiad, Youth Festival and other World Junior events. A good bid may take

a year or more to prepare but if we are interested in hosting an event in 2001 or 2002 we must start to act now.

5. Miscellaneous.

When appropriate, the CFC should try to seek the cooperation of non CFC affiliated organizations in pursuing junior chess in regions where our appearance seems to be poor, including cooperation with Chess&math, FQE and other Provincial and territorial organizations. To date, we must still be alarmed by the fact that we are yet to receive any formal bid for any of this year junior events. Given the fact that any successful event is preferably to be planned and scheduled a full year in advance, it must be clear to all of us that we are already working within an extremely tight schedule. I would like to mention that because of the lack of proper bid, the Office was forced to run the Youth Festival event this year themselves, significantly taxing on their time and availability to other projects. Despite the overwhelmingly success with the number of participant that made the Youth festival the biggest CFC national junior event ever in Canada, we must keep focussing our attention and energy on the future of junior chess through orderly and timely plans of the upcoming events.

## **APPENDIX H – KALEV PUGI FUND REPORT**

By Joshua Keshet

Fund Committee: Joshua Keshet, Tim Knechtel, Robert Webb.

Amount that was available to spend: \$1382.

Criteria for spending:

1. Awards will be granted to individuals representing Canada in an Under 19 FIDE event.
2. Maximum support per individual per year would be half of the travel costs or \$400 whichever is less.
3. Awards will be considered only as tendered until all available funds is awarded.

Three out of the four applicants were granted awards:

1. Stefanie Chu - \$400.
2. Olya Shishkina - \$400.
3. Dinara Khazlyeva - \$400.

## APPENDIX I – NATIONAL APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Francisco Cabanas

There were two appeals heard this year by the National Appeals Committee. I will cover the main issues raised by these appeals.

The first appeal involved a Canadian player and a Foreign Player in an event that was both CFC and FIDE rated. The appeal was over the claim of a draw under FIDE rule 10.2 (FIDE rules 1997). One of difficulties faced here by the committee was while the foreign player based his arguments on the FIDE rules the Canadian player had strong arguments based upon the rules posted by the tournament directors. The latter were based on the CFC rules for active chess passed by CFC governors in 1989. (Motion 89-20). These types of situations are very difficult since no matter what decision is taken one or more players could legitimately feel unfairly treated. The committee chose to award a win to the foreign player for FIDE title and rating purposes and award one point bye to the foreign player and half a point bye to the Canadian player for tournament prize distribution and CFC rating purposes.

The second appeal again involved FIDE rule 10.2. This was a simpler appeal in that the question came down to whether the claim of a draw under 10.2 was justified in this case. The committee declined the draw claim and awarded the win to the appellant's opponent. It is important to note here that the draw claim was denied even though the committee felt the position was theoretically drawn with best play.

Appendix To the NAC Report

### A) Extract from the FIDE Laws of Chess (1997)

#### **Article 10: Quickplay Finish**

**10.1.** A 'quickplay finish' is the last phase of a game, when all the remaining moves must be made in a limited time.

**10.2.** If the player has less than two minutes left on his clock, he may claim a draw before his flag falls. He shall stop the clocks and summon the arbiter.

(a) If the arbiter is satisfied the opponent is making no effort to win the game by normal means, or that it is not possible to win by normal means, then he shall declare the game drawn. Otherwise he shall postpone his decision.

(b) If the arbiter postpones his decision, the opponent may be awarded two extra minutes thinking time and the game shall continue in the presence of the arbiter.

(c) Having postponed his decision, the arbiter may subsequently declare the game drawn, even after a flag has fallen.

**10.3.** Illegal moves do not necessarily lose. After the action taken under Article 7.4, for a first illegal move by a player the arbiter shall give two minutes extra time to his opponent; for a second illegal move by the same player the arbiter shall give another two minutes extra time to his opponent; for a third illegal move by the same player, the arbiter shall declare the game lost by the player who played incorrectly.

**10.4.** If both flags have fallen and it is impossible to establish which flag fell first the game is drawn.

### B) Extract from CFC Rules for Active Chess: (Motion 89-20)

#### The Drawn Game

**10.** A game is drawn:

(a) if one of the Kings is stalemated;

(b) by agreement between the players during the game, not before or after the game;

(c) if the flag of one player falls after the flag of the other player has already fallen and a win has not been claimed.

(d) if the flag of one player falls and the other player has only a King, a King and a Knight, or a King and a Bishop remaining;

(e) if a player can demonstrate perpetual check to the arbiter's satisfaction. A claim not upheld by the arbiter will result in 5 minutes added to the claimant's elapsed time except to the extent that this would leave him with less than 5 minutes remaining in which case any remaining penalty would be deducted from the elapsed time of the opponent;

(f) if a player can establish, either with a completed scoresheet, by agreement with this opponent, or verified by an arbiter or other mutually acceptable witness, if available, that 50 moves have been made by each player without a Pawn being moved or a capture being made.

**12.** In case of a dispute, either player may stop the clocks while the arbiter is summoned. All these rules are subject to interpretation by the arbiter, whose decision is final.

**13.** The arbiter shall not handle the clock except in the case of a dispute or when both players ask him to.

## **Appendix J - 1999 Canadian Youth Chess Championships**

By Troy Vail & David Miriguay

This year was the first attempt for the Chess Federation of Canada at running a national youth championship cycle. Depending whom you talk to this was everything from the greatest fiasco in chess history to an overwhelming success. A fair rating would probably be a promising accomplishment. We have learnt a lot in our first year and hope that this will translate into a cycle that the majority of people would be proud to be a part of.

We got off to a late start, not getting the ball rolling until have way into the tournament season, when it was decided that with the absents of the usual Echecs et Maths bid for this event, we would do our best to take over the event. Starting so late in a tournament season in our first year already put two strikes against us. As you can see from the numbers below, we had over 1,200 participants of which over 50% were new to C.F.C. chess. That on it's own has added 600+ new rated players into the CFC rating pool.

When setting out to run the event this year we had three main goals in mind;

- 1) Don't put the C.F.C. into financial peril.
- 2) Try to maintain and improve on the cycle.
- 3) Make sure we give the fairest way possible for the best person in each age category to represent Canada.

On these guidelines, we appear to have been successful.

### **1) Finances**

#### **Income**

Entries Prior to Finals	\$8,145
Entries From Finals (102 * \$150)	<u>\$15,300</u>
	\$23,445

#### **Expenses**

Final entry fee returned to participants (102 * \$70)	\$7,140
Office Staff	\$6,000
Finals – Coordinator, Room, GM Spraggett, Misc	\$1,450
Buttons/Medals/Trophies	\$1,320
T-shirts for Finals	\$960
Mailing/Phone/Misc	<u>\$900</u>
	\$17,770

Difference	\$5,675
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#### **International Event**

Flights (6x\$1,200)	\$7,200
Entry Fees	<u>\$500</u>
	\$7,700

Surplus/(Deficit)	<u><u>(\$2,025)</u></u>
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## **2) Cycle Profile**

This was the area that was the hardest to accomplish and therefore the most controversial. With over 1,200 participants at all levels, this would be considered to be very good number for the C.F.C. If compared to previous years, this is only about 25% of the participants. Most of this can be attributed to the late start. It is our hope in the coming year to at least double these numbers.

There was also a great deal of confusion on the change over in organizers amongst former participants. This was to be expected, but unfortunately, was compounded by those with an axe to grind against the C.F.C. We did our best to get the right information out to people, but unfortunately not everyone was reached. Hopefully after this cycle is completed and the next year is under way, there will be a greater understanding of the event by all those involved.

## **3) Fair Representation**

This is an area that was a success. We have over 100 participants in the finals from 9 provinces. We have over half of the top 50 participants (top 10 per category) attending the finals. With so many participants, this gives us many advantages;

- 1) A chance to stabilize the ratings pool across the country. When you get this many people together from so many different areas, they will be returning to their respective areas with much more accurate ratings.
- 2) The chance for up and coming players to experience a national final and accelerate their learning curve.
- 3) With this many spots available, it gives all players who have a true shot at representing Canada, their chance, without restricting an area of the country to X number of participants when X+1 representatives have a chance in that area.

### **Numbers on Finals**

Category	Part - 102	Ave. Rating	# of Top 10
Under 10	24	1223	4
Under 12	28	1500	7
Under 14	23	1754	7
Under 16	15	1897	4
Under 18	12	2054	5

Prov.	Part.
BC	32
ON	31
PQ	8
NB	8
AB	8
MB	5
NS	4
NF	4
PE	2

All things considered, this cycle shows great signs of growth and promise for the future and we hope that we can rely on the cooperation of all CFC governors and organizers in making this a highly successful tournament cycle.

### Results of CYCC Events

<b>Prov</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Prov Finals</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>NPBM*</b>
ON	503	114	389	306 - 61%	42 - 14%
BC	399	59	340	124 - 31%	14 - 11%
NB	154	46	108	98 - 64%	4 - 4%
NF	83	22	61	43 - 52%	5 - 12%
MB	37	37	-	22 - 59%	-
AB	32	16	16	15 - 47%	2 - 13%
PE	28	28	-	20 - 71%	1 - 5%
PQ	26	26	-	16 - 62%	-
NS	25	25	-	11 - 45%	1 - 9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>373 - 29%</b>	<b>914 - 71%</b>	<b>655 - 51%</b>	<b>69 - 11%</b>

\*NPBM – New Players Becoming Members (either J or P)

## **Recommended Guidelines for 2000 CYCC**

Canadian Youth Chess Championship is broken down into 5 age categories;

- Under 10 (Born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1990)
- Under 12 (Born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1988)
- Under 14 (Born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1986)
- Under 16 (Born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1984)
- Under 18 (Born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1982)

### **Regional Qualifiers:**

- 1) CFC will collect \$2/member and \$5/non-member for each participant.
- 2) Events will be submitted for rating to the C.F.C. within 30 days of completion.
- 3) The CFC will provide the tournament organizer with buttons and posters for their event as well as advertising in En Passant and the web page (provided they notify the business office of their event at least 3 weeks in advance).
- 4) The CFC will provide certificates for the qualifiers as well as letters notifying them of the provincial championship details.

Players with the following ratings pre-qualify to the provincial championships and will receive letters from the CFC informing them of the provincial championship details. These ratings will be determined by the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 rating list.

U10 – 1500+    U12 – 1600+    U14 – 1700+    U16 – 1800+    U18 – 1900+

### **Provincial Championships:**

- 1) CFC will collect \$7/member and \$10/non-member for each participant.
- 2) Events will be submitted for rating to the C.F.C. within 30 days of completion.
- 3) The CFC will provide the tournament organizer with medals for the top three spots in each category (total 15 medals).

### **National Championships:**

- 1) CFC will collect \$150 for each participant.
- 2) The event will run the location of the 2000 Canadian Open on the 3 days prior to the start of the Open.
- 3) CFC will handle the organizing of this event in cooperation with the organizers of the 2000 Canadian Open.
- 4) Up to 20 people will qualify to each age category by rating based on the first rating list in March, 2000. These people will have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the remaining places will open up on a first come first serve basis. All entries must be submitted to the business office no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

## MOTIONS

99-7 now becomes Motion 00-1

**Motion 00-1 (Jaeger-Langen)** "That as a matter of policy the CFC should make available to affiliated provincial associations En Passant space for communication to association members.

The aggregate of such space shall be decided annually by the CFC executive and its allocation among associations be proportionate to the square root of CFC provincial ordinary memberships equivalents. (Example: if Province A has 400 CFC ordinary members' equivalents it shall be entitled to twice the space of a province that has 100 membership equivalents).

Where there is no affiliated provincial association the use of space shall be made available to an association in that province/territory from among associations applying for the use of the space".

**Motion 00-2 (Bunning-Cabanas)** "That the tournament membership fee be increased to \$12 per tournament effective January 1, 2000."

Les Bunning: At the annual meeting it was proposed to raise the tournament membership fee to \$15. This increase was opposed by Francisco Cabanas. After the meeting ( where the motion was defeated ) Cabanas agreed to second a motion to increase the tournament membership to \$12. The current tournament membership fee of \$6 gives little incentive for players to become full members. This resulted in a loss of income to the CFC last year.

## MOTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION

From: Gordon Taylor ( June 14, 1999) comments to GL #5

Comments re Motion 99-5: GL #5 calls for a "Final discussion" on this Motion. Shouldn't we now be voting? This motion was introduced in GL #3, and now twice discussed in GL #4 and GL #5. So I think we should now be voting, in which case my vote in YES.

Comments re Constitutional Amendment: This wording is much better, except for the last sentence which makes no sense. If we refer to the last sentence of the present section 10 of By-law 2 of the constitution we read:

"Upon election at an Annual Meeting the Board of Directors shall serve as Directors until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly or until the Director(s) resign(s) or their successors are elected or appointed in their stead unless replaced by a vote of the Assembly prior to that time."

The words "the Board of Directors shall serve as Directors until the next Annual Meeting" have fallen out of the text. Assuming that the Motion is corrected so as to retain the current wording, as above, then I have no strong objections to this Motion. Taking the Rating Auditor out of the Executive and putting the Junior Coordinator in his place is not a dramatic change. However, I am somewhat troubled by the statement made in GL #5 that "The Rating Auditor's position is essentially defunct as the business office now performs this function." I believe that the position of Rating Auditor is still important and may be necessary to ensure an objective distance. Otherwise the Business Office becomes both the executive and judicial branch in so far as ratings are concerned.

From: Denis Allan ( June 18, 1999) comments to GL#5

Re: 99-5

I support this motion for several reasons:

a) This rule would not survive judicial scrutiny, particularly because of the lack of provision for notice of the rule, and because it requires the player to show "extreme and unavoidable hardship", a test far too stringent by any reasonable standard. At one time the courts stayed out of sports issues, but that has changed dramatically, largely because of the significance, i.e. prospective financial rewards, now attached to participation in international events. In fact there is now a company in Ottawa , comprised of former lawyers, who make their living advising sports organizations of their obligations and potential liabilities. In all selection processes the legal emphasis is on fairness to the players. There is no danger of Yan Teplitsky instigating litigation. He would simply walk away from the CFC as others have done (Frank Anderson, Peter Biyasis, Igor Ivanov). Jean Hebert on the other hand is very much a

man of principle, and quite capable of litigating, even if he had no intention of actually playing again. The CFC can hardly afford the cost of “successful” litigation; a losing case would be a disaster.

b) The suggestion that the players should know the rules, in the absence of actual notice, is not realistic. The CFC does not even seem to know or follow its own rules. What about 1203(d) which reads “Each magazine, beginning with the Annual, shall contain the interim selection rating list.” That has not been done for the last two Olympiads. And what about 1203 (b) (I) which requires that match results be excluded from rating calculations for the purpose of Olympic selection. I asked Brad about that by e-mail a few years ago and he replied to the effect that he had something in place to deal with that. I am skeptical. That should mean that the last Selection Committee would have been provided with different, unpublished, ratings for Yan Teplitsky and Jack Yoos, excluding the four game match they played in Vancouver. Did that happen? Not very likely! Of course that particular rule is unwieldy, as its result is that anyone who plays a rated match then has two separate ratings, each of which has to be updated by new results. No doubt the rule was intended to prevent rigged rating changes, but there may be a better way of doing so, such as giving the executive or the rating auditor the right to review questionable match results and decline to rate them. By the way, for those who don’t know, Teplitsky lost that match  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , largely because he flagged in the second game in a completely winning position, not realizing that the second time control was sudden death. Does that sound like someone who is likely to have read the Olympic Selection rules? The top players, who are certain to make the team regardless of the selection process, are those least likely to have read the rules!

c) The rule is obsolete. It was enacted at a time when most of our top players were amateurs, with full time employment which required making arrangements well in advance of an Olympiad. If someone were to withdraw after selection, it might then be too late for the next eligible player(s) to participate, thus hurting both the team and the player(s) who would have wanted to go but were asked too late. Chess is Canada is now very different. Most of our top players do only chess, or are students, and can make travel arrangements on relatively short notice. (This comment does not apply to our top women players). There should be a new rule formulated which would permit the executive, or even a Governor, to propose a sanction when a selected player withdraws, and would establish a process where all relevant issues are addressed, such as the reason for the withdrawal, the timing, the effect on the team or other players, whether the player has a prior history of similar incidents, etc. The present arbitrary rule, which requires the sanction in all cases, and places the onus on the player to show “extreme and unavoidable hardship” in order to reverse it, is not tenable. I do not know the history of this particular rule, but it may have been passed in response to some particular situation, a scenario which can result in rules not properly thought out. I wonder how many governors are familiar with Rule 1220 which reads “the Olympic team Captain shall be instructed to prevent players’ spouses or companions from interfering in the team’s affairs, and the wives or companions so affected shall be advised of this in advance.” So far as I know, no such instructions or advice has been given to team captains or spouse/companions in the twenty-five years we have had this rule, which was enacted to respond to events at the Nice Olympics.

d) Jean Hebert is unique in Canadian chess. He is our first professional player to have a young child to support! Many of our amateur Olympic players have had families (Yanofsky, Vranesic, Macskasy among others, and many of our women players) but none of the professionals. While I don’t know his personal circumstances, any chess professional in Canada has a meagre existence at best and Jean’s decision to forego the Olympics for economic reasons is compelling.

e) Yan Teplitsky is one of the few players without whom our team is unmistakably weaker. I agree it would have been helpful if he had provided further information, but that is not his nature. He dislikes bureaucracy intensely. One of the governors commented that keeping a current passport is not difficult, but that is not so with immigrants. Because of the three year waiting period between being “landed” and being able to apply for citizenship, and then the unpredictable time required to get the opportunity to do the citizenship exam, it is quite common for a newcomer to Canada to be without a current passport. In fact, Natalia Khoudgarian is now in that situation. Her Russian passport has expired, and she has just become eligible to apply for citizenship, a prerequisite for obtaining a Canadian passport. I believe that External Affairs will issue a travel document to landed immigrants, assuring they will be allowed to re-enter Canada, so that persons without a passport can go abroad, but I do not know anyone from the former USSR who would go back there with anything less than a valid passport.

f) One governor suggested there might be an issue of conflict with the motion being proposed by Deen Hergott, who was in the same situation himself two years earlier. I take a different view. Hopefully governors are chosen partly because of their knowledge and experience in the matters upon which they will be required to act. I regard my Olympic experience, as player, captain, and selector, as an asset rather than a conflict, while acknowledging that I also regard Yan Teplitsky as a friend. We have been together at the Yerevan Olympics, where he was the rock of the team, playing every round, as well as at the last two World Youth Championships and the 1997 World Junior Championship, where we both attended as coaches. Yan played a significant part in the phenomenal year of Andrew

Ho who won the Under 14, Cadet, and Junior Championships of Canada in 1997. He has contributed much to Canadian chess in his relatively short time here and we must not lose him.

g) I would generally agree with the governors who have expressed the opinion that this motion should be split, as the players have separate reasons for withdrawal, but would ask those governors to reconsider their position in light of the hopelessly flawed rule.

Re: 99-7 I support this motion in principle but believe that as presently worded it should be ruled out of order for the simple reason that the CFC, and therefore the governors, do not control En Passant, which is a separate entity. En Passant was incorporated in the early eighties by myself at the request of the then business manager, Jonathan Berry. The reason was that in order to qualify for second class mailing privileges, a very large savings from first class, a magazine had to meet certain requirements, and being the official organ of an organization such as the CFC did not qualify. Accordingly a new company was incorporated, with appropriate objectives, and I was the first owner of the company. The intention was that En Passant would provide its magazine to CFC members for exactly the amount necessary to cover the cost of production, so that it would never make or lose money. Coincidentally, the employees of the CFC Business Office, and of En Passant, would be the same people. The ownership was soon transferred to someone in Ottawa (probably Les Bunning?) and so far as I know the situation remains unchanged. I have no idea how the books have been kept – perhaps the distinction between the two entities has faded into oblivion. No doubt there are others who can advise us of the present status of En Passant, and if the reasons for its original incorporation as a separate company still exist. If nothing has changed, then the motion should be worded to the effect that “the CFC shall request space in En Passant to be allocated....”

#### General Comments

I understand that Larry Bevand wants to propose an agreement with the CFC which would allow for long term cooperation in the many areas of mutual interest, and believe that this is an avenue which must be explored. Each party has something of value to the other, which is a normal requirement for a successful negotiation. We are the FIDE sanctioned body in Canada and thus can control all Canadian representation to international events. Chess'n Math has a sound business operation, with offices in Toronto and Montreal. A base in Montreal could be particularly useful because it is obvious that our differences with the FQE are not capable of resolution. Whatever personality differences have arisen over the years, there can be no dispute that Chess'n Math has done far more for both our struggling chess professionals, and the promotion of chess in the schools, than has the CFC. I would suggest that the governors appoint a committee, or authorize the executive to appoint a committee, to negotiate with Mr. Bevand, and then report back to the governors. The negotiations might well be fruitless, but surely it would be foolish to ignore the possibility.

I agree with what Kevin Spraggett has written about Olympic team selection, but think that it would be wrong for the Annual Meeting to make more hasty changes as has been done so often in the past. In particular, if any players are to be chosen by a selection committee, the criteria for selection must be clearly set out, along with rules for time frame for selection and replacement of players who decline or withdraw. The composition of a selection committee also calls out for some established criteria, and I believe is best left to the president or executive, as the Annual Meeting is not able to adequately canvass the availability of qualified persons. On this note, I would add that I favour improving the mail vote process so that relatively fewer decisions of importance be made at the Annual Meeting. My limited experience of those meetings is that the agendas are so packed that there is not adequate time for discussion, and that the meetings are subject to being “hijacked” by a few governors with many proxies or pet issues. This is of particular concern when a proposal is placed before the meeting without prior notice to the governors at large. While we have rules dealing with quorums for constitutional changes, the fact is that these changes are of least interest or impact to our members, and the matters that truly affect the membership should receive the most careful consideration.

Maurice Smith: This is in response to Denis Allan's comments re Chess N'Math. There has been no proposal or agreement from Larry Bevand. Mr. Allan is unaware that Mr. Bevand and I were corresponding earlier in the year. The correspondence ended when we both agreed that the timing is not right for any integration of our organizations. However, the C.F.C. and Chess N'Math can operate independently of each other, run our separate programs and where there is any likelihood of mutual cooperation, it can be explored. All this without hostility.

The other point I would like to make concerns Mr. Allan's remarks about Chess N'Math being far more active than the C.F.C. in promoting chess in schools. Here we go again. There is far too much emphasis placed on the past. Of course we were inactive at one time and that is how Chess N'Math came to fill the void. However, over the last three years we have significantly increased our involvement in scholastic chess. We are doing the right things and the C.F.C.'s scholastic program has taken off. So let us stop being critical of the past and

instead be positive about the present and optimistic about the future. Give support to our program and we will all be better off for it.

From: Deen Hergott (June 18,1999) Re: GL #5 Responses

99-5: The initial impetus for this motion was to address a situation where "one hand didn't know what the other and was doing", or as it appears in this case, some might prefer to use the cliche, "the teapot calling the kettle black".

The same scenario has arisen in several of the past few Olympiads - a player has been asked to participate, accepted, and subsequently declined. According to certain Handbook regulations, such parties can be penalized if their notice to decline comes at "too late" a date. This is not the point I am disputing.

The question is rather, whether extenuating circumstances, when they exist, should dictate that common sense overrule the existing regulations. Mr. Taylor and I clearly do feel that such circumstances did exist in the case of the Elista 1998 Olympiad, and should assume priority in this case.

In the case of both the 1996 Olympiad in Armenia, and the most recent in Elista, the state of organization and details concerning the event were extremely nebulous. In fact, the Business Office (either on their own initiative or via instructions from the Executive) used this chaotic state of affairs as a "reasonable" excuse for failing to meet other Handbook regulations concerning the Olympiads, primarily those which insist upon ample notice and deadlines for potential team members. How then can the same authority insist upon adherence to deadlines by the players? - surely, the players' failure to meet the ideal deadlines is also "reasonable" under the less than ideal circumstances...

Setting a double standard by choosing to apply the rules differently for the CFC and for the Olympiad team members is a very dangerous precedent and one which I would strongly advise against.

Note: 99-5 was voted on and passed at the AGM.

99-6: I must concur with Gordon Taylor's comment that some of our Junior players will not welcome the proposed change and rightfully so, in my opinion. There is already more than enough meddling with our Rating system; I see this motion as a purely practical measure for organizers, reducing the overall time taken to run the event, but with little thought of the effect on the players. Do we really want to use, say, 20-minute games, as a legitimate means of qualification to World events where more "normal" tournament time controls are being used. Seems like an odd way to choose our Candidates; if the argument that the better players will win at any time controls is to be believed, then there is little point in having a tournament at all! Why not just pick the top-rated player and be done with it? - it would leave the Rating system intact and save organizers the "bother" of having to spend any time on the event... Chess is supposed to be an activity which encourages and rewards careful thinking and planning - this motion certainly does not suggest this notion in any way, and to include games with Active time controls on the regular (some would say "meaningful") list, using the justification that they are only "Junior" games, is not only misguided and demeaning to our better Junior players, but is also a gross distortion of the one mechanism the CFC has in place as an indicator of relative strength and a method of qualification.

As an addendum, I received a request from a parent of one of Ontario's talented Junior players to include an email outlining a situation which arose at a recent Junior event - it appears that 99-6 may have already been applied to a completed event well before it has been discussed, let alone passed. If this is indeed the case, I strongly suggest that the Governors be given an account of how this has occurred and upon whose authority?

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Submission from Mr. Brent Rolfe (and son Warrick), June 11, 1999:

With regard to rating calculations for the Ontario Finals of the CFC Youth Chess Tournament...

I spoke to the CFC office the other day (Tue/Wed of this week) re the fact that they had rated the above event as a standard tournament, wheras the time controls were clearly Active. I think it was Troy I was speaking to. He informed me that yes he realised it was active time controls but yes it was rated as a regular tournament. I brought up Section 7 of the CFC handbook, but Troy's answer was that "it was advertised all over the web site that Regular CFC ratings would be given to all participants".

I looked on the web site but now there are only results and news of the Nationals up there...however, I am almost sure that any mention of ratings (prior to the tourney) said "all players will receive a CFC rating" with no distinction between active and regular. To the inexperienced players there (i.e. the un-rated) they wouldn't know the difference between an active and regular rating....but to the experienced players...they all would assume that it was going to be

an actively rated tourney....this was Warrick's assumption and I know it was for example, Victor Zambo's and Christian Stevens'.

Several players have complained to the CFC ( Zambo and Stevens included )...but when I brought this up with Troy his reply was that yes there had been complaints but only from players who had lost ( which I took as a bit of a cheap shot as there is a point of principal here as to who has the authority at the CFC to change the rules in contravention of S7 of their own handbook ).

In fact Troy said it would be his preference that all active tourneys be rated regularly but at a discounted rate...i.e..at a quarter of the point gain or loss of a 40/2hr type of time control....this seems to me to be self-contradictory...if the faster time does not affect the outcome why discount the value of the win by lowering the number of points earned?

Troy also feels that a 30 min time control does not affect the "predictability" of the outcome of the game at all...that the higher rated players should always beat the weaker players no matter what the controls....he does not feel a faster time control increases the chance of a fluke win by an unnamed, unknown player. Personally, I think this is nonsense...and taken to its logical conclusion would mean ALL tournaments should be Bullet or Blitz...think of the cost savings for the T.Ds...with apparently no effect on the reliability of the ratings!

From conversations I have had with several parents and chess coaches, there is a lot of unease among young players and their supporters over the state of youth chess right now....the entry fees alone are enough to put off some strong players...hence the rather pathetic turn out for the Cdn Junior last winter....this type of attitude from Head Office can only worsen that situation.

Anyway, before I start to ramble...it seems to me that section 7 of the handbook is very explicit...and that this tournament therefore must be rated as active only...if the CFC wants to promote youth chess by getting previously unrated players a rating....they will have to either run tournaments with proper time controls or change the whole rating system so that all future active tourneys are regularly rated...ask Troy to publish that one in en passant and see the reaction he gets.

By-the-way, at the Ontario Cadet ( which also provided an expenses paid trip to the Nationals ) Warrick tied for first with Anand...they then played two tie break games...after which they were still even....the boys were setting up the board for a third and deciding play-off when the TD stepped in with a formula based on performance vs rating in the tournament games...and on this basis Warrick lost.....Warrick did not complain at the time ( and is still not complaining )...but in the Handbook again it clearly states that tie-break rules must be clearly made known to the players BEFORE the tournament...this was not done.

Suffice it to say that it seems to many people that the standard of chess administration in Canada is going downhill very rapidly...and superficial changes to the look of the magazine...and the membership card (debacle that IT was)...do not hide this fact from any keen observer.

If you would like us to contact some of the other "complainants" please let us know.

Brent & Warrick  
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Halldor P. Palsson

I forwarded the complaint by Brent and Warrick Rolfe to the CFC Rating Auditor, Dr. Francisco Cabanas (cabanas@istar.ca) on July 27, 1999. He will rule on this matter before the next G.L.

Maurice Smith  
99-6: 99-6 died at the Annual Meeting and is not being reintroduced.