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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

CFC Corrects CYCC Error !

Background

In the past, the CFC ran the Canadian Youth Chess Championships (U 10 – U 18) in 2 categories. One was the “ Open “ section, still historically named the “ Boys “ section. Both boys and girls were free to enter this section. CFC also ran a parallel “ Girls’ CYCC “, which was a separate section, and open only to girls.

Then at the July Annual General Meeting of the CFC in Montreal this summer, a motion was passed that prohibited the girls from playing in the boys’ section. Only a small number of Governors were actually present at the meeting, and the motion passed without the thorough discussion one might have expected such a topic to generate. A great hue and cry arose from the chess-playing public that CFC was now involved in sexual discrimination and that the new policy was illegal (SCTCN&V were one of the huer’s and crier’s).

Executive Action

To his credit, President Peter Stockhausen dealt with the matter immediately, calling for a recission motion to be brought if that was the will of any of the governors. But it appears events even overtook this reasonable approach to the problem.

On September 10, President Stockhausen wrote to the governors to inform them of the situation as it had developed and the recent action he had taken on the matter. He wrote :

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Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Ave.

(one block east of Woodbine Ave./Cosburn Ave. intersection, in former East York)
easy TTC access – 5 min. bus ride from either Woodbine Subway Stn. or Main St. Subway Stn.

“ Dear Fellow Governors,

The text below will be posted on our web site today.

This was certainly not my preferred route, but the circumstances made it simply necessary. I'm sorry that I could not reach all of you, but time constraints did play a big part.

The opinions I heard from those of you that I did reach was VERY STRONGLY in favor of acting NOW, at least by the vast majority of you, and listening carefully, also pretty much regardless of our sponsorship situation.

Those of you I was unable to reach, please let me have your comments.

In GL#2 we will introduce some minor amendments to the regulations. For example re-naming the sections, the limit of players, if any, for each section and some clear regulations on combining age groups, if this appears necessary.

Thank you for your time and in-put.

Peter Stockhausen
President
Chess Federation of Canada

PS Lyle, if it is not too late, can you please remove the motion from GL#1 and post the text below under "Keeping Governors Informed".

As you all know a motion was passed at the AGM in Montreal that prohibits Girls from competing in the "Open" or "Boys" section of the CYCC. As you also know, I felt that this very important motion did not get our full customary hearing through three Governors Letters and our original intend was to have this motion fully discussed through the next three Governor's Letters.

In the meantime we have been officially advised by Belzberg Technologies that they would be unable to continue to support our Olympic Team if we insisted on maintaining this rule. (This rule, by the way, also runs CONTRARY to FIDE regulations covering the WYCC.)

Therefore I decided to accelerate the process. Via telephone I consulted (a few via e-mail) with as many Governors as I could get a hold off, explaining the issue and to seek their advise, prior to making a decision. The result is as follows:

<i>Voting to Rescind:</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Uphold</i>	<i>1</i>

The following were in favor of rescinding: Taylor, Gomboc, Posylek, Stanford, Duff, Sommerfeld, Brodie, Liles, Fleming, Dougherty, Niksic, McMillan, Kirton, Ficzere, Tsui, McKim, Spraggett, Bond, Erickson, Nadeau, Jaeger, Haley, Gebhardt, Farges, Rosner, Divinsky, Craver, Cabanas, Panjwani, Smith, Cohen, Stockhausen.

Voted to uphold: Quiring (Based on parliamentary procedure, not on the merit of the actual motion.)

Based on this result I herewith rescind the Motion at the AGM forbidding girls to play in the boys section of the CYCC.

Peter Stockhausen

President

Chess Federation of Canada

Validity of the Executive Action

Subsequent to this action by President Stockhausen, a number of people (including some governors) raised concern about whether the Executive had the power to act as they had. One issue of concern was a democratic one. If the governors passed the motion at the AGM in July, then only the governors could rescind it, not the Executive.

But there is good argument that this matter is covered by the constitutional role of the Executive to govern between Assembly meetings of the governors, and to deal with things that cannot be dealt with in a timely manner by the governors. Here the new issue is the threat of the Olympic team sponsor to withdraw if the motion was allowed to stand. Given the nature of the crisis, and the Olympics being in October, this matter must be dealt with right away to clear up any confusion on Olympic participation. Also, it is arguable that the issue of the motion being sexual discrimination, and illegal, is also a new matter re the motion, and therefore could be dealt with by the Executive, if they felt it needed to be dealt with before the next Assembly. However, it is important to note that the Executive, when faced with the illegality issue initially, did not treat it as an emergency requiring immediate Executive action, but merely called on the governors to rescind it through the Governors' Letter process in due course. But the crisis in sponsorship is definitely something new, and requires immediate action. The Executive motion, rescinding the Governors' AGM motion, is a proper role for the Executive in this case, in our opinion.

The factual question however is whether Peter invoked Executive power or not. One governor has stated that Peter did something else. He took a motion that was in GL#1, and telephone selected governors until he had 50% of the governors in favour of this motion, rescinding the AGM motion. If this is what was in fact done, then there is an argument that the by-laws do not authorize any such governors' procedure as this.

We will keep you advised as to what develops here. But it is significant that when the President did a poll of a majority of the governors, the majority wanted the AGM motion immediately rescinded by the Executive. This makes us think that in fact the decision of the Executive here will never formally be challenged by the governors.

Russia vs The Rest of the World – Match of the 21st Century

This match was played in Moscow, Russia, from Sept. 8 – 11. The teams consisted of 10 players each, with 2 reserves. Unlike the prior two matches which form the history for this match, which were played at classical time controls, this match is rapid chess (25 min. + 10 sec. increments). Also, unlike the other matches, which pitted player against the same player for the match, this is a Scheveningen or round-robin format, where all play all in a 10 game match.

The history for this match is the two U.S.S.R. matches against the rest of the world. The first of these took place in 1970, and the second in 1984. This team however is solely composed of Russian players.

The line-up for the two teams is quite awesome. For Russia : Kasparov, Kramnik, Karpov, Khalifman [four world champions], Svidler, Bareev, Dreev, Grischuk, Morozevich, Motylev; Reserves : Rublevsky and Zvaginsev. For the Rest of the World : Anand (India), Ponomariov (Ukraine) [two world champions] , Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Shirov (Spain), Leko (Hungary), Gelfand (Israel), Short (England), Polgar (Hungary), Smirin (Israel), Radjabov (Azerbaijan); Reserves : Akopian (Armenia) and Azmaiparashvili (Georgia).

The Rest of the World won the match by 4 pts. - 52 : 48. The ROW won the following rounds : #1 (6 : 4), #2 (5.5 : 4.5), #8 (6 : 4) and #9 (5.5 : 4:5). Russia won 2 rounds : #3 (5.5 : 4.5) and #4 (5.5 : 4.5).

All the Russian world champions had a tough time with the opposing team. Each lost a number of games : Kasparov – 3; Kramnik – 2; Karpov – 2; Khalifman – 2. The ROW champions did better : Anand – 1; Ponomariov – 0. One of the biggest upsets involved Kasparov in round 5 – he was defeated by Judit Polgar, the strongest woman player in the world. It is the first time she has beaten him in a number of meetings. She has never beaten him in classical time control play.

Canadian Olympic Team

Last Issue, we alerted you to a posting on ChessTalk by Kevin Spraggett that he had resigned from the Canadian team. But the following day, the team captain, Marc Ghannoum, posted the team and board order on ChessTalk, and indicated that Kevin now will play. No reasons were given for this change.

The team in board order is now :

1. Alexandre Le Siege
2. Kevin Spraggett
3. Pascal Charbonneau
4. Yan Teplitsky
5. Mark Bluvshtein
6. Jean Hebert

We look forward to their success in the Bled, Slovenia Olympiads this October.

CFC Deals With “ Conflicting Tournaments “ Issue

In 2001, the Ontario Chess Association raised a complaint with the CFC concerning a Toronto tournament. Kitchener was holding the 2001 Ontario Open, sponsored by the OCA. On the same Victoria Day weekend, Dutton Chess decided to hold a Toronto tournament. The OCA designated DC's tournament a “ conflicting tournament “, and requested the CFC neither advertise nor rate the tournament as a penalty. The CFC refused the OCA request.

So the OCA then asked the CFC to enter into an affiliation agreement that would clarify that CFC would provide this penalty support to the OCA if the occasion arose again.

At the CFC AGM in July, this matter was dealt with as follows : .” Bunning/Taylor moved that CFC will not rate or advertise conflicting events in a province upon request from that province. Bunning said nowadays people see chess as a business opportunity. Motion was voted on. Yes 19 No 13 Abstentions 2. Motion carried.”

Scarborough Chess Club Starts 2002-3 Year

At the Annual Meeting on Sept. 7, it was decided that SCC would continue to operate on three days of the week, as in the past : Tues. : 7-11 PM; Thurs. : 7-11PM; Sun. : 1-6 PM. Tournaments will be running on all three days, so come out and enjoy “ over-the-board “ chess with your friends.

The new Executive Committee was also elected. Re-elected as President was Bryan Lamb. Re-elected as Vice-President was Ted Termeer. The other positions are : Secretary : Imtiaz Husain; Officer-at-Large : Maurice Smith; Junior Representative : Zayne Dattu. The treasurer spot was left vacant and will be appointed by the President.

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