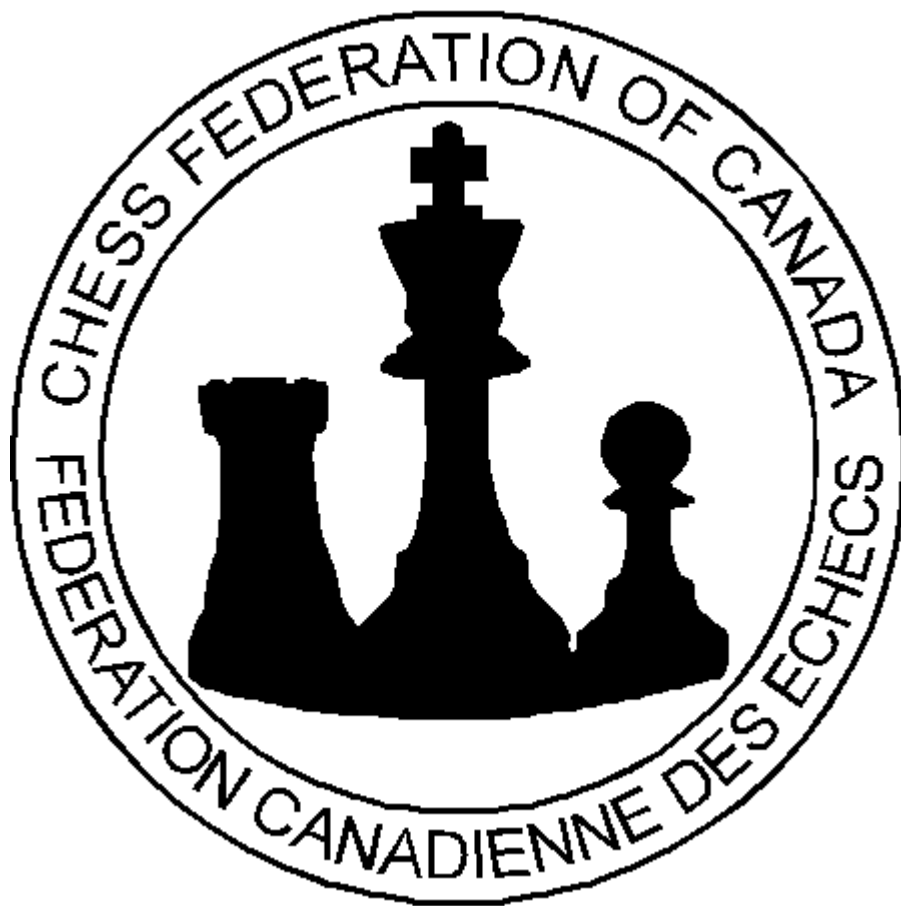


CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER FOUR 2010-2011



The 2011-2012 Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada will be held at 9am Monday July 11 through Tuesday July 12 in conjunction with the Pinnacle 48th Canadian Open Chess Championship to be held at the Westin Harbour Castle, One Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario. Governors who will not be attended are urged to file their proxies as soon as possible before the meeting.

ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS: The Governors Letter is now distributed by e-mail only. Governors without regular e-mail access should contact the Business Office to make special arrangements.

CFC Online Forum: <http://chesscanada.info/forum/>

President's Message

This will be the final GL before the AGM in Toronto. I will keep my remark short for now, but I promise a more comprehensive report at the AGM. If anyone has a question or comment they would like me to address in my report, please just ask.

The key items in this Governors Letter are:

- a) minutes of April governors meetings,
- b) annual financial statements for April 2011,
- c) a budget proposal for discussion, and
- d) motions and proxy forms for the AGM.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM. Best Regards,

Robert Gillanders CFC President
June 23, 2011

Secretary's Message

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL GOVERNORS

Please contact your Provincial President or Secretary to ensure they have submitted your province's 2010-11 Governors to the Secretary and Business Office before the Annual General Meeting to ensure your province's nominees are properly registered as Incoming Governors. In addition, I am requesting that all provincial bodies submit to the Secretary and the Business Office the AGM minutes, including record of attendance, in which the governors were selected. In the case of Ontario, in addition to the above request, please submit the equivalent documentation for each of your four leagues. This documentation will ensure that all governors attending the CFC AGM are the legitimate representatives of the provincially affiliated body.

2010-2011 has been a challenging year to be Secretary as my role has morphed with the 'classic' Governors Letter system becoming a mixed GL / Online Meeting system and we have been feeling our way towards the new state of things. We started down this road in 2009-10 with my biggest job being to learn the 'under the hood' portion of the vBulletin software required to create threads, make them public, close them off at the appropriate time and master the voting functions (which changed during the year). The average Governor sees only the tip of the iceberg and during the meeting itself the meeting consumes most of one's non-working hours. All told an Online Meeting takes roughly as much time to do it right as 2 or 3 "classic" Governors' Letters.

Based on a full year of Online Meetings here are two suggestions for 2011-12:

- There are too many agenda items based on reports that may or may not be made at the meeting and I would like permission to remove such items from the Agenda if I don't receive word that there is a report to be given. This should streamline things a bit and allow Governors to see the entire agenda in a single screen page
- One major flaw of the current format is that there is little effective opportunity for Governor comment on the CFC financials which I think is one of the most parts of Federation governance that the Governors should want input on. The CFC's financial quarters end at the end of September, December, March and June with Online meetings held the first week of October, January and April. The Executive normally gets draft financials by the 15th of these months but not before the Online meeting. I suggest the Online meetings be held the LAST week of these months to give the Treasurer and the Office the chance to have the quarterly financials ready for the Governors before the meeting. (This year we moved the January meeting back a week to allow the bulk of the setup work to be done between Christmas and New Year rather than during the week before Christmas)

Despite all that it has been exciting to see how things are changing in CFC governance and I look forward to serving in 2011-12 should that be the pleasure of the Governors.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada
29 June 2011

Treasurer's Message

2010 / 2011 Treasurer's Report

Regular Job Functions

- 1) Review monthly banking information, financial statements, and membership numbers.
- 2) Prepare annual budget in consultation with President
- 3) Deal with ad hoc matters with members, organizers, and contractors.

Special Job Functions

- 1) This year we had to prepare a budget in August, to account for the fact that we didn't have an existing approved budget when we came into office.
- 2) Developed the financial implications of the new web site for the Governors to consider.

Executive Duties

The majority of the time I spent on CFC business was not directly related to the Treasurer's position and was more what we'll call general Executive chores I took on.

- 1) While Bob and I spent a lot of time discussing a membership drive, we decided to hold off until the web site was finished.
- 2) Researching and investigating the loss of Charitable status. This is probably the one area where Bob and I disagreed most over the year, as I would have chose to allow Les to continue to fight on for our situation, although the chances were admittedly low.
- 3) FIDE Presidency. This decision was not taken lightly by the Executive and there was extensive discussion back and forth.
- 4) Rating System. I spent quite a bit of time analyzing the effect of the performance points on the players at the top of the rating system, in addition to some work on the how to allow players ot rise through the ranks without stripping others too badly.
- 5) Web site. I ended up leading the way on this file. I guess you could say I had a vision of what this might look like and how we'd be able to achieve it with the firm we'd hired.
I have greatly enjoyed the past year, but I think it must be realized that people have peaks and valleys in their capabilities and contributions. I am willing to return to the Executive again this year.

Youth Coordinator's Report

The past year was successful for Canadian Youth Chess.

The credits go to many chess organizers, players and parents, who put a lot of efforts to make Canada proud! Without your dedicated work our successes wouldn't be possible!

For each international tournament the CFC collected necessary information for all players and accompanying persons, completed and submitted registration forms, arranged hotel booking and transportation, remitted payments to FIDE and event organizers. This couldn't be done without competency and dedication of our Executive Director Gerry Litchfield.

Many of our young players proudly represented Canada at many International chess competitions:

1) World Youth Chess Championship 2010:

23 Canadian players participated, Jason Cao won Gold medal and World Champion title in Open Under 10 section – for the first time since Jeff Sarwer's victory in 1986. We were fortunate to have great volunteers in Canadian delegation - Andrei Botez as Head of Delegation and Vladimir Birarov as Team coach.

2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship 2010:

4 Canadian players participated, and Jackie Peng won 3rd place and bronze medal. Daxin Jin was the Head of Canadian Delegation at this tournament.

3) North American Youth Chess Championship 2010:

This tournament was organized in Canada for the first time - thanks to Larry Bevand and Chess and Math Association that celebrated 25th anniversary and hold this event in Montreal!

More than 200 young players from 4 countries – Canada, United States, Mexico and Haiti – participated in the tournament, and Canada has 3 North American Champions: Hong Rui Zhu (Under 12), ZiYi Qin (Under 14) and Arthur Calugar (Under 16).

5) World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad 2010:

Canadian Team participated in the World Youth Olympiad for the first time in the history, and made top 10 finish from the first attempt!

The members of Canadian Team were:

Nikita Kraiouchkine, Konstantin Semianuk, Mike Ivanov, Simon Gladstone.

The Canadian participation in this prestigious event was possible only due to energy and organizational talent of the Team Captain - Gary Gladstone. I want to thank Gary once again for his efforts!

We have successfully organized and ran Canadian Junior Championship 2011 in Mississauga in April – thanks to Mikhail Egorov for organizing and directing this important event!

We have completed registration for coming International chess competitions:

1) North American Youth Chess Championship 2011:

<http://www.chesseducators.com/northamericanyouth/>

Canada will be represented by 19 players, FA Aris Marghetis will be Head of Canadian Delegation.

2) World Junior Chess Championship 2011:

<http://www.wjcc2011.org/>

Canada will be represented by last 2 Canadian Junior Champions – FM-elect Roman Sapozhnikov and FM Shiyam Thavandiran.

Currently we're working on preparation to:

Canadian Youth Chess Championship 2011:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cycc2011/home>

As of June 10 we have 218 players registered for CYCC.

The CYCC winners will represent Canada at World Youth Chess Championship 2011 in Brazil:

<http://www.wycc2011.com/>

We're looking for volunteers willing to be a Head of Canadian Delegation at the WYCC 2011. Please let me know, if you're willing to volunteer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members of the CFC Youth Committee for their work!

We have very active Youth Committee consisting of 16 members, who had helped me a lot during the year. We have discussed and prepared a number of important decisions regarding qualification to youth tournaments, including Motion 2011-B "Participation in the World Events":

"1012.Participation in the World Events:

[Motion 2011-B moved by Vladimir Birarov, seconded by Valer Demian

INVITED PLAYERS

(a) Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) is a qualifier to international youth chess competitions.

Top 3 finishers in each section are qualified to become official representatives for:

- 1) World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC);
- 2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship;
- 3) North American Youth Chess Championship.

If the winner is unable to participate, the second place finisher shall be invited to go in his place. If the second place finisher also declines, the highest finisher in the tournament who is willing to participate in the world event (if not rejected by CFC Executive due to the sub paragraph (d)), shall be selected. The CFC Board of Directors shall use an appropriate tie-breaking method to break ties if required to determine the order of finish.

All official representatives to WYCC should receive financial support from CFC to reduce their travel expenses.

(b) Players with the Special Rights according to FIDE rules will be eligible to participate at WYCC notwithstanding their participation at CYCC. In case of participation at CYCC, CFC will pay the cost of transportation for such players to WYCC in full.

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

(c) 2nd and 3rd prize-winners (including tie-breakers for 2nd and 3rd places) in each category will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds.

(d) All other CYCC participants wishing to participate at WYCC are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation during 15 days after ending of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application if the applicant's level at their discretion is significantly lower than the average level of his/her category at WYCC. All players whose applications are approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$150 to CFC Youth Program fund.

(e) 3 top CFC rated players in each category (by January 1st of the current year) if not able to participate at CYCC due to extraordinary circumstances, and wishing to participate at WYCC, are eligible to submit to CFC their applications for participation at WYCC before the start of CYCC. CFC Executive has the right to reject the application at their discretion if applicant's circumstances are not valid and/or exceptional. All players whose applications are approved will be eligible to participate at WYCC using their own funds plus paying extra fee of \$300 to CFC Youth Program fund. "

Hope coming year will be even more successful!

Michael Barron
CFC Youth Coordinator

June 12, 2011

FIDE Representative's Report

FIDE matters continue to arise at a brisk pace.

The Canadian Zonal Championship was held in Guelph, May 6-11. Congratulations to our new Champion, GM Bator Sambuev! Due to money and visa complications Bator was unable to confirm his participation at the World Cup by the FIDE deadline, and thus IM Eric Hansen will represent Canada in Khanty Mansiysk. He will be joined by GM Mark Bluvshstein, who qualified on the strength of his fabulous result at the Continental in Toluca Mexico. Back in the 80's we had an opportunity to advance 2 players to the Interzonal but it didn't happen, so this is a first! A third Canadian will also be attending as Deputy Arbiter.

On the note of Arbiters, congratulations to IA Vlad Rehkson and FA Michael von Keitz on their recent Arbiter title awards. Arbiters wishing to earn their FA title are reminded of the Arbiter Seminar at the Canadian Open.

The Title of International Organizer is undergoing significant changes. This week FIDE announced the proposed changes which will involve seminars and exams, along with licence fees. I object to the severity of these changes and have already voiced this concern with FIDE. The timing is also too fast – the “grandfather” deadline is July 20, 2011.

Changes to the FIDE calendar have created a number of conflicts in the Americas. The Pan–Am Youth is in direct conflict with our CYCC. Canada is most unhappy about this conflict - it has created considerable internal tension and we are hopeful that these conflicts can be avoided going forward.

Another FIDE issue that is surfacing with more frequency of late is the Federation Transfers by new Canadians. Canadian eligibility requirements state that players must reside here for at least a year before being eligible to play in our national championships. The year is deemed to begin residency when the player arrives in Canada. FIDE, on the other hand, deems that residency begins on the day after they receive an application to transfer. A notification fee of 250 Euro applies to all transfers, and additional fees apply if a new player wants to play in an official FIDE event (Olympiad, WYCC, Continental or higher in the World Championship cycle) before their sit out period has elapsed. This sit out period is at least a year, or two years if a player has played in an official FIDE event within the last 3 years. This restriction does not apply to other FIDE rated events

The complete regulations can be found here: <http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=19&view=category>

In closing, I wish to confirm that I will stand for re-election as FIDE Representative for Canada and I hope to have your support.

Respectfully submitted

Hal Bond, IO, IA

Friday, June-17-11

Motions for Annual General Meeting:

MOTION 2011-K Clarifying CFC Member Rights (referred from the April Online Meeting)

Moved – Bob Armstrong; Seconded – Fred McKim

Moved - Bylaw # 1, s. 14, is deleted, and replaced by:

MEMBER RIGHTS

14. (1) Any individual Member shall have a right to be heard on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Federation, or his individual membership, or any situation where any individual member is aggrieved by any

matter arising in the conduct of the affairs of the Federation, by approaching a CFC governor for assistance in presenting his submission, motion, etc. to the CFC AGM, Quarterly Meeting, or otherwise.. Any complaints or suggestions of any individual Member shall be dealt with by the Federation Secretary replying in writing to any governor acting on behalf of such member, with copy to such individual Member.

(2) Any individual member may bring a motion directly to the CFC governors, without governor assistance being required, if he has a member seconder, and endorsement of members totaling 5% of the total Adult and Life members. The total shall be based on the membership statistics issued May 1 by the CFC Secretary. Endorsing members must be 18 years of age or over, and there must be proof provided directly from the endorser to the CFC Secretary of each member's endorsement of the motion.

(3) As set out elsewhere in the Handbook, CFC members have the right as there set out, to elect their CFC governors

MOTION 2011-L I Bluvshstein / Egis Zeromskis

Motion to change the following sections of the CFC Handbook:

Section 1205b:

“(b) The Selection Committee shall select two players for the National Team and one player for the Women's team, taking into account the players' recent results, potential for improvement and such other factors as they consider relevant. These selections shall be made no later than 165 days before the start of the Olympiad.”

To be replaced with: (proposed changes are in RED)

“(b) The Selection Committee shall select ~~two~~**three** players for the National Team **in ranking order** and ~~one~~**three** players for the Women's team **in ranking order**, taking into account the players' recent results, potential for improvement and such other factors as they consider relevant. These selections shall be made no later than 165 days before the start of the Olympiad.”

MOTION 2011-M I Bluvshstein / Egis Zeromskis

Motion to change the following sections of the CFC Handbook:

Section 1206f:

“(f) **Replacements:** If a player who has indicated his or her intention to participate as a member of the National or Women's Team withdraws (1211), a replacement player shall be notified as soon as practicable and shall have one week after being notified to inform the CFC of their intention to play.”

To be replaced with:

“(f) **Replacements:** If a player ~~who either declines invitation or withdraws after indicating~~ **has indicated** his or her intention to participate as a member of the National or Women's Team ~~withdraws~~ (1211), a replacement player shall be notified as soon as practicable and shall have one week after being notified to inform the CFC of their intention to play.”

MOTION 2011-N I Bluvshstein / Egis Zeromskis

Motion to change the following sections of the CFC Handbook:

Section 1211:

“1211. Withdrawals

Once all members of the Canadian Delegation to the Olympiad have be determined:

(a) If a player withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the next player on the Selection Rating List.

(b) If a Team Captain withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the runner-up in the vote for Team Captain.

(c) If any other member of the Canadian Delegation withdraws, the CFC Executive shall appoint a replacement.”

To be replaced with:

“1211. ~~Withdrawals~~ Replacements

Once all members of the Canadian Delegation to the Olympiad have been determined:

(a) If a player **declines or** withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the next player on the Selection Rating Committee List. **If the Selection Committee List is exhausted, the next player on the Selection Rating List shall be invited.**

(b) If a Team Captain **declines or** withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the runner-up in the vote for Team Captain.

(c) If any other member of the Canadian Delegation **declines or** withdraws, the CFC Executive shall appoint a replacement.”

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Minutes of the April 2011 On-line Governors' Meeting

April 1-7, 2011

1. Meeting Agenda – before the meeting the Agenda was approved by the Executive and Governors were given the chance to submit 'new business'
2. Governors' sign in – difficulties were experienced with the sign-in procedure but by day 3 we had things resolved.

Bob Gillanders (president), Bob Armstrong, Michael Barron, Garland Best, Stuart Brammall, Hugh Brodie, Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Rob Clark, Ken Craft, Lyle Craver (secretary), Valer Eugen Demian, William G. Doubleday, Mark S. Dutton, Christopher Field, Paul Leblanc, Christopher Mallon, Aris Marghetis, Patrick McDonald, Fred McKim, Nikolay Noritsyn, Garvin Nunes, Simon Ong (23)

3. President's Welcome & Report – Bob Gillanders

Welcome Governors to the April 2011 meeting.

I think we have worked out most of the bugs now. We will be voting online at this meeting. We will play it by ear again, as to when the discussion phase ends and the voting phase starts.

There is a motion 2011-J that we will be voting on, that if approved, the entire text of quarterly meetings will become "the minutes" and will be open to the public. If approved, it will apply retroactively to this meeting. Please keep that in mind. Check out the specific thread for details and discussion.

For those with reports to post, please do so ASAP to get the discussion started. Having said that, I apologize for not having all my reports ready for the starting gun. I have been busy this week. I hope to have all reports posted by 5 pm today.

New topics for discussion can be requested by posting on the "New Business" thread or email me directly. Where appropriate, we will start a new thread. I see one important issue missing, the GST/HST issue. 😞

Welcome again, and I hope we can keep this meeting productive and not get sidetracked on procedural wrangling. We do have important issues to discuss.

Thanks.

4. Instructions/Questions/Comments on the On-line Meeting Procedures – the only major change from the January meeting was that the vBulletin forum software polling function was used for casting of votes on motions.

OFFICER REPORTS

5. Treasurer's report – Fred McKim

- 1) Web Site costing: The final gross cost of the web site including tax is \$19,125. We should recover from Revenue Canada approximately 50% of the taxes paid, for a net cost of \$18,025. We have payments still to make of \$3825 on the launch date of May 25, and then \$9562 30 days after the launch.

2) 2010/11 Budget: We are operating at a surplus of \$4489 after 10 months into the 2010/11 fiscal year. \$3,000 of that has been guaranteed to the 2011 Canadian Closed.

3) 2011/12 Budget: The Executive will be working on this over the next 30 days or so. Obviously all input is welcome either by **e-mail or by discussion board. It's important to keep in mind that discretionary spending is not large when one sees the income and expenditures information.**

4) Revenue Streams: Even **more important than dreaming about programs that we can't presently** finance is thinking about ways of increase our revenue streams:

Memberships:

Comparison of 10 month periods 2009/10 & 2010/11 (May 1 - Feb 28)

2009/10 2010/11

Memberships (Full & Tournament) 36510 37762

Rating Fees 23756 22209

Net Sales 3348 7023

Advertizing 350 250

Foundation Interest 3020 6053

General Donations / Misc 1873 361

1) I think the opportunity to exist to increase memberships and ratings perhaps as much as 10% in the first year via the membership drive in conjunction with the new web site

2) I'm hoping our net sales can at least double or triple in the first year.

3) We can start working on advertising for the web site. This may take a bit of time and effort.

4) Now that we are no longer a recognized charitable organization the 5% administrative fee, we used to charge for donations that were more or less in to us and out again to a specific program is no longer a revenue stream.

Fred McKim

Charlottetown, PEI

6. Rating Auditor – Report – Bill Doubleday – no report

7. Women's Coordinator – Report – Daxin Jin

1. Work closely with FIDE representative Hal Bond to identify the time for the next Canadian Woman Closed Championship.

2. Collaborate with Mississauga chess club to hold the Canadian girl U20 chess championship.

3. Working progress with Youth Coordinator to add Ontario girl chess championship as one the YCCs. The whole ideas for this is the qualify more girls for YCC and promote girl chess in Canada

4. As the chief 2011 CYCC organizer, I will discuss with my Committee that we will try to award Canadian Exceptional Girl Chess players for their international chess tournament if we have any profit from 2011 CYCC.

8. Public Relations Coordinator – Report – Bob Armstrong

At the 2010 AGM, the governors upgraded the position of Director of Publicity to Public Relations Coordinator. Bylaw 3 of the CFC Handbook, under Duties of Officers in Section 8C, gives the mandate of this position as:

8C. The Public Relations Coordinator will be responsible for promoting the image of the CFC and for promoting chess generally to the public. As such the Public Relations Coordinator will, among other things:

- deal with mainstream media to promote significant chess news, such as Canadian Chess Champions, a new Canadian GM, major tournaments like

the Can. Closed, Canadian Open, Can. Women's Closed, CYCC, etc., the various benefits accruing from playing chess and other positive aspects of the chess culture.

This position in its initial creation never got filled. I volunteered in Sept. 2010 **to be “ acting “ Public Relations Coordinator, and carried on the task for a few months.** Then in November I agreed to take on the position permanently.

Because of this situation, the CFC has never developed a bank of Canadian mainstream media contacts who might be willing to publish CFC Press Releases on chess items, or to write articles on chess. I have now developed a list of some 50 print, on-line, TV and radio contacts across the country (though most in Ontario still) to which I send the CFC Press Releases. If anyone can supply me with a contact with their local media across the country, and an e-mail address, I will add them to my lists.

I write some press releases myself, and on some I collaborate with others, under who's name the press release may appear.

CFC is making its CFC Press Releases available to any member for any publicity efforts they might be undertaking. They are always posted on the **CFC “ News “ Forum. I have asked to be advised of any efforts** made and use of the material, so CFC can build a file on the efforts being made to promote chess in Canada.

Newspapers do not acknowledge press releases (too many daily) and do not notify you if they make use of one. So I have asked that if anyone sees/hears an article on one of our press releases in any of the papers, or on TV or on radio, they advise me. I have been warned that it has not been easy to get chess material into the mainstream media, and this has been my experience so far. But our press releases do often generate an inquiry or two, and we have been successful in getting some print and on-line articles published based on our press release, and my conversations with the respective journalists. We have also arranged a number of TV interviews for some of our elite players – in some cases I have also been interviewed to give the CFC perspective on the event. Nevertheless, CFC should have very modest expectations of success on this front. But hopefully, over time, with developing contacts, this will change.

If anyone has any newspaper, television or radio contacts I might be able to use, or any advice on this effort, please e-mail me : bobarm@sympatico.ca . CFC issued 7 Press Releases from Aug. – Dec. 2010. We have had no occasion to issue a press release since the 2011 Winter Meeting.

One new innovation I have brought in for communicating with the **membership/public, is an almost daily “ The CFC Regular Chess Post – (Date) “.** I do this on our “ News Forum “. I try to cover current events across **Canada, facts on CFC, political happenings, etc..** Because the “ news “ items are then copied onto the News Section of the CFC Website, this now shows on the CFC Website as well, for all visiting our website to see.

We have also instigated a new feature into CFC – social networking. Michael von Keitz raised with the CFC executive that communicating with members/public now involved having Facebook and Twitter pages. So

Michael opened the CFC Twitter Account in March, and then I took it over. **I now “ tweet “ daily, using a truncated “ version of the almost daily “ Regular Chess Post “ item.**

I then in March had a Facebook organization page opened for CFC by a volunteer member – but I soon discovered that some CFC members, without any contact with CFC, had opened a CFC Facebook Group Page, back in 2009. It had less than 100 members and had become inactive. I arranged with the founders of the page, to make CFC co-administrators of the page (though they said they no longer had time for it, and would be effectively handing the reins over to CFC). I have now started posting on a regular **almost daily basis, different items of interest, initially posted on our “ News “ Forum. Here is a sampling of what our Facebook “ Wall “ looks like:**

Bob Armstrong - The CFC Regular Chess Post – March 30

2011 Calgary Closed – 8-player RR – av. rtg. - 2195 – winner - IM Eric Hansen (2537) – 6.5 pts. . Eric playing for Canada in upcoming Americas Continental Championship (along with GM Mark Bluvshstein), where six births in the FIDE World Cup at stake.

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Bob Armstrong - The CFC Regular Chess Post - March 29

The Canadian Open (in 2011 in Toronto from July 9 – 17) is currently the biggest tournament in Canada: 2010 CO in Toronto- 265 ; 2010 Trois Rivieres (Quebec) Tournament – 235, and in 2011 – 220; 2010 Quebec Open - 259. (Quebec figures thanks to CMA's Larry Bevand)

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Bob Armstrong - The CFC Regular Chess Post - March 28

March 26/27 - Hamilton Winter Open (5 rds.) - winner - Can. GM Bator Sambuev (CFC 2718) highest CFC-rated Canadian - 5-0. Defeated GM Wesley So, Philippines # 1 (FIDE 2667)!

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Also, I have raised the membership of the group page to 119 now, and have sent out probably 50 more invitations to join. I have now had closed the new **“ organization “ page, to avoid duplication and confusion re CFC pages. But it is now being suggested that the “ group “ page is old-fashioned, and that CFC would be better served to open what is referred to as a “ Facebook Fan Page “. I am investigating how the features differ from our current page, and whether we should follow the suggestion.**

This non-executive officer position is a challenging task, and does involve some significant volunteer hours. But one of the core objectives of the CFC is promotion of chess to the general public through mainstream media and social networking. I feel we are finally making some modest progress on this

objective.

9. Other Officers' Reports (Executive/ Non-executive) - none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Procedures' Committee – Report – Bob Armstrong

The Procedures' Committee was initially struck by 2009-10 President Eric Van Dusen, who saw it as handling a number of pressing long-outstanding administrative items. I was appointed Chairperson of the Committee, and it was decided that from year to year, the current President was to be the other member. We decided initially that it was best that this committee function through a number of subcommittees who would have differing personnel and differing tasks. Three subcommittees were formed:

1. The Governors' Voting Modernization Subcommittee – this subcommittee, which I Chaired, brought in its report in 2009-10, and has now been **disbanded. The Procedures' Committee got the new Quarterly Governors' On-line Meeting Procedures** passed at the 2010 Toronto July CFC AGM and the on-line meeting is now the key tool, along with the AGM, for governance.

2. The AGM Modernization Subcommittee – still active - see separate report.

3. The CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee – Kerry Liles – still active - see separate report

For 2010-11, since Bob G has become the new CFC President, he replaced Eric Van Dusen as the other member of the Committee.

11. AGM Modernization Subcommittee - Report – Bob Armstrong

The AGM Modernization Subcommittee is now myself as Chair, **Chris Mallon and Michael von Keitz. It is a Subcommittee of the Procedures' Committee** (myself as Chair and Bob Gillanders). Originally the Subcommittee developed a CFC AGM Model (initial rough draft by Chris). The Model proposes that the AGM still take place at the Can. Open as usual, but the proceedings there will be broadcast in both audio and video, so it can be received by governors across the country on their computers. The not-on-site governors will be able to type in to the meeting text of their comments/questions/ etc., and they will be read out by the Secretary using the laptop, to those governors on-site.

I can provide a copy of the Model AGM, and our Notes on a Technological Implementation Plan to anyone wanting them.

We have been told that we are pretty much leading edge on trying to develop this model of large multi-person, multi-media conferencing, but that the technology to do this is currently out there. It just needs to be coordinated somehow to realize our project, since there is no existent package that does this (according to a brief search by one of our CFC volunteer IT members).

BUT there have been problems and setbacks. Here is a record of what had taken place, in my post cancelling a scheduled “ Trial AGM “:

“ The CFC Subcommittee on AGM Modernization must unfortunately announce that the " Trial AGM ", scheduled for Sunday, April 3, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, EDT, at the Chess Institute of Canada, 918 Bathurst Street (where Ted Winick, Director, had kindly provided us with free space for the 3 hours, and wireless access to the internet), must now be CANCELLED.

The Subcommittee originally set out to enter into a small IT contract for a Technological Implementation Plan, for the CFC AGM Model, we had developed. We received no bids.

Then we decided to go part way with the modernization, and use a web-based internet conferencing company - would have been part conference call, and part computer inter-**activity. This was to be a “ free “ trial run; if it** worked, there was a relatively modest cost for the Toronto July AGM. And we had a 2010-11 budget allocated to us of \$ 500 for the Trial and actual AGM costs. We then posted for a volunteer " Trial AGM Coordinator ", for the " Trial AGM ", on the CFC Governors' Discussion Board, the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum, and the CMA ChessTalk. It was up for a full week, with a deadline of Monday, March 14, for any CFC Governor or member, to come forward and volunteer. No one came forward. We are suffering from total lack of support, it appears.

And there was some hostility to our project. One governor went so far as to personally tell me that governors were not interested in AGM modernization, **that we were wasting everyone’s time, and that the AGM wasn’t broke, and we shouldn’t be trying to fix it.**

The Subcommittee has no Plan B for this eventuality. Someone with minimum experience is needed to coordinate the internet company, the software and the hardware.

Thus I am reluctantly forced to cancel the Trial AGM. This is unfortunate, but it seems necessary.

The Subcommittee will now have to go back to the drawing board as to where we can possibly **go from here.** “

So this is where we stand at the moment – stymied. The Subcommittee has not developed any plan on how to proceed next. Our only thought is that we may have to hire someone to act as " AGM Coordinator " in July, without having first tested the internet conferencing system out.

Lastly, I have now handed in my resignation as Chair, and from the Subcommittee, effective the end of this meeting. I am staying on long enough to be available to answer questions.

I have been quite proud of what the Subcommittee has accomplished – the developing of a progressive, modern model, and a phased-in implementation plan, to implement part of the model for this July AGM, using an internet conferencing company.

But I am limited in my technical skills, and I feel that someone more comfortable with modern technology should guide this project through to conclusion. I am also concerned that I was unable to draw the support this project needed (no bids on the Technological Implementation Plan contract; no volunteer as " Trial AGM Coordinator), and maybe some new blood would improve that situation.

12. CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee – Report – Kerry Liles

Since the 2011 Winter Meeting, all the 2011 Winter meeting Motions have been amended into the CFC Website Handbook.

At the moment, I am waiting for the finalization of the new website to make a decision on how to proceed with Handbook updating/presentation going forward. The tentative plan is to consolidate the Handbook into a single document and be able to "publish it" in a number of formats from the website: standard web pages on the website, a pdf file, a Microsoft Word document (for example) and pretty much any other reasonable output format. This would make conducting searches (for specific phrases for example) much more convenient.

13. Tournament Director and Organizer Certification Program (TDOCP) Committee – Report – Chris Mallon – no report was posted though it was pointed out that the new web page will list all those with International and National titles.

14. Membership/Rating Fee Restructuring Committee – Status – Bob G – this committee is currently inactive and the President is seeking volunteers for it

15. Tournament Coordination Committee – Report - Gordon Ritchie – no report

16. CFC Youth Committee – Report - Michael Barron

The CFC Youth Committee is our the most active Committee.

We have 16 Committee members and lively debates on the Committee's Forum.

Since our January Online Meeting the Committee was discussing the following issues:

- CYCC qualification events;
- Youth Olympiad Coordinator nominations;
- Head of Canadian Delegation at 2011 NAYCC nominations;
- 2011 NAYCC official players selection;
- Date conflict between 2011 Pan Am and CYCC.

Suffice to say that "2011 NAYCC official players selection" thread on the Youth Committee Forum has to date 1,527 views and 147 replies!

17. Fundraising Committee – Bob Gillanders – there was no report but there was a spirited discussion on the subject of fundraising. It was pointed out that we do not know what the CFC's loss of charitable status will have on our fundraising efforts.

18. Ethics Committee – Status Report – Bob Gillanders – no report but there was a discussion on whether we need a standing committee or simply an ad hoc committee as the need arises. No clear consensus was reached though the motion amending Handbook section 398 (passed in 2005-2006) was pointed out

19. CFC Discussion Boards Upgrade – Update – Chris Mallon – no report but there was a discussion primarily

of a technical nature with respect to the CFC Forum software took place

20. New CFC Website - Update – Fred McKim – there was no formal report but Fred’s posting (which included a call for questions and answers) is as follows:

For various reasons the Web Site public launch is now scheduled for May 25. While some people may be upset it's taking so long, I think the important thing is getting what we paid for. We spent a lot of time on the Project Outline, making sure we could get the most out of the project that we could.

Earlier this week we approved the Creative Design for the front end. I think everybody will really like this when they see it.

The sections on the front page include: a main menu along the top of the screen and clickable sections each taking up perhaps 5-10% of the page on: About CFC, Upcoming Tournaments, Equipment Store, Check your Ratings, Player Rating Search (Top Ratings), View Crosstables, Photo(s), Latest News, Who's Who (player bios), Discussion Board, and Contact Information.

The main menu selections includes: Home, About Us, Store, Ratings, Players Info, CFC Info, News, History, Who's Who, and Misc.

21. CFC Membership Drive - CFC/Club Joint Advertising Campaign – Update - Bob Gillanders – no report but a short discussion took place

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22. 2011 Canadian Open – Update – David Cohen – no report

23. 2011 Canadian Junior – Update – Bob Gillanders – Governors were referred to

<http://www.mississaugachessclub.ca/Canadianjuniors2011.html>

for details

24. 2011 CYCC – Update – Anna Jin

1. Successfully fund raising from Town of Richmond Hill
2. Town of Richmond Hill announced to be the sponsor for 2011 CYCC
3. Local restaurants announced to be the sponsor for 2011 CYCC
4. Confirmed Tournament Venue space and table settings
5. Confirmed with Monroi for on site live game broadcast.
6. Confirmed sufficient chess sets and clocks for the event.
7. Received **sample player’s gift bag and approved by CYCC committee. Official order had gone through.** Gift bags are expected to be delivered to Toronto at the beginning of June.
8. 11 YCCs held (will be held) across Canada
9. 21 registered players till April 5 2011
10. CYCC Committee invited 2010 U10 World Champion Jason Cao and WIM U18 girl Yuanling Yuan to participate 2011 CYCC. Jason Cao accepted the invitation and will play at 2011 CYCC
11. In discussion of transport players, chess sets and clocks with CO.

25. 2011 Provincial YCC Qualifiers to the 2011 CYCC – Progress - Michael Barron

The qualification to the 2011 CYCC is going on according to schedule in many provinces.

You could find all the information on the excellent 2011 CYCC website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cycc20...ation-schedule>

The following qualifiers already took place or currently underway:

ONTARIO:

- PMCA Qualifier : January - July,
- West Toronto Qualifier : January - April,
- Windsor Regional YCC : February,
- Toronto Regional YCC : March,

NORTHERN ONTARIO:

- Northern Ontario YCC : November,

QUEBEC:

- Quebec YCC : November,
- Quebec Junior Championship : February,

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

- Victoria Regional YCC : March,

ALBERTA:

- Alberta YCC : February.

We have scheduled the following qualifiers:

ONTARIO:

- Ottawa Regional YCC : April,
- Annex Club Qualifier : April,
- Ontario YCC : May,

NORTHERN ONTARIO:

- Ontario francophone's YCC : April,

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

- BC YCC : April.

Unfortunately, we still don't have any information about CYCC qualifiers in the following provinces:

- SASKATCHEWAN,
- MANITOBA,
- NEW BRUNSWICK,
- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
- NOVA SCOTIA,
- NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR.

If you represent one of these provinces, please inform us about youth chess development in your province.

26. Outstanding National Championships (Closed/Women's Closed) – Update Hal Bond

The Canadian Closed will run for 6 days in Guelph. At the time of the initial bid, we could only book space for 5 days, ie May 7-11. Since that time we were able to secure the venue for Friday May 6, which allows 3 days of single rounds and 3 days of double rounds.

At the moment we are very close to securing sponsorship which will permit the broadcast and full coverage by Mon Roi. Fingers crossed!

As for the Women's Zonal, you may recall that the 2009 event was staged at the Kitchener Chess Festival (early August) with the understanding that the World's would take place in the first half of 2010. This date was then moved to December of 2010.

FIDE has advised that the next Women's World Championship tournament will take place in the second half of 2012, in Khanty Mansiysk. No firm dates yet.

27. 2011 North American Youth Championship

2011 North American Youth Championship Invitation

DATES: June 25-29, 2011

WHERE: Doubletree Tarrytown Hotel

455 South Broadway

Tarrytown, NY 10591 USA

Chess Educators, LLC, The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA), the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the US Chess Federation (USCF) are pleased to invite you to participate in the 7th Annual North American Youth Championship.

This event is open to players from the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the United States. This Championship will be rated by the US Chess Federation (USCF) and the World Chess Federation (FIDE). FIDE rules will apply.

The top boy and the top girl in each section will qualify to play in the 2012 Pan American Youth Championship. These players will be considered official players, and the accommodation and meals will be provided by the local organizer at no cost.

The top player in each section will receive the FIDE Candidate Master Title, which will be officially approved at the FIDE Congress in October 2011.

Trophies for the top five (5) players in each section.

SECTIONS (age as of Jan 1, 2011):

Open Sections and Girls Sections for players ages under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18.

Note: Sections with less than 8 players will be combined at the Tournament Director's discretion. FIDE titles are based on 8 games played with different opponents.

FORMAT: 7 ROUNDS, SWISS SYSTEM

TIME CONTROL: Game 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds increment.

SCHEDULE:

- Saturday, June 25, Arrival day
- Sunday, June 26, Opening Ceremony and Technical Meeting 9:30am;
- Round 1, 10am; Round 2, 3pm.
- Monday, June 27, Round 3, 10am; Round 4, 3pm.
- Tuesday, June 28, Round 5, 10am; Round 6, 3pm.
- Wednesday, June 29, Round 7, 10am; Awards Ceremony, 2:15pm; Speed Chess and

Bughouse Tournaments from 4-7pm.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:

(All players pay entry fees)

- \$75 for registrations by May 24, 2011
- \$100 for registration by June 13, 2011
- \$125 for registration by June 25, 2011

LODGING: DOUBLETREE TARRYTOWN HOTEL, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591, USA. \$119, plus taxes. This hotel is located in Westchester County in New York, and it is only 35 minutes away from Grand Central Station in New York City by Metro North Train. Each room has 2 double beds, and the price is the same for 1-4 people in the same room.

This is special rate and you must mention "Chess" when you make the reservation. You must make your reservation by Thursday, May 26, 2011 (Cutoff Date).

Call 1-914-631-5700.

Free Parking

Free Internet Connection

Each National Federation will be entitled to 1/2 a room in a double room for their official player in the open and girls sections based on ages under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 and a room for the Head of Delegation for each country. National Federations have until Tuesday, May 24, 2011, to send the list of official players to the organizer.

Special letters of invitation will be given to participants for Visa Entry Purposes. These letters can only be requested by the National Federations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION VISIT

www.chesseducators.com/northamericanyouth or Contact the Organizer, Beatriz Marinello by e-mailing Beatriz@chesseducators.com or calling 917-553-4522.

We are looking forward to your visit and your participation in this prestigious event. The event will include staff who speak English and Spanish.

Yours for Chess,

Beatriz Marinello

2011 North American Youth Championship Organizer

MOTIONS:

28. Motion 2011-J (Armstrong / McKim) "Opening Meeting Forum"

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Fred McKim

- that Section 2 of the CFC Handbook, the Rules and Regulations, s. 22 A, Procedures for Governors' Online Meetings, be amended by adding s. (8) Opening Meeting Forum, as follows:

s. (8) Opening Meeting Forum : As soon as the Governors' Letter containing the Minutes of the Meeting have been posted on the CFC Website, the Secretary shall archive the original text of the meeting. He shall also duplicate the forum for the purpose of opening it to the public. He shall delete any confidential materials, and so note this in the text. The forum shall then be opened to the public, and notice of such posted on the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum, along with the necessary URL and a Link

Results of vote:

No (11) Birarov, I Bluvshstein, Brammall, Bunning, Dutton, Field, Leblanc, Marghetis, Palsson,

von Keitz, Zeromskis

Yes (10) Armstrong, Barron, Brodie, Cabanas, Craft, Demian, Doubleday, Einarsson, McKim Noritsyn

Abstain (2) Craver, Mallon

Motion Fails

29. Motion 2011-K (Armstrong / McKim) "Clarifying CFC Member Rights"

Motion 2011 – K – Clarifying CFC Member Rights

Moved – Bob Armstrong; Seconded – Fred McKim
Moved - Bylaw # 1, s. 14, is deleted, and replaced by:
MEMBER RIGHTS

14. (1) Any individual Member shall have a right to be heard on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Federation, or his individual membership, or any situation where any individual member is aggrieved by any matter arising in the conduct of the affairs of the Federation, by approaching a CFC governor for assistance in presenting his submission, motion, etc. to the CFC AGM, Quarterly Meeting, or otherwise.. Any complaints or suggestions of any individual Member shall be dealt with by the Federation Secretary replying in writing to any governor acting on behalf of such member, with copy to such individual Member.

(2) Any individual member may bring a motion directly to the CFC governors, without governor assistance being required, if he has a member seconder, and endorsement of members totaling 5% of the total Adult and Life members. The total shall be based on the membership statistics issued May 1 by the CFC Secretary. Endorsing members must be 18 years of age or over, and there must be proof provided directly from the endorser to the CFC Secretary of each member's endorsement of the motion.

(3) As set out elsewhere in the Handbook, CFC members have the right as there set out, to elect their CFC governors

The above motion was deferred to the July AGM

30. Motion 2011-L (Armstrong / McKim) (For discussion only) "A Single CFC Annual Membership"

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Fred McKim

- that CFC replace the memberships for Adult, Family, and Junior, with a single new annual CFC membership, and the rate for the federal portion would be \$34.

The above motion was deferred to the July AGM

[editorial note: motion has subsequently been withdrawn]

31. Motion 2011-M (Jin / Armstrong) "Rules of Procedure for the Canadian Youth Championship"

Tournaments)

Motion 2011-M – Pan-American YCC and North American YCC Representatives

Moved: Anna Jin; Seconded: Bob Armstrong

That section 10 of the CFC Handbook, Rules of procedure for The Canadian Youth Championship Tournaments, section 1012, Participation in World Events, be amended by adding as a paragraph to subsection (a), after the words “ the order of finish “, the following:

If the World YCC , and/or the Pan-American YCC, and/or the North-American YCC occur before the same year’s Canadian YCC, then the official players’ selection will be: the highest CFC-rated player from each section as of two months before the event date.

This motion got a fairly detailed discussion and the President allowed the following alternate motion

Moved: Michael Barron; Seconded: Vladimir Birarov

Definitions

Cycle - period of time between consecutive CYCCs

Qualified players - placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd at most recent CYCC, if their result was at least 50%.

Rules

1. Qualified players are chosen to be official representatives during the cycle in the following order:

1st place in the same age category

2nd place in the same age category

3rd place in the same age category

2. When a player exercises his/her right to be an official representative, he/she moves to the end of the list, and could be chosen again, after other 2 qualified players exercise their right or decline to participate at the event under consideration.

3. If all qualified players in a category decline to participate at the event or move to the older age category before the end of the cycle, the best available player should be selected by the following criteria:

(a) Highest FIDE rating

(b) Highest CFC rating

4. All official players should be CFC members in good standing.

RESULTS OF VOTE:

32-M Yes to 2011-M2 (Barron / Birarov) (8) Barron, Craver, Leblanc, Marghetis, McKim, Noritsyn, Palsson, Birarov

Yes to 2011-M1 (Jin / Armstrong) (4) Armstrong, Cabanas, Demian, Nunes

No to both motions (10) Brammall, I Bluvshstein, Craft, Doubleday, Dutton, Einarsson, Field, Mallon, von Keitz, Zeromskis

Abstain (2) Brodie, Bunning

33. Selection of Youth Olympiad Coordinator - current candidates are Gary Gladstone and Xuekun Xing

RESULTS OF VOTE:

33. Junior Olympic Coordinator

Gary Gladstone (18)

Armstrong, Barron, Brodie, Cabanas, Craft, Craver, Demian, Dutton, Einarsson, Field, Leblanc, Mallon, Marghetis, McKim, Noritsyn, Palsson von Keitz, Zeromskis

Xuekun Xing (1) Nunes

Mr Gladstone Elected

NEW BUSINESS AND CLOSING COMMENTS

34. New Business:

a) Statement by the President:

With the loss of our charitable status, so goes our exemption from GST/HST on our revenues, membership dues and rating fees. We are now a regular non profit organization. The relevant CRA document can be found at:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/gp/rc4081/rc4081-10e.pdf>

To date, the CFC has absorbed this extra cost for our members. I wanted to discuss this issue with the Governors before passing this charge onto the membership. I propose we begin charging GST/HST as of May 1st.

If there are any tax experts who feel we can avoid this tax, we would love to hear from you. But my reading of it is that we can't.

b) Mr. von Keitz requested a straw vote of Governors on the various fee structure proposals

c) Mr. Zeromskis on the Olympiad:

The new item - Olympiad.

- The next chess Olympiad is scheduled for August 27-September 10, 2012, in Turkey. According to the Handbook "Selection of players for the Teams by rating shall be based on the average of the player's highest CFC rating and highest FIDE rating during the year prior to the start of the selection process (which begins 180 days before the start of the Olympiad)", meaning that the whole process started around 2011 February 27 (a rough subtraction of 18 month).
- "(b) The CFC shall publish, with each rating update, a list of the top 10 Selection Ratings and the top 10 Selection Ratings of female players." The last year the updates were with every new FIDE list.
- The forthcoming Canadian Closed Champion will become a Olympiad team member. (I assume that there will be no Closed in 2012.) I think this should be advertised/emphasized too.

d) Mr. Barron asked about the EKG contract and the future of the Business Office and the President gave an update on negotiations.

35. Items for the Annual General Meeting

- Mr Leblanc wrote about the issue of under-rated juniors
- It is noted that motions K and L were deferred to the AGM for further discussion / action

36. Concluding Address by the President

It is time to close the meeting. The issue of selecting official players for the PanAm and North American Youth Championships is being discussed on the Youth Committee Board. I have received numerous emails on the matter as well. Our solution will be forthcoming soon and Governors will be advised.

As for general comments on the meeting:

Attendance was down a bit, comments and reports were a bit sparse. The tone of the meeting was much improved and that is appreciated by yours truly. We still had a few hiccups, for example the voting tally was not supposed to be viewable before polls closed. oops. Overall, the meetings are serving the purpose of getting everyone together on a regular basis to discuss the issues.

When I look at the long agenda at these meeting, it really demonstrates the complexity of governing the CFC. It is an immense task. Just facilitating good communications amongst 60 governors, educating everyone on the issues, and finding workable solutions amongst such diverse opinions, well....is it any wonder the road is rocky at times. Nevertheless, we are making progress and I thank everyone for their contributions.

I was very relieved to see no angry debate on the GST/HST issue. Paul is correct, we can't continue to absorb this cost. I will instruct Gerry to begin charging tax effective May 1st, the start of the new fiscal year.

Last year when we were looking for organizers for our national championships, I got a lot of....well, we won't be ready in 2011, but maybe 2012.....so I'll be looking forward to some bids at the AGM. 🇩🇪

That's it for now. The governors board is open for discussion 24/7, so if you want to raise an issue, no need to wait till the AGM



The Chess Federation of Canada La Fédération Canadienne des Échecs

CFC 2010-11 FINANCIAL REPORT

June 27th, 2011

Dear Stakeholders:

I am happy to report continued improvements for our 2011 fiscal year as presented in these statements. Net revenue is down from \$12,133 to \$2,642 simply for the reason that more funds were contributed to our programs like the newsletter, national events, and the Olympiad. Because fiscal reporting has occurred quickly and accurately, the CFC Executive had the information and confidence to make decisions towards these aims.

Our balance sheet is extremely liquid with a current ratio above 2.5 which allows for easier management of day-to-day operations. Our revenue and expenditure statement is slightly more positive than 2010. For revenues; sales, membership, and foundation interest are all up. Although rating fees revenue is down (2010 was a record year!) we must remember it still ranks 2nd highest in the last 6 years despite CFC absorbing all HST liability for the 3 months February to April. On the expenditure side I believe everything turned out consistently almost exactly on budget. Note #8 on page 7 shows an explicit breakdown of office expenses. Cash on hand dropped slightly as we invested over \$7,000 into capital assets. Because the new website was still under construction, any amortization on it has been deferred to the next fiscal year. Many good quality notes to these statements have been provided on pages 5-7 for those who wish to get oriented further.

As an opinion, until CFC wins a major sponsorship I believe we should just be content to manage it like a chess position, keep accumulating small advantages. I believe this is now happening and the goal should be simple, each year improves on the last. Let's at least do everything to help ourselves instead of dreaming about handouts!

I would also like to mention that although adult members dropped this year by 20, we are still +10 from 2 years ago. The overall membership total is down mostly because we did not hold on to every "P" type. The vast majority of those did switch either to a full junior or family membership. I would be surprised to hear anyone say they would have expected to keep everyone of those.

As bad or good as things are, take my word for it...it could be worse!
To sum up then...stay the course, a thousand points of light, stay the course.

Gerry Litchfield

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT APRIL 30, 2011
UNAUDITED

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 15,025 | \$ 10,450 |
| In Trust with Foundation | 60,072 | 65,809 |
| Accounts receivable | 3,853 | 4,860 |
| Prepaid expenses | 500 | 3,917 |
| | 79,450 | 85,036 |
| CAPITAL ASSETS (note 2) | 8,240 | 3,319 |
| | \$ 87,690 | \$ 88,355 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 7,729 | \$ 8,434 |
| Deferred membership revenue | 20,405 | 20,581 |
| | 28,134 | 29,015 |
| DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (note 3) | 7,839 | 10,265 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Opening balance | 49,075 | 36,942 |
| Net revenue for the year | 2,642 | 12,133 |
| | 51,717 | 49,075 |
| | \$ 87,690 | \$ 88,355 |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2011
 UNAUDITED

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS | | |
| Balance - beginning of year | \$ 3,319 | \$ 5,664 |
| Purchase of capital assets | 7,060 | - |
| Sale of capital assets | - | - |
| Amortization of capital assets | (2,139) | (2,345) |
| Balance - end of year | \$ 8,240 | \$ 3,319 |

UNRESTRICTED

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance - beginning of year | 45,756 | 31,278 |
| Net revenue for the year | 2,642 | 12,133 |
| Purchase of capital assets | (7,060) | - |
| Sale of capital assets | - | - |
| Amortization of capital assets | 2,139 | 2,345 |
| Balance - end of year | \$ 43,477 | \$ 45,756 |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2011
 UNAUDITED

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Sales of books and equipment | \$ 28,545 | \$ 22,070 |
| Memberships (note 5) | 48,112 | 46,767 |
| Contribution from Foundation | 7,263 | 3,624 |
| Rating fees (note 6) | 25,693 | 28,582 |
| Donations | 4,787 | 11,640 |
| Other programs (note 3) | 89,025 | 58,701 |
| Other revenue | 686 | 532 |
| | 204,111 | 171,916 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Cost of sales | 20,129 | 17,730 |
| General and administrative | | |
| Administration services | 44,119 | 42,939 |
| Office (note 8) | 12,664 | 11,764 |
| | 56,783 | 54,703 |
| Programs | | |
| Publication; e-Newsletter | 18,000 | 7,550 |
| International (note 7) | 5,664 | 8,045 |
| 2011 Zonal Championship | 2,863 | - |
| 2010 Canadian Open | 2,128 | - |
| 2010 Olympiad | 1,085 | - |
| Contributions to clubs and affiliates | 3,092 | 10,948 |
| Contributions to Chess Foundation | 2,700 | 2,106 |
| Other programs (note 3) | 89,025 | 58,701 |
| | 124,557 | 87,350 |
| | 201,469 | 159,783 |
| NET REVENUE FOR THE YEAR | \$ 2,642 | \$ 12,133 |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2011
 UNAUDITED

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| <hr/> | | |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net Revenue | \$ 2,642 | 12,133 |
| Items not requiring an outlay of cash: | | |
| Amortization of capital assets | 2,139 | 2,345 |
| Working capital changes: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1,007 | (2,539) |
| Prepaid expenses | 3,417 | 3,250 |
| Accounts payable | (705) | (11,240) |
| Chess foundation payable | - | (540) |
| Deferred membership revenue | (176) | 481 |
| Deferred contributions | (2,426) | 1,965 |
| | <hr/> 5,898 | <hr/> 5,855 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| New Website | (5,278) | - |
| Computer equipment | (1,783) | - |
| | <hr/> (7,061) | <hr/> - |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| | <hr/> - | <hr/> - |
| NET DECREASE (INCREASE) IN CASH | <hr/> \$ (1,163) | <hr/> 5,855 |

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 30, 2011
UNAUDITED

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Organization

The Chess Federation of Canada / La Fédération Canadienne des Échecs was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Canada Corporations Act. The Federation's mission is to promote and encourage generally in Canada, the knowledge, study and playing of the game of chess.

These financial statements do not include the accounts of the Chess Foundation of Canada as detailed in note 4.

(b) Amortization

Amortization is provided on the reducing balance basis as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Furniture and equipment | 20% |
| Computer equipment | 50% |
| National library | 20% |
| SwissSys Software | 50% |

(c) Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for revenues. Membership fees are recorded as revenues in the period to which they relate. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable only if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(d) Foreign Currency Payables Holding

(i) US Dollar payables (\$3,000) held @ 1.00 (ii) Euro payables (566 €) held @ 1.45

2. CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|--|
| | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net | Net | | |
| Furniture and equipment | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 232 | | |
| Computer equipment | 11,197 | 9,860 | 1,337 | 338 | | |
| National library | 8,240 | 7,571 | 669 | 837 | | |
| SwissSys Development | 5,100 | 4,144 | 956 | 1,912 | | |
| Website | 5,278 | 0 | 5,278 | 0 | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 34,815 | \$ 26,575 | \$ 8,240 | \$ 3,319 | | |

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3. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

| | Olympic Donations | Youth CC Program | Kalev Pugi Program | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Balance - begin of year | \$ 3,120 | \$ 5,262 | \$ 1,843 | \$ 10,225 |
| Add: contributions | 11,192 | 74,627 | 820 | 86,639 |
| Less: recognized as revenue | (14,312) | (72,113) | (2,600) | (89,025) |
| Balance - end of year | \$ - | \$ 7,776 | \$ 63 | \$ 7,839 |

Olympic donations are designated to provide financial support for participation of Canadian representatives in the International Chess Olympiads. The Canadian Youth Chess Championships (CYCC) entry fees cover the cost of sending players to the World Youth Chess Championships (WYCC). The Kalev Pugi Fund was established as a bequest in the Chess Foundation of Canada. Each year interest earned by this fund is transferred from the Foundation to the Federation to provide travel assistance for junior players. Contributions to these programs are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred.

4. CHESS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Chess Foundation of Canada is effectively controlled by The Chess Federation of Canada since the Federation appoints the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The Foundation was established as a trust to financially help the Federation promote and develop chess. Donations of \$0 (2010 - \$0) and life membership fees of \$2,700 (2010 - \$2,106) have been paid into the Foundation from the Federation. The Foundation has contributed \$7,263 (2010 - \$3,624) in support of the Federation's general operations and \$820 (2010 - \$760) towards the Kalev Pugi junior program. The Foundation has not been consolidated with the Federation's financial statements. Financial summaries of the unconsolidated Chess Foundation of Canada as at April 30, 2011 and 2010 and the years then ended were prepared internally.

| | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|---|------|---------|------|---------|
| BALANCE SHEET | | | | |
| Assets | \$ | 265,984 | \$ | 243,128 |
| Liabilities | | 9,952 | | 8,083 |
| Net assets | \$ | 256,032 | \$ | 235,045 |
| STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Revenue | \$ | 12,613 | \$ | 10,153 |
| Expenditure | | 13,823 | | 4,384 |
| Net revenue for the year | \$ | (1,210) | \$ | 5,769 |

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| 5. MEMBERSHIP REVENUE | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Annual memberships | \$ 42,070 | \$ 41,632 |
| Tournament memberships | 4,236 | 3,510 |
| Adjustment to deferred revenue | 176 | -481 |
| Life memberships | 2,700 | 2,106 |
| HST adjustment | -1,070 | - |
| Membership revenue reported | <u>48,112</u> | <u>46,767</u> |
| Less: Foundation donation | 2,700 | 2,106 |
| Net membership revenue | <u>\$ 45,412</u> | <u>\$ 44,661</u> |

Annual paying members 2010 → 2011; Adult (\$36) 975 → 956, Junior (\$24) 176 → 306,
 Participating Junior (\$12) 278 → 79, Family (\$18) 18 → 39

| 6. RATING FEES REVENUE | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (a) Domestic | \$ 22,044 | \$ 24,262 |
| (b) FIDE | 4,342 | 4,320 |
| (c) HST adjustment | -693 | - |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 25,693</u> | <u>\$ 28,582</u> |

| 7. INTERNATIONAL EXPENSES | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) FIDE - Canada Membership | \$ 1,585 | \$ 1,792 |
| (b) FIDE - Title Applications | 606 | 1,879 |
| (c) FIDE - Event Rating fees | 2,244 | 2,469 |
| (d) FIDE - Rating List fees | 326 | 272 |
| (e) FIDE - Americas Zonal fee | - | 1,634 |
| (f) FIDE - Event Entry fees | 588 | - |
| (g) FIDE - Federation Transfer fees | 315 | - |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 5,664</u> | <u>\$ 8,045</u> |

| 8. OFFICE EXPENSES | 2011 | 2010 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (a) Storage | \$ 2,773 | \$ 2,767 |
| (b) Credit Card charges | 2,451 | 2,225 |
| (c) Amortization | 2,139 | 2,346 |
| (d) Professional fees | 1,828 | 280 |
| (e) Travel | 1,000 | 1,802 |
| (f) Advertising | 846 | 619 |
| (g) Bank charges | 735 | 777 |
| (h) Other | 892 | 948 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 12,664</u> | <u>\$ 11,764</u> |

Chess Federation of Canada
Budget for Year ended April 30, 2012

Budget Notes

General comments - Self financing programs (Olympic teams, Youth program, Pugi Fund) revenues and expenditures are excluded except for any subsidized portions from general funds.

Memberships dues - Are based on starting memberships of 1,821 and rising to 2,000 members by May 1, 2012. Life memberships have not been forecast since they just flow through to The Chess Foundation.

Rating Fees - We expect rating fees to rebound back to near 2010 levels.

Outsourcing Contract - The current contract runs to April 30, 2013. The contract consists of a base rate of \$42,000 per year, a percentage of sales, and bonuses for increases in membership dues and rating fees.

Newsletter / Website - We have maintained the previous budget of \$18,000 which was based on 12 newsletter issues at \$1,500 per issue. Going forward, the newsletter and website do overlap to a degree the job of delivering chess news. Editorial costs and paid content costs need to be shared effectively by these two mediums.

Chess Federation of Canada
Budget for Year ended April 30, 2012

| | Year end April 30, 2011 Actual | Year end April 30, 2012 Budget | Year end April 30, 2013 Forecast |
|---|---|---|---|
| Memberships | 45,412 | 48,819 | 54,082 |
| Life memberships | 2,700 | - | - |
| Rating Fees | 25,693 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| FEN Equipment Sales | 27,884 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Amazon Book Sales | 661 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Donations | 4,787 | - | - |
| Interest from Foundation | 7,263 | 9,132 | 9,132 |
| CCN Advertising | 325 | 500 | 500 |
| Other | 361 | - | - |
| | 115,086 | 117,451 | 122,714 |
| Cost of Sales | 20,129 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| Executive travel and expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Outsourcing Contract | 44,119 | 46,024 | 47,822 |
| Office expenses | 11,664 | 12,732 | 12,732 |
| CCN Newsletter | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| International expenses (FIDE) | 5,664 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Contributions to clubs and affiliates | 3,092 | - | - |
| Support for Canadian Open | 2,128 | - | - |
| Support for Olympic team | 1,085 | - | - |
| Support for Canadian Closed | 2,863 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Amortize new website - est 18k over 5 years | - | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Discretionary / Emergency fund | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Membership drive pamphlets | - | 500 | 500 |
| Audit fees | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Life memberships - Chess Foundation | 2,700 | - | - |
| | 112,444 | 117,356 | 119,154 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 2,642 | 95 | 3,560 |

Chess Federation of Canada
Annual General Meeting Agenda
July 11th – 12th, 2011

PART ONE – Assembly of Outgoing Governors

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Opening Comments of Chair
3. 2010 Minutes (published in G L 1)
4. Reports

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Past President
- E. FIDE Representative
- F. Youth Coordinator
- G. Masters Representative
- H. Woman's Coordinator
- I. Rating Auditor
- J. Chess Foundation of Canada
- K. Kalev Pugi Fund
- L. Treasurer
- M. Executive Director: Financial Report
- N. Budget 2012 for discussion

5. Motions

- 5.1 Armstrong/ McKim - repeal of section 14, Members rights
- 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 Bluvshstein/ Zeromskis - 3 motions on Olympic selections.

PART TWO - Assembly of Incoming Governors

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Election of Governors from Non-Affiliated Provinces/Territories
3. Re-registration of Proxies
4. Opening comments of the Chair
5. Elections

- 5.1 President
- 5.2 Vice-President
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Treasurer
- 5.5 Youth Coordinator
- 5.6 FIDE Representative

- 5.7 Women Coordinator
- 5.8 Rating Auditor
- 5.9 Publicity Officer
- 5.10 Fund Raising Officer

6. Appointment of Auditors

7. Appointment of Chess Foundation of Canada Trustees

- 7.1 Four year term:
- 7.2 One year term:

8. Appointment of Committee Members

8.1 Kavel Pugi Fund Committee:

8.2 National Appeals Committee:

9. Bids for 2012 Events

9A 2012 Canadian Open

9B 2012 CYCC:

9C Any other Bids:

10. Any other business

10.1 Formal thanks to 2011 Canadian Open Organizers

10.2 Bids for National Championships

10.3 2011/2012 Budget

10.4 Rating Proposals re Under-rated Juniors

10.5 FIDE Titles – International Organizer

10.6 Adjournment

Proxy Form

Annual General Meeting of the C.F.C. Toronto 2011

I, _____ of _____,
a member of the Outgoing Assembly of Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada, hereby appoint
“ _____ ”

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at the Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on the 11th and 12th of July 2011, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2011.

Instructions to Proxy:

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5. Motions

Motions for Final Vote:

| | | | | |
|------------|--|-----------|----|---------|
| 5.1 2011-K | Repeal of section 14, Members rights | Vote: Yes | No | Abstain |
| 5.2 2011-L | Olympic Selection Regulations Handbook s 1205b | Vote: Yes | No | Abstain |
| 5.3 2011-M | Olympic Selection Regulations Handbook s 1206f | Vote: Yes | No | Abstain |
| 5.4 2011-N | Olympic Selections Regulations Handbook s 1211 | Vote: Yes | No | Abstain |

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Instructions to Proxy:

Nominate For: President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

FIDE Representative _____

Rating Auditor _____

Junior Coordinator _____

Women's Coordinator _____

Vote For: President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

FIDE Representative _____

Rating Auditor _____

Junior Coordinator _____

Women's Coordinator _____

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