

***British Columbia Chess Federation
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Minutes of 1995
Annual General Meeting
Sandman Inn, Vancouver, BC,
May 21-22, 1995***

1. **The meeting was convened at 4:20 pm by President Wilson Yeung.**

BCCF Members present were Mark Barnes, Francisco Cabanas, Lyle Craver, Toni Deline, Valer Demian, Jason Feng, Dave Hunter, Justin Kalef, Ronald Kuiper, Jack Lee, Glen MacDermid, Gilbert Sommerfeld, Lynn Stringer, Nicholas Taylor, Mike Westbrook, Alan Whitman, Jason Williamson, Wilson Yeung.

2. **Reading of Minutes of 1994 Annual General Meeting.** There was discussion on the subject of the current state of the Northern BC Chess Association. There was no change to the resolution passed in 1993 (e.g. to suspend rebates to the NBCCA until minutes and financial statements were received). The President noted that he had been in contact with Von Sarac.

Motion to adopt minutes as read moved by Cabanas, seconded by Kuiper. Passed unanimously. (All motions below are passed unanimously except as noted.)

3. (a) **President's report:** (see attached)

3 (b) **Treasurer's report:** (see attached) The treasurer was directed to contact Jonathan Berry concerning his Canadian Closed airfare and the portion to have been payable by the North Bay 1994 organizing committee. Moved / Seconded to accept Treasurer's report: Kalef / Stringer. Passed.

3 (c) **Junior Coordinator's report:** Justin Kalef spoke about the formation of the K-12 Chess Association which he noted was mostly composed of parents of chess playing children. He noted that special thanks were due to Mrs. Stringer and Messrs. Cabanas, Demian, Lee, Williamson and Yeung. His main thrust this year was in the promotion of chess in schools, particularly in the recruitment and training of coaches. Though he was stepping down due to work commitments, Mr Kalef hopes to see more school chess clubs.

Other items mentioned were his meeting with the Gifted Children Coordinator of School District #39 (Vancouver) concerning chess as part of the school curriculum - with funding being the major concern. Justin suggests dividing the Junior Coordinator's position in two between Tournament Directing and administrative roles. He also noted discussions with organizers in Kamloops and Northern BC with their major concerns being ways to organize and promote new clubs. A discussion ensued concerning the proper role of the BCCF vis a vis the Chess 'n Math organization. Mr Cabanas suggested that due to the interprovincial nature of the Chess 'n Math organization we should follow the

lead of the CFC. It was noted that both the major problem with the Chess 'n Math organization and their major strength was their rival rating system. Some felt two rating systems engendered confusion on the part of juniors and their parents, others thought that was not much of a problem. It was noted that the rating formulae used by Chess 'n Math were not as accurate as those of the CFC though they were popular with the participants. It was estimated that the average Chess 'n Math rating was approximately 200 points below the CFC rating for players who had both.

Moved / Seconded to accept the Junior Coordinator's report: Williamson / Sommerfeld. PASSED.

3 (d) **Island Vice-President's report:** Mrs. Stringer thanked Dan Myers who she described as the biggest organizer on Vancouver Island. Six junior tournaments were held this year (with entries from several places on Vancouver Island besides Victoria) with the Wednesday 'Kids Nights' being a hit in Victoria.

Moved / Seconded to accept Island Vice-President's report: Craver / Sommerfeld. PASSED.

3 (e) Report of the CFC 1st Vice-President. Francisco Cabanas noted the reorganization at the CFC Business Office with two office staffers instead of the former three. He discussed the CFC Internet Site (1st national chess federation in the world on the World Wide Web); interested players should check En Passant for details. He also discussed the new fax back system for tournament directors to get up to the minute ratings lists. Crosstables are now being mailed to tournament directors with the overall goal being to provide better service to Tournament Directors and Organizers. He specifically sought input on what members (and Tournament Directors in particular) thought of the changes and what additional changes are desired. He also noted that the CFC is now accepting tournament reports by Internet E-Mail **but** phone the CFC to give your credit card information - do **not** send your credit card numbers by Internet E-Mail. (He noted that steps are being taken to increase security and hopes to change the prohibition of sending numbers by E-Mail by next year.) Moved / Seconded to accept CFC V-P's report: Sommerfeld / Williamson. PASSED.

3 (f) BC Chess Foundation: Mrs. Stringer noted that the current balance was \$4,799.59 with earned interest being \$341.71. Members were reminded that the concept of the Chess Foundation was to roll over the interest to build our capital for future use along the model of the Chess Foundation of Canada. Moved / Seconded to accept the Foundation Report: Cabanas / Macdermid. PASSED.

3 (g) No other reports were presented at this years' meeting.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following offices were each elected by acclamation:

- President: Wilson Yeung
- Treasurer: Lyle Craver
- Secretary: Lyle Craver
- Island Vice-President: Lynn Stringer
- Northern Vice-President: Alan Whitman
- Interior Vice-President: George Hara (Motion: Moved / Seconded: Cabanas / Stringer that Mr Hara be asked to fill the Interior VP post and if not accepted, the President will nominate a Vice-President as per the BCCF Constitution. PASSED)
- Junior Coordinator: Valer Demian
- Tournaments Coordinator: Jack Lee

- Publicity Coordinator: Open (Motion: Moved / Seconded: Cabanas / Craver that the post be left vacant subject to the President nominating a Publicity Coordinator as per the BCCF Constitution. PASSED)

5. **Election of CFC Governors:** The following persons were elected as Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada: Francisco Cabanas, Lyle Craver, Jason Feng, Jack Lee, Lynn Stringer, Alan Whitman, Wilson Yeung. Gilbert Sommerfeld was chosen as 1st Alternate.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

a) Moved / Seconded by Whitman/Cabanas that the Bylaws and Constitution of the BCCF be amended to combine the executive positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

b) Moved / Seconded by Whitman/Cabanas: "Be it resolved that given the significance of the CFC Governors' position, that CFC Officers resident in British Columbia at the time of their election be automatically selected as a CFC Governor provided said person is not a Governor by other means.

c) Moved / Seconded by Whitman / Cabanas: "Be it resolved that given the significance of the CFC Governors' position, that the President of the BCCF be automatically selected as a CFC Governor provided said person is not a Governor by other means.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm to be resumed at 3:00 pm Sunday May 22nd.

8. The meeting was resumed at 3:30 pm Sunday May 22nd.

9. Casino License: The President reported that an application for a Casino License had been made in October 1994, Victoria had replied in December requesting more information which was supplied and we received acknowledgement of our application in January 1995. The President noted that his information (received from the Gaming Commission) was that a waiting period of six to eight months was common and that our current status was "Application Pending".

10. Funding of travel costs for Grade Champions: a general discussion ensued on the desirability of funding our Grade Champions to the National Scholastic Championships (the 1995 version of which was being played that weekend). While everyone agreed full funding was desirable it was clear that given the current state of BCCF finances this was impractical. The main question then became to what extent can these tournaments be self funding with respect to travel costs? It was pointed out that the whole issue was tied in with national issues (e.g. CFC/Chess 'n' Math etc.) and was tabled for further discussion.

11. Adjournment - Moved / Seconded Cabanas / Stringer at 4:30 p.m. PASSED.