

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS FEDERATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 22nd and 23rd, 1999
Royal Towers Hotel, New Westminster, BC

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm by President Toni Deline

Members present: Mark Barnes, Paul Bisailon, Robert Brewster, Francisco Cabanas, Henry Chiu, Lyle Craver, Toni Deline, Alice Eslava, Charles Fekete, Joshua Keshet, Warren Purdy, Mike Stanford, Wally Steinke, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer, Alan Whitman, Stephen Wright

The minutes of the 1998 meeting were reviewed and approved. (Moved/Seconded: Cabanas/Stockhausen)

Reports of Officers:

President: Thanks to various officers, notably junior coordinators. BC hosted the Canadian Junior championship. Tournament attendance has increased since Christmas. The president hopes to involve vice-presidents more in 1999-2000.

The BCCF has gotten into the business of equipment sales, mostly in the Vancouver area.

GM Ivkov was scheduled to come to the 1999 Keres Memorial and other tournaments in Vancouver. Due to the NATO bombing campaign he went to the Canadian Embassy in New York, but was refused a visa although the United States had just granted him a visa good until October, 1999. Letters to the Minister were sent by Messrs. Deline, CFC President Maurice Smith and E&M President Larry Bevand. The stated reason was that the Canadian government was concerned that Mr. Ivkov and family might not return to Yugoslavia to be bombed or drafted.

The President wanted to particularly mention the following people: Stephen Wright for his role in the BCCF Archives and Robert Brewster for the Kingsgate Mall classes for juniors.

Moved to accept: (Stockhausen/Keshet)

Secretary / Treasurer: (see attached) (Keshet/Stringer)

Vice Presidents: none received

Junior Coordinator: Mr. Keshet presented a financial report concerning BC Junior activities. (see attached) 52 sets jointly with K/12, 2 Cadet trophies, 1 Junior trophy (scheduled for replacement in 2000), 4 Youth Festival trophies, 13 clocks, 1 Canadian

flag, 2 demo boards plus other equipment. All of the above came from fundraising performed by the junior coordinators and others.

\$20 per player was donated for the BC/Washington Junior match (2 boards per grade).

\$500 was donated to send Olya Shishkina to the World Junior in Spain.

BC hosted the Canadian Junior Championship, won by Pascal Charbonneau (Quebec). Mr. Keshet noted that the Canadian Junior Championship has been re-designated a Swiss rather than Round-Robin event for 2000. He particularly asked for a large turnout at the CFC Annual meeting in July to support our views on this.

He invited all players to come see our players at the BC Youth Festival to be held July 1-3, 1999.

Special thanks to Lynn Stringer and Tim Bethall (both Victoria).

Both Junior Coordinators are looking for fresh blood among junior organizers for 2000.

Moved to accept: (Purdy/Whitman)

BC Chess Foundation: (Lynn Stringer) No new BCCF Life Members this year. (Financial report to follow) Moved to accept: (Cabanas/Keshet)

Election of Officers:

The following people were elected as follows:

President: Toni Deline

Vice Presidents: Vancouver Island: Lynn Stringer

Interior: Wally Steinke (pending acceptance)

Northern BC: John Niksic

Secretary / Treasurer: Lyle Craver

Junior Coordinator: Joshua Keshet / Richard Krysz

Tournament Coordinator: Mark Barnes

Toni Deline was acclaimed as Governor in his role as BCCF President.

Confusion arose as to the rules respecting the election of Governors.

Alan Whitman was acclaimed Governor representing the Interior region, being the only nomination to stand.

The following were elected as CFC Governors:

Mark Barnes, Lyle Craver, Doreen Loseth (pending acceptance) and Lynn Stringer,

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm to be resumed Sunday.

The meeting was resumed Sunday May 23rd at 4:30pm

A copy of the BCCF Constitution was tabled and the President noted that the Constitution specifies the British Columbia Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada have at least one from each BCCF region but left the boundaries of the regions unspecified. The President said he intended to contact the Registrar of Societies to see what if any constitutional amendments had been filed. The Secretary/Treasurer undertook to convert the constitution to a machine-readable format as quickly as possible.

New Business:

1) Committees: The President discussed his wish to convene two committees (a) a Junior Committee and a (b) Keres 25th Anniversary Committee.

The question was raised as to whether it is constitutionally possible for non-BCCF members (mostly parents of active juniors) to serve on official BCCF committees.

2) The President noted his desire for the Executive and CFC Governors to meet prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada to discuss issues of interest.

3) Canadian Open 1999: We are seeking billets for the Canadian Open. (It was noted that in general it would be worthwhile for tournament directors and organizers to offer entry fee discounts to billet hosts)

The Canadian Open organizers would particularly appreciate help with:

Assistant TDs skilled at spotting "time scrambles"

Helpers for room set-up

Helpers for registration

4) Interest was expressed in making a bid for the 2000 Canadian Women's Championship. The President speculated on the availability of space in the Downtown Vancouver YWCA. The President said he would work out a plan for presentation to the CFC Annual General Meeting in July.

5) COUNTERPLAY: Discussion of Counterplay ensued. The President noted that there had not been an annual general meeting of that association in the preceding year. Further it was alleged that some people were confused as to who the executive of Counterplay was actually comprised of. He noted that there was not even reliable information about the Counterplay bank account. He questioned the legitimacy of the Counterplay executive that was last elected. It was determined that the members of the BCCF comprised all of the members of Counterplay. The President called to adjourn the AGM of the BCCF and immediately hold an extra-ordinary meeting of Counter-Play.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm for the purpose of holding an extra-ordinary meeting of the Counterplay Publishing Association.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:15 pm.

6) The President reported to the meeting that Wally Steinke did not accept his appointment as Interior Vice-President. The President further reported that he had appointed Alan Whitman to that post, and that Mr. Whitman had accepted.

7) BCCF Web Page: www.chess.bc.ca is managed by Tournament Coordinator Mark Barnes. He stated that he is very cooperative in posting material on the Web page if sent to him electronically (i.e. Mark is not interested in typing your material). It was the general consensus that more material such as minutes of meetings, executive decisions, the Constitution and financial statements should be posted to ensure the membership had ready access to such.

8) Coordination of events: the BCCF Tournament Coordinator's main job is to coordinate chess activity in the province. It was suggested that he work as closely as possible with junior co-ordinators and others (and that those parties work closely with him). It was noted that free advertising of BC events is available to organizers on both the BCCF Web page and *En Passant*

9) 25th Anniversary Keres Memorial: The President discussed his thinking on the 2000 Keres Memorial, which he described as "potentially quite a large event". He is exploring the UBC Totem Park site, that being the site of Paul Keres last tournament.

The President discussed striking a 25th Keres Memorial Committee with the intent of getting things well under way by the Canadian Open in order to promote the tournament at that time. The membership of the Committee will be later selected by the Executive. It was suggested that all previous winners of the tournament be invited.

10) Uncertainty arose as to whether the BCCF was actually a named bidder in the successful bid for the 1999 Canadian Open to be held in Richmond.

11) The Secretary was directed to assemble copies of BCCF Minutes from past minutes along with Executive correspondence touching on bids etc.

Moved to adjourn (Barnes/Keshet) at 5:50 pm

Note: Many of the Executive Members have Internet Accounts. There are:

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