

***British Columbia Chess Federation***  
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***Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting***  
***Totem Park, UBC***  
***May 21/22, 2000***

1. The meeting was convened at 2:15 pm by President Toni Deline.

Present were:

Mark Barnes, Robert Brewster, Francisco Cabanas, Avery Chicoine, Lyle Craver, Edward Enns, Alice Eslava, John Firor, Bruce Harper, Tyler Johnson, Richard Krys, Tristram McPherson, Kaleim Nathani, Mike Stanford, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer, Jason Williamson, Stephen Wright (plus one more unreadable signature). Arriving later were Rick Chranowski and John Niksic.

Mr. Brebirsch of Alberta proposed a BC – Alberta match to be held in a mutually agreed location and offered to help with the match.

2. Minutes of the 1999 Meeting: Moved to accept the 1999 Minutes of the AGM as presented (Barnes/Krys) Approved.

3. Reports of Officers:

a) President:

1999/2000 was a very busy year in BC, major events being the Canadian Open and numerous junior events. One regret was that no BC Womens' Championship was held in 1999. The BC Closed was held with Jonathan Berry and Dragoljub Milicevic being co-champions.

The President expressed difficulties with members of the Executive concerning the 1999 Canadian Open. He expressed dissatisfaction with the Chief Director due to the Chief Director referring all financial questions concerning Open to the Chief Organizer.

The President expressed annoyance with the Chief Director's withholding of information concerning the Canadian Open. In the President's opinion no director who was either CFC President nor the BCCF Secretary ought to have been in any doubt that the 1999 bid was in fact the BCCF's.

Two points of personal privilege were raised concerning the President's report concerning his views of the 1999 Canadian Open. A discussion ensued concerning the 1999 Canadian Open.

The President noted that Joshua Keshet is not seeking re-election this year; the President wished him well and thanked him for his efforts

Moved (Haukenfrers/Stringer) that the Assembly thank Mr. Keshet for his efforts on behalf of the BCCF in promoting junior chess in BC. Passed.

Moved (Barnes/Enns) to accept the President's report – passed unopposed with many abstentions. (Note: all motions were passed unanimously except as noted)

b) Vice Presidents

John Niksic (Northern BC): chess is slowly declining in the North. He attributes this to the need for more volunteers. Moved to accept the Northern VP's report (Williamson/Nathani). Passed

Mike Friesen (Interior): no report. Comments were made concerning the resignation of Alan Whitman.

Lynn Stringer (Vancouver Island): Mrs. Stringer reported on the increased level of tournament activity particularly among juniors. Lynn held her usual four tournaments in Victoria. She reported some level of support in Duncan and Campbell River and regretted the activity level in Nanaimo.

Moved to accept the Vancouver Island VP's report (Barnes/Krys). Passed

c) Treasurer: See BCCF Financial Statements for details. A detailed question and answer period concerning the declining fortunes of the BCCF in 1999/2000 ensued. Moved to accept the Treasurer's report (Krys/Johnson). Passed.

d) Secretary: See Secretary's Report (attached to financials). Moved to accept the Secretary's report (Haukenfrers/Williamson). Passed.

e) Junior Coordinator: Richard Krys reports Joshua Keshet is in Calgary with the Scholastic Challenge tournament. He reported on the Coordinators' financial statement and BC's role in the CYCC.

Richard notes that the BC rating list is about 4 pages longer than last year and attributes much of the gain to the junior program. More than 1000 juniors are currently listed in the Junior Coordinators' database (not all of these are current CFC/BCCF members)

Several players noted that the Junior program was the bright light of chess in BC. It was also noted that Joshua Keshet has become CFC National Junior Coordinator in the past year. Moved to accept the Junior Coordinators' report (Haukenfrers/Cabanas). Passed.

f) Tournament Coordinator: Congratulations to the 2000 BC Co-Champions. Mark Barnes expressed his support for the current BC Closed round robin format, particularly in light of the growth of FIDE rated players in BC as a result. He hopes the format for 2001 will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting. Moved to accept the Tournament Coordinator's report (Williamson/Johnson). Passed.

g) BC Chess Foundation: (get copy from Lynn) Krys/Haukenfrers

Moved to adjourn Barnes/Haukenfrers Adjourned 4:10pm

The meeting was resumed at 2:25pm Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Members present were: Mark Barnes, Francisco Cabanas, Rick Chranowski, Lyle Craver, Toni Deline, Bruce Harper, Tyler Johnson, Richard Kryz, Jason Williamson, Stephen Wright

**Election of Officers:**

President: Bruce Harper

Vice Presidents: Vancouver Island: Lynn Stringer  
Interior: vacant  
Northern BC John Niksic

Secretary: Lyle Craver

Treasurer: Lyle Craver

Junior Coordinators: Richard Kryz, Jack Daswani

Tournament Coordinator: Mark Barnes

Publicity Coordinator: vacant

Clubs Coordinator: Hugh Long (pending acceptance)

Members at Large: Francisco Cabanas, David Herder, Tyler Johnson, Peter Stockhausen, Jason Williamson, Stephen Wright

CFC Governors: Bruce Harper, Mark Barnes, Lyle Craver, Lynn Stringer, (Interior nominee), (Northern BC nominee – John Niksic?)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. There was a general discussion ensued on the format of the 2001 BC Championship. Reasons for maintaining the round robin format: FIDE ratings, prestige of the tournament, stronger overall turnout (the two masters who spoke preferred this format). Reasons for switching to a Swiss format: cost of organizing the event.

2. Keres Memorial 2000: Moved (Williamson/Cabanas) that the Past-President be required to provide a full financial accounting of all dealings relating to the 2000 Keres Memorial. It is further resolved that the Past-President's report be verified by the President or his designate. No vote was taken on this motion.

3. Keres Memorial 2001: Mr. Harper reports the Washington Open is next weekend and plans to explore ways to cooperate with the Seattle organizers. A discussion ensued where it was suggested that while not a large number of players would participate in both who would not in any case, that there were definite potential cost benefits to be made. Peter Stockhausen is spearheading the 2001 organizers and is planning an event on the 4-day 7 round format typical of recent Keres Memorials.

The meeting consensus was that we keep strictly to what the Federation can afford. Whether players choose to take part largely hinge on who else locally is playing, what other events are taking place the long weekend and other personal factors rather than primarily based on what GMs, etc. are coming to the tournament or the overall size of the prize fund.

The president discussed his view that the criteria for judging the success of the tournament were (a) how many players take part, (b) the financial viability of the event and (c) the overall playing atmosphere. He went on to say that it was important to keep in mind why players choose to play in events such as the Keres Memorial.

(One suggestion: “You love to play, you want to try out that new novelty, you want to beat that guy who beat you in the last tournament...”)

4. BC Womens’ Championship: Robert Brewster has offered to organize and direct the 2000/2001 event.

5. Moved (Cabanas/Krys) that the Executive be empowered to conduct all its business by electronic mail. Passed.

6. Moved (Williamson/Johnson) that a extraordinary general membership meeting be convened in approximately six months with the date to be determined by the Executive. Passed.

7. The President reported that he had on hand materials sufficient to construct 40-50 demonstration boards and solicited interested parties with carpentry skill.

8. Moved to adjourn (Craver/Johnson) at 4pm. Passed.

2000-2001 BCCF Executive (Draft – please send me all additions and corrections)

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