

***British Columbia Chess Federation***  
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***Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting***  
***Plaza 500, UBC***  
***May 20, 2001***

1. The meeting was convened at 4:15 pm by President Bruce Harper.

Present were: Lyle Craver, Bruce Harper, Dale Haukenfrers, Joshua Keshet, Paul Leblanc, John Niksic, Robert North, Mike Stanford, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer, Stephen Wright

2. Minutes of the 2000 Meeting: Moved to accept the 2000 Minutes of the AGM as presented (Stockhausen/Wright) Approved (all motions passed unanimously except as noted below)

3. Reports of Officers:

a) President: The President chose to give his report following all other reports.

b) Secretary/Treasurer's report : See BCCF Financial Statements for details (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Keres Memorial 2000 Profit and Loss Statement). A discussion of the financial state of the federation ensued. The profit and loss statement from the 2000 Keres Memorial was distributed and questions were posed both on the financial statements and concerning the 2000 Keres Memorial.

The Secretary/Treasurer noted that ALL debts arising out of the 2000 Keres Memorial had now been paid.

Moved (Stockhausen / LeBlanc) to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's reports. Approved.

c) Junior Coordinators: it was noted that none of the coordinators were present at the meeting. Former junior coordinator (and CFC National Junior Coordinator) Joshua Keshet spoke of the overall state of the junior program in BC.

He noted that in past years the BCCF has paid for (out of general revenue) the travel costs of the Junior and Cadet champion to national championships. This typically came to about \$1000 per year. The Junior program is now largely self-financing but is finding it more difficult to raise funds.

The President and former Junior Coordinator outlined how the junior program is carried out in BC.

d) Tournament Coordinator: Report given by President in absence of Tournament Coordinator (who was chief Tournament Director of the 2001 Keres Memorial). He noted the BC Closed Championship as the main BCCF-organized event this past year besides the Keres Memorial.

e) BC Chess Foundation. Lynn Stringer noted that no new revenue had been received in the past year and that the interest earned this year was about \$350.00. (One member purchased BCCF Life Membership during the tournament.)

Moved to accept the report of the BC Chess Foundation (Stockhausen/Niksic). Approved.

- f) President's Report: The main goal this year was to avoid spending much money and to pay down debts as quickly as possible. It was frustrating and limiting but it was felt necessary to do everything possible to restore federation credibility. Money is definitely important but in the long run the important thing is "without the organizers there ain't no show".

Moved to accept the President's report. (Stockhausen/Stringer) Approved.

- g) Vice Presidents: no reports received.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President:	Bruce Harper (elected by acclamation)
Vice Presidents:	Vancouver Island: Lynn Stringer Interior: vacant Northern: John Niksic
Secretary:	Lyle Craver
Treasurer:	Lyle Craver
Junior Coordinators:	Katherine Davies, Stephen Wright
Tournament Coordinator:	Peter Stockhausen
Publicity Coordinator:	vacant

Moved (Craver/Stockhausen) to create a BCCF Executive position of Webmaster. Approved.

Webmaster:	Mark Barnes
Clubs Coordinator:	vacant

Moved (Harper/Stockhausen) to create a Schools Coordinator: The president noted that the easiest way to contact juniors is through the schools. He envisions the main role of the Schools Coordinator being to liaison with the schools as opposed to organizing junior events. He sees the main role of the coordinator being to maintain a roster of schools, sponsors of chess clubs and contact people at the schools and to contact these people for chess events in their area. Lynn Stringer spoke about the 1960s-era Chess Partners program in Victoria run by Cyril Large. The motion was approved.

The President would like to keep this position and added he would like to offer it to Robert Brewster who currently runs the chess programs in the Vancouver East Side inner city schools and the Friday night program at the Kingsgate Shopping Centre.

Members at Large: The following were acclaimed as BCCF Members at Large: Francisco Cabanas, Tyler Johnson, Robert North

CFC Governors: Bruce Harper, Mark Barnes (both Greater Vancouver), Mike Stanford (Vancouver Island), John Niksic (Northern BC). The remaining two positions were held open with the President to select between an Interior BC nominee, Lyle Craver and Tyler Johnson.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The President handed out his tentative tournament schedule for 2001-2002. He noted that the primary source of this schedule is intended to be on the BCCF web site. The major change from last year is the President's view that the traditional "weekend swiss" is obsolete and that it is better to have events on two consecutive Saturdays. He would like to have as many junior one day events as possible, often held in conjunction with adult events. The President noted that he hoped the BC/Alberta junior match could be held over the Internet rather than large numbers of juniors travelling for hundreds of miles. Anyone is of course free to organize whatever tournaments they choose but he hopes open dates will be chosen in preference to dates already scheduled.

2. Keres Memorial 2002: Peter Stockhausen has agreed to head up the 2002 Keres Memorial. Peter presented the financials for Keres 2001 and announced the Keres 2001 prize fund distribution.
3. Victoria has expressed interest in hosting the 2002 BC Closed and will be presenting a bid later.
4. The BC Junior Championship has been scheduled for November 24/25 in Vancouver. The President hopes to run this event as an invitational round robin.
5. The president noted that prize money is NOT the main reason people play chess in BC. He would like to tie in as many adult and junior events as possible tie into the 2002 Keres Memorial. He would like to set up a junior chess scholarship program to be used later in post secondary education. He would like to explore the possibility of charitable status for the BCCF and is researching the possibilities with Robert Brewster (who is an accountant).
6. The president noted that food concessions at the York House team tournament made roughly \$200. He feels a concessions coordinator would be an asset to the BCCF if a suitable person can be found.
7. Referring to the motion last year to seek an accounting for all BCCF owned equipment held for resale, the President agreed to seek a full inventory of all equipment currently on hand.

Moved to adjourn Keshet/Stockhausen The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

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