

***British Columbia Chess Federation***  
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***Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting***  
***Croatian Cultural Centre, Vancouver, BC***  
***May 22-23, 2004***

1. The meeting was convened at 3:10 pm May 22<sup>nd</sup> by President Joe Oszvald.

Members present were: Mark Barnes, Henry Chiu, Lyle Craver, Ben Daswani, Edward Enns, Jason Feng, Balen Fleming, Bruce Harper, Alex Lambruschini, Hugh Long, Glen MacDermid, Slaven Mandic, Joe Oszvald, Richard Reid, Gavin Steininger, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer

Also present were: Katherine Davies

Minutes of the 2003 Meeting: Moved to accept the 2003 Minutes of the AGM as presented (Harper / Stockhausen ) Approved (all motions passed unanimously except as noted below)

2. Reports of Officers:

- a) President: Joe Oszvald – the President noted that he ‘had bitten off more than he could chew’ and that his family and business had been suffering. He specially thanked the outgoing Executive and spoke of junior and club chess during 2003-2004.

Moved (Craver / Stockhausen) to accept the President’s report. Passed

- b) Vice Presidents’ reports:

Northern VP (John Niksic) – Chess is rather dormant right now with only one regional event in Kitimat. Most of the organizers in Prince George have moved away except for Francisco Cabanas who is inactive.

Moved (Craver / Harper) to accept the Northern BC Vice President’s report. Passed

Vancouver Island (Lynn Stringer): (See attached report)

Moved (Stockhausen / Feng) to accept the Island Vice President’s report. Passed

Interior VP (George Hara) – no report

- c) Junior Coordinators (Stephen Wright speaking for himself and Katherine Davies): (see attached report) In addition to his report Mr. Wright gave a pitch for the BCCF E-mail bulletin which he edits

Moved ( Harper / Chiu ) to accept the Junior Coordinators’ report. Passed.

Tournament Coordinator (Richard Reid): see separate report Moved to accept the Tournament Coordinator’s report (Harper / Stockhausen)

- d) Secretary/Treasurer's (Lyle Craver) (See attached Secretary's and Treasurer's report including BCCF Financial Statements) Moved ( Harper / Feng ) to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's reports. Approved.
- e) Clubs Coordinator (Hugh Long): Fraser Valley Club tournament won by Surrey – 17 participated. Mr. Long discussed what he would like to see for the fall inter-club league and wants a meeting of reps from the various clubs as soon as possible. He noted that Louis McCusky has volunteered to transcribe all game scores. Moved (Stockhausen / Niksic ) to accept the Clubs Coordinator's report. Passed.
- f) Publicity coordinator's report – was not presented at the meeting with apologies by Mrs. Stringer as the Publicity Coordinator report given to her and left in Victoria. Promises to get to website asap.

The President wished to add to his report concerning the BC/Washington Match – Joe captained the BC team but was not happy with conditions for players. Washington is hosting the 2005 match and he hopes they will provide better conditions than we provided them this year's match

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Discussion by Bruce Harper of his "Board of Director Positions: 2004 – 2005 Roles and Responsibilities" paper. He notes that this is NOT an official BCCF document but offers it for discussion.

The following officers were elected for 2003 / 2004

President:	Bruce Harper
VPs:	Lynn Stringer (Vancouver Island) John Niksic (Northern BC) Vacant (Interior VP)
Secretary:	Lyle Craver
Treasurer:	Lyle Craver
Junior Coordinators:	Katherine Davies, Stephen Wright
Clubs Coordinator:	Hugh Long
E-Mail Bulletin Editor:	Stephen Wright
Tournament Coordinator:	Greg Churchill

The following were acclaimed as Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada for 2003 / 2004 (referred to in the Governors; Letter as "Incoming Governors"): Bruce Harper, Greg Churchill, Lyle Craver, Jason Feng, Jim Ferguson, John Niksic

Additional Executive positions were held over to be discussed at the Sunday portion of the meeting.

Moved to adjourn at 4:20 pm – to reconvene Sunday at 3pm. (Osvald / Stockhausen) Passed.

#### RESUMPTION:

The meeting was re-convened by new President Bruce Harper at 3:40 pm Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Members present were: Mark Barnes, Henry Chiu, Lyle Craver, Ben Daswani, Edward Enns, Jason Feng, Balen Fleming, Nigel Fullbrook, Richard Gaulin, Bruce Harper, Jamie Harper, Hugh Long, Glen MacDermid, Fanhao Meng, Robert North, Joe Osvald, Richard Reid, Gavin Steininger, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer

Election of Officers:

Webmaster:	Paul Brown
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Publicity Coordinator: Vacant

Moved (Stockhausen / Oszvald) that the BCCF Executive positions of Equipment Coordinator and Scholastic Coordinator be created to be filled by the BCCF Executive

### NEW BUSINESS:

The president noted the main priority after the Keres is the Western Canadian Open. This tournament is to be financially self-sustaining with as much outside fundraising as possible. Rob Heppenstall is helping in fundraising.

Peter Stockhausen spoke on fundraising and suggested the BCCF again look into getting a gaming licence (which was last applied for unsuccessfully by then president Wilson Yeung in 1995)

The question was asked whether we use the web site to poll players on what type of events they want?  
Yes

It was suggested that the BCCF hold a social fundraiser – preferably a picnic.

Moved to adjourn (Chiu / Craver) The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

### 2004-2005 BCCF Executive (\* represents CFC Governors)

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**[Editorial Note: this is NOT an official BCCF document but was presented as a position paper by the incoming BCCF President Bruce Harper]**

## **British Columbia Chess Federation Board of Director Positions: 2004-2005 Roles and Responsibilities**

### *President*

- Preside over the Annual General Meeting of the BCCF.
- Preside over the e-mail deliberations of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Resolve jurisdictional disputes between BCCF Directors.
- Speak on behalf of the BCCF when required.

### *Secretary*

- Prepare minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BCCF.
- Prepare minutes of the any meetings of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Record all motions made by the BCCF Board of Directors and the results of votes on such motions; and send this information to the BCCF Webmaster for posting on the BCCF website.
- Supervise and facilitate the implementation of an e-mail discussion list and computerized voting system by BCCF Board of Directors motions.

### *Treasurer*

- Manage the financial affairs of the BCCF throughout the year, including the receipt of revenues and the making of payments as required.
- Prepare and present an Annual Financial Report to the Annual General Meeting of the BCCF.
- Prepare interim Financial Reports (August 31 and December 31) and forward them to the BCCF Board of Directors and to the BCCF Webmaster for posting on the BCCF website.

### *Immediate Past President*

- Participate in the deliberations and decisions of the BCCF Board of Directors.

### *Tournament Coordinator*

- Maintain the tournament schedule and distribute it to tournament organizers.
- Act as a focal point to which the organizers can send their tournament details, such as event date, time, rounds, etc.
- Format the received event details and distributing it to the various webmasters, Chessbc.com, BCCF, CFC, etc.
- Direct tournament organizers to sources of information and assistant.
- Canvass tournament organizers for their concerns and ideas for improvement.
- Interface with tournament organizers to clarify issues, deal with scheduling conflicts, etc.
- Interface with tournament organizers in other provinces to solicit ideas as to how to improve events in B.C.
- Work with the BCCF Webmaster to create an online event page so tournament organizers can enter their event details direct via the internet.

## ***Publicity Coordinator***

- Ensure that BCCF members are fully informed of BCCF events via e-mailings, websites, and whatever other means are appropriate.
- Provide tournament organizers with the names and contact information of players where appropriate.
- Work with the various media to ensure the maximum publicity for BCCF events and chess in general.

## ***Clubs Coordinator***

- Facilitate the creation and development of chess clubs.
- Provide to the BCCF Webmaster details of the locations and meeting times of chess clubs.
- Supervise and assist in the creation and operation of interclub leagues and matches.

## ***Junior Coordinator***

- Organize the B.C. Junior Championship, subject to the approval of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Organize the B.C. Youth Chess Championship.
- Facilitate the organization of other junior events throughout the year.
- Work with the Scholastic Coordinator to foster the development of junior chess.

## **Scholastic Coordinator**

- Organize and promote the 2005 Interschool Team tournament.
- Compile and maintain a list of contacts for all schools in the Province along with school details such as fax numbers, mailing addresses, e-mail addresses of relevant teachers or parents.
- Provide information of chess tournament, exhibits, training sessions, etc. to the school contacts on a regular basis.
- Encourage the formation of chess clubs in schools and offer BCCF assistance in doing so.
- Facilitate the teaching of chess in interested schools, including the employment of top junior players to teach novice players.

## **Equipment Manager**

- Create and maintain an inventory of BCCF equipment, including:
  - Standard chess sets and boards.
  - High quality chess sets and boards for special events.
  - Scoresheets and tournament pairing cards.
  - Chess clocks.
  - Demonstration boards and pieces.
- Make arrangements with tournament organizers for the availability of equipment for specific events as required.
- Facilitate the acquisition and creation of chess-related equipment for fundraising purposes.

## **Webmaster**

- Maintain and enhance the BCCF website.
- Promptly put tournament announces, reports of events, and all other suitable material on the BCCF website.

## **Bulletin Editor**

- Edit a bi-weekly e-mail bulletin that reports on B.C. chess news and announces upcoming BCCF events and activities.
- Solicit contributions to the bulletin from leading players and others.

- Cooperate with the Publicity Coordinator to exchange subscriber and player information where appropriate.

## **Vancouver Island VP**

- Represent the interests and viewpoints of Vancouver Island players in the deliberations and decisions of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Foster the development of chess on Vancouver Island.

## **Interior VP**

- Represent the interests and viewpoints of Interior players in the deliberations and decisions of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Foster the development of chess in the Interior.

## **Northern VP**

- Represent the interests and viewpoints of Northern players in the deliberations and decisions of the BCCF Board of Directors.
- Foster the development of chess in northern B.C.



# JUNIOR COORDINATORS' REPORT, 2003-2004

2003-2004 was another busy year for junior chess in B.C. Some highlights: Evan Raymer, Valentina Goutor, and Yamei Wang represented Canada at the WYCC in Greece; Fanhao Meng won the B.C. Junior and subsequently placed second at the Canadian Junior; the fourth edition of the School Team Championship doubled in size (39 elementary and 14 secondary teams).

Financially the year resulted in an overall drain on the Junior Fund. The BCYCC produced a deficit; in 2003 the event was run for the first time over two days with longer time controls. This doubled the site rental fee, while at the same time the number of players diminished from 86 (in 2002) to 57 (2003). Consideration is being given as to how the support levels for our BCYCC winners can be maintained but in a more financially sustainable manner. [The current Junior Fund is largely the result of tournament surpluses accumulated when Joshua Keshet was junior coordinator; for the past two years any surpluses have been used to finance the junior Grand Prix.]

The other major expenditure was a replacement trophy for the B.C. Junior Championship. This has been needed for some time, but considering the year we took the opportunity to combine it with commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of organizer and chess columnist Dave Creemer.

The junior coordinators were also involved in K-12 junior tournaments (BC - WA Match, BCIT Warmup, Chess Challenge Regional and Provincial), along with other, non-junior events (specifically the B.C. Open and Vancouver Class Championships). Stephen Wright continued as editor of the BCCF e-mail Bulletin while pursuing ongoing research into B.C. chess history, while Katherine Davies was involved in a number of one-round-a-week events at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

An ongoing concern remains the lack of adult/open tournaments in the lower mainland: the situation has improved somewhat of late, but there are still too few opportunities for ambitious juniors to improve by playing adults of equal or higher strength.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Wright, BCCF co-junior coordinator  
Katherine Davies, BCCF co-junior coordinator

## Junior Financial Statement

	# of players	Income	Expenses		
<b>Junior Fund, May 1, 2003</b>				2538.39	
<b>BCYCC (May 3-4, 2003)</b>	57	1425	957	468	
(6 players supported to National CYCC, Kapuskasing)			1800	-1332	-1332.00
<b>B.C. Junior (Nov. 9-11, 2003)</b>	24	720	224	496	
(2 players supported to Canadian Junior)			450	46	46.00
<b>Creemer Memorial Trophy</b>					-264.82
<b>Grand Prix (8 events)</b>	346	946.2	1250	-303.8	
(Deficit covered by donation)					
<b>Junior Fund, April 30, 2004</b>					987.57

## **Tournament Coordinator's Report**

Greetings:

Much has been set in motion this session.

Back in Sept 2003, the first draft tournament listing was sent out to the organizers. It has evolved over time to the current state where it is now being distributed to over 40 individuals.

The tournament listing has helped address concerns over scheduling conflicts. Highlighting certain days in BLUE where major concerns had been specifically voiced has helped reduce conflicts. Days not highlighted in Blue were essentially fair game so as to satisfy those organizers who wished to go for it in terms of holding numerous tournaments. As a result, for the most part, specific conflicts are few and far between, and need only be addressed on an adhoc basis.

Then in October 2003 a Tournament Organizers Questionnaire was sent out to each of the organizers to obtain feedback as to their concerns and to get an idea as to what needed to be done in order to improve chess conditions in BC. Compilation of the results took place over the next few weeks and early in November 2003 the compiled results were distributed for discussion amongst the BCCF executive.

The comments and recommendations from the organizers were diverse, making it difficult to see specific patterns. However, there were some common themes amongst the comments and as a result steps were taken to specifically address the issues that seemed to recur most often throughout the questionnaire.

In addition to the schedule conflict issue mentioned above, two specific issues were mentioned.

Issue 1:

Communication, or rather lack of communication amongst organizers seemed to be a concern for several organizers. At the time, they had to communicate via email or by phone. They did not have a central forum in which to communicate or a central place to talk to issues that specifically pertained to tournament organizing. To address this issue, an organizer's discussion board was set up.

Issue 2:

Another concern mentioned in the survey was about training and standards for organizers. Work was done with the CFC pertaining to the organizers certification. A compilation of Tournament Director names along with specific recommendations was provided back to the CFC.

Work throughout the term has been done toward addressing the prime concerns that were voiced "at the time of the questionnaire." An attempt to be consciously methodical in accomplishing something concrete during the term was of prime importance.

There is much left to do. Furthermore, after the questionnaire was first introduced, there have been "new issues" raised. And this is a good sign that communication is working and people are inputting suggestions for further improvement.

It is important to formally capture these new issues, so they can be prioritized and worked. I therefore, recommend for the next executive session, that another survey be issued by the new tournament coordinator and that they document, prioritize and address the top concerns that are newly voiced.

Sincerely,  
Richard Reid  
Tournament Coordinator, BC Chess Federation

## **Report of the Publicity Coordinator, BCCF; 2003-2004**

By Nathan Bauman

I was acclaimed to this previously-vacant position at the previous AGM. I am not interested in running again. This report will be divided into categories concerning what I did; a brief self-evaluation, and my recommendations.

**Internal duties included acting as an occasional liaison between BC organizers and the CFC and BCCF, and participating in the email discussions of the BCCF Executive. I also had a lengthy but polite exchange with the CFC President, Halldor Palsson, on the decision to award the Canadian Open to Kapuskasing, Ontario, two years in a row. I was unable to move him.**

### **Relations with the Press**

Subsequent to the 2003 Keres, I sent out several dozen press releases to BC newspapers. I corresponded with one reporter from the North Shore news, who asked for information on a North Vancouver player who had a good performance in that tournament. Press releases were also sent out for a few other tournaments. The format was generic, for the most part, but I would recommend that in the future an approach more individually-tailored to each news outlet be used (as I did, for example, when I sent the release to the North Shore News, prompting an inquiry from them about a player from that city who had done well in the tournament.)

I also persuaded the Kamloops Daily News to run a column on a long-time Kamloops chess organizer.

Also, see below under recommendations.

### **Special projects**

I put together a shortlist of candidates for an instructor position at Vancouver Community College's summer chess camp, seeking input from the Executive. I recommended those I knew personally and indicated the Past President's support for the candidate I did not know. I gave a short summary of each candidate as a part of the shortlist. I also enjoyed writing both thank-you letters to the providers of a facility for a chess club and a letter commemorating an Executive member's contributions for an open house in her honour.

### **Handling of inquiries for the Keres, and other inquiries**

Several US players sent inquiries about Keres participation. Questions included means of payment issues. Their preference was for credit cards, but we were not able to accommodate that.

A number of inquiries from people in third-world countries arrived via email, asking for letters of invitation to "your tournament" (the tournament itself was rarely specified). The Executive very wisely decided not to issue letters of invitation upon request under these circumstances, due to immigration fraud concerns.

Several people sent queries around the 14<sup>th</sup> asking for the pre-14<sup>th</sup> discount rate. See below under recommendations.

## General self-evaluation

Overall, I was not particularly happy with my accomplishments, and I cite a deficit of consistent pre-event and post-event media attention in particular. Partially this was because I was an outsider to the tournament scene, so many very elementary facts of chess life had to be explained to me. Two other volunteer positions, a full-time job, and the extremely demoralizing effect of working with one or two members of the Executive left me with too little energy. On a positive note, I am especially grateful to Stephen Wright, Lynn Stringer, Lyle Craver, Joe Oszvald, and Peter Stockhausen for their patience and assistance. The inevitable flaws which remained in the carrying out of my responsibilities, of course, were my own. I am also grateful to Mark Barnes and Mike Stanford for their kindness.

## Recommendations

The next paragraph concerns email discussions only, and will not mention names or titles. The Executive is largely dictated to by one very hard-working individual who has no patience for those who disagree with him, and who seems to automatically equate his ideas about what is best for the BCCF with what would actually be best for the BCCF. Those who disagree with him are often sarcastically insulted. The resulting loss of morale on the Executive is not conducive to bringing in new Executive members, and I suspect has kept several missing in action members from participating more fully. The BCCF needs to get serious about expecting ALL of its members, including ALL Executive members, to exercise appropriate courtesy. It should not allow Executive members to engage in name-calling and sarcasm directed at others, particularly those who are not involved with the Executive. It was also my experience that email as a medium is likely to lead to misunderstood and misrepresented messages. The traditional axiom "if you can give your opponent the benefit of the doubt, do so" should be the norm, thus preventing accusations of accusations.

Early in my term I pushed for some kind of harassment policy or Code of Conduct to be applied, which was strenuously resisted by two or three members. Since that time, two high-ranking members of the Executive have on two separate occasions, in public emails, insulted two organizers of the Lower Mainland Chess league (one Executive member graciously apologized). Also, at least four organizers have been verbally attacked in person or by email by tournament participants. Finally, discussion at the Executive level often been characterized by anger. In my opinion, the most pressing issue facing the BCCF is the way in which it allows its members to abuse other members. This must stop. The implementation of a modest code of conduct with an option for mediation would assist in overcoming this problem. Face to face meetings might go some way to establishing trust, thus preventing the misunderstandings that can crop up in email exchanges. The organizational culture which considers these problems normal must be changed. The issue should not be characterized as some kind of political correctness assault, but as a return to traditional standards of decency.

On to other recommendations: the new publicity coordinator would benefit from a formal statement on fee deadlines for major tournaments. It should briefly outline the following:

- eligibility for domestic and foreign players for tournaments
- the grace period for sending in entries and every possible permutation of inquiry he or she might face on the days surrounding the day when fees go up. I recommend the last deadline be placed earlier, to allow more time for a grace period (if desired), last minute queries, and postal delivery times.

The statement should also outline:

- the preferred method of payment for US and other foreign players; and
- the fact that no solicited letters of invitation will be given to persons posing a

potential immigration problem; and

- the requirement that US players disclose their ratings if they have them
- a reminder that notice of the AGM be sent out with any ads for the Keres sent to *CCE*
- a reminder that the free publicity for the Keres and other major tournaments in the pages of *CCE*, on the website of the BC Chess Federation, on [www.chesstalk.com](http://www.chesstalk.com) and on the websites of the Alberta, Manitoba and Washington federations is of paramount importance

I would also recommend faster and more frequent responses for the website. This is particularly important for the new Publicity Coordinator as he or she seeks to send information to media organizations. My understanding is that our webmaster is achieving significant progress on the conversion of code to more standard code allowing easier electronic access for the handicapped; hopefully this can be completed soon so that response times can be brought up to par. I would also recommend the Secretary, Publicity Coordinator, Webmaster, and those involved with major tournaments such as the Keres commit to check their email/voicemail daily Monday to Friday for the four weeks preceding major tournaments like the Keres. A few of us (me included) discovered this the hard way this year, when several people had concerns which I could not immediately answer.

Finally, I recommend an orientation session for all new members of the Executive. This orientation would include a job description, and a typical calendar of events to be publicized, as well as mention of events which need dates. At the orientation session should be handed out the report of the previous Publicity Coordinator, and the list of reminders that I gave above (plus any new ones).

# **BC Chess Federation Annual General Meeting 2004 Secretary / Treasurer's Report**

## **Part 1: Secretary's Report**

2004 was an eventful year for chess in BC and this was notable in many ways. The BCCF Executive continued to do more and more of its business by e-mail and numerous votes were taken over the course of the year. It will be noted that these tended to become considerably longer throughout the year. These are recorded in the appendix.

2004 saw the creation of [www.chessbc.com](http://www.chessbc.com) which at present serves as a promotion vehicle for the Western Canadian Open. This event was started to afford an opportunity for Western players to take part in a major event in Western Canada following what was perceived to be an unjust bidding process at the national level.

It is my pleasure to announce the award of the following titles to our members:

FIDE Master: Andrew Ho, Fanhao (Bobby) Meng, Marcel Milat, Jack Yoos  
Womens' FIDE Master: Yamei Wang  
International Arbiter: Mark Barnes, Lyle Craver, Lynn Stringer

Extensive correspondence with the Canadian Internet Registration Agency took place in March and April to enable the Newfoundland Chess Federation to register the name [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca).

At present the main role of the Secretary is perceived to be twofold: to administer BCCF Executive votes and to represent the BCCF in dealings with external bodies. Following the award of the FIDE International Arbiter title to Mark Barnes, myself and Lynn Stringer letters were written to the Mayors of the District of Langley, the City of Victoria and the District of North Vancouver which led to recognition of these individuals by their respective municipal councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle Craver  
Secretary, BC Chess Federation

## **APPENDIX: BCCF Executive E-Mail Motions 2003-2004**

Please note that the voting period for some motions overlapped. Please also note that some motions superceded others.

(PS = Peter Stockhausen, JO = Joe Oszvald, LC = Lyle Craver, BH = Bruce Harper, NB = Nathan Baumann, MS = Mike Stanford, SW = Stephen Wright, KD = Katherine Davies, HR = Hugh Long, GH = George Hara, JN = John Niksic, LS = Lynn Stringer, RN = Robert North, MB = Mark Barnes, RR = Richard Reid)

<b>Motion BC2003-01 (passed 8-0)</b>													
<b>No appeal from the CFC President's ruling? (August 25, 2003)</b>													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RN	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y		

<b>Motion BC2003-02 (passed 7-0 with 1 abstention)</b>													
<b>Keep the Cdn Open bid alive until the end of September? (August 25, 2003)</b>													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RN	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Abs	Y	Y					Y		

<b>Motion BC2003-03</b>													
<b>Continue to solicit Cdn Open / WCO sponsorship? (August 25, 2003)</b>													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RN	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y		

<b>Motion BC2003-04 (passed 4-0)</b>													
<b>Set up Message Forum on chessbc.com (August 29, 2003)</b>													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RN	MB
Y		Y		Y							Y		

<b>Motion BC2003-05 (passed 7-2)</b>													
<b>"That the mailing list for the BCCF Bulletin be used to issue brief reminders of events - subject to the recipients having the option to be deleted from future mailings of that sort" (Deadline September 8, 2003)</b>													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RN	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			N			Y		N

<b>Motion BC2003-06 (passed 11-0)</b>													
2004 BC Closed: The tournament will be 8 player round robin at the Easter weekend at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Players : defending champion Jack Yoos, Qualifier Gerry Neufahrt plus top 6 players from the rating list ending March 31,2004. These players must have played ten rated games in 2002 and 2003 calendar year. The tournament will be CFC and FIDE rated. (25 January 2004)													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y

<b>Motion BC2003-07 (passed 9-0)</b>													
2004 BC Closed: (Oszvald / Craver) Amended to: The tournament will be 8 player round robin at the Easter weekend at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Players : defending champion Jack Yoos, Qualifiers Gerry Neufahrt and Harry Moore plus top 5 players from the CFC rating list ending February 3,2004. These players must have played ten rated games in 2002 and 2003 calendar year. The tournament will be CFC and FIDE rated. (25 January 2004)													
PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y	Y

<b>Motion BC2003-08 (passed 8-5)</b>													
<b>2005 BC Closed: (Harper / Oszvald)</b>													
Moved that:													
1. The final event should be an 8-player round-robin.													
2. Any Grandmaster residing in the province qualifies for the final event (currently this means Duncan Suttles) should he or she wish to play. The other seven players are determined by a preliminary event.													
3. The preliminary round consist of five four-player, double round-robins "quads"). Twenty players would qualify for the preliminary quads, as follows:													
a. The current Champion.													

- b. The B.C. Junior Champion.
  - c. The B.C. Women's Champion.
  - d. The B.C. Reserves Champion.
  - e. The top 10 active players from the rating list. "Active" would be defined as having played ten rated games since January 1 of the year prior to the preliminary round (for the 2005 Championship, January 1, 2004). The highest rating in the past year would be used. The cut off would be the last rating list published in February of the current year.
  - f. A qualifier from each of one Interior, one Northern, two Vancouver Island and two Lower Mainland qualifying tournaments. Qualifying tournaments must be scheduled and announced by the end of May. Qualifiers from these tournaments would be the highest finisher in the tournament who:
    - i. Was rated 1800 or more at some point in the year prior to the preliminaries;
    - ii. Did not otherwise qualify (see a, b, c, d and e, above).
    - iii. Resided in the area covered by the event.
  - g. If there was no qualifier from a qualifying tournament who met the rating and residency requirements set out above, additional players would be taken from the rating list.
  - h. All participants must have resided in the province for at least six months prior to the preliminary round.
5. The twenty players in the preliminary round would be grouped according to rating: the top five rated, the next five rated, and so on. The composition of the four-person preliminary quads would be decided randomly, with one player being selected from each five-player rating group.
6. Of the twenty players in the preliminary round, seven would qualify for the finals:
- a. The top finisher in each quad (five players).
  - b. The next three highest finishers (wild cards), with a playoff in the event of a tie, subject to 2, above.
7. The preliminary round would be held during the Easter weekend. The top five rated players would not pay an entry fee; the next five rated players would pay a \$10 entry fee; the next five rated players would pay a \$20 entry fee; and bottom five rated players would pay a \$30 entry fee, for a total of \$300 in entry fees. There would be no prizes - the net proceeds from these entry fees would go to the prize fund of the final event.
8. The preliminary quads would be held in Vancouver and possibly Victoria, depending on how the composition of the various quads.
9. An open event (the BC Reserves) would be held alongside the preliminary quads. The highest finisher would qualify for the next year's preliminaries.
10. The final, 8-player round robin would be held on a suitable long weekend subsequent to the preliminaries (either the Canada Day long weekend or the B.C. Day long weekend, depending on the timing of other events). If a player who qualified for the finals was unwilling or unable to play, the next eligible player from the preliminaries would qualify.
11. The final would be held in either Vancouver or Victoria, or perhaps even elsewhere, in different years.
12. There would be no entry fee to the finals. However, all players would pay a \$50 deposit,

refundable once they have completed the event.

PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N

**Motion BC2003-09 (note: superceded by BC2003-10) (passed 6-0)  
Motion for the 2005 B.C. Championship (February 15, 2004)  
(Moved Harper / Wright)**

**Date and Location of the Event:**

1. The 2005 BC Championship (the "Championship") will be an 8-player round robin, held on Easter weekend at a suitable location.

**Qualification:**

2. The following players qualify for the Championship:
  - a. Any Grandmaster currently residing in B.C.
  - b. The 2004 B.C. Champion.
  - c. The 2004 B.C. Junior Champion.
  - d. The highest finisher in each of the following qualifying tournaments who has not already qualified for the Championship:
    - i. The 2004 B.C. Reserves.
    - ii. The 2004 B.C. Open.
    - iii. The 2004 Victoria Labour Day Open.
    - iv. One open tournament held in the Interior of B.C.
  - e. The remaining qualifying spots will be filled from the first CFC rating list published in March 2005. To qualify by rating, a player must have played at least 10 regularly rated games since January 1, 2004). The player's highest rating since January 1, 2004, would be used.
  - f. If a player who has qualified through criteria 2.a.-d. is unable or unwilling to play in the Championship, additional players would be taken from the rating list as set out in 2.e.
3. All participants in the Championship must have resided in B.C. for at least six months prior to the start of the Championship.

**Entry Fees and Deposits**

4. There will be no entry fee to the Championship.
5. Each participant must pay a \$50 deposit, refundable once they have:
  - a. completed the event; and
  - b. annotated two games from the Championship for publication in Chess Canada Echecs. Payment from the CFC for this material will go to the B.C.C.F. as reimbursement for its contribution to the Championship prize fund.

**Travel Expenses and Accommodations**

6. Each participant from outside the Lower Mainland will:
  - a. receive travel expenses, to a maximum of \$100 per participant.
  - b. if possible, be billeted for the duration of the Championship.

## Prizes

6. The following prizes will be provided by the BCCF:
  - a. First place: \$300.
  - b. Second place: \$200
  - c. Third place: \$100.
7. The prize fund will be funded from the following sources:
  - a. \$10.00 from each entry fee to the 2004 B.C. Reserves.
  - b. the BCCF, for the remainder.

PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
	Y	Y	Y			Y		Y			Y		

### Motion BC2003-10 (passed 7-4)

#### Motion for the 2005 B.C. Championship (February 27, 2004)

(Moved Harper / Seconded Stanford)

(Note: changes to the previous motion are noted in color)

#### Date and Location of the Event:

1. The 2005 BC Championship (the "Championship") will be an 8-player round robin, held on Easter weekend at a suitable location.

#### Qualification:

2. The following players qualify for the Championship:
  - a. Any Grandmaster currently residing in B.C.
  - b. The 2004 B.C. Champion.
  - c. The 2004 B.C. Junior Champion.
  - d. The highest finisher in each qualifying tournaments who has not already qualified for the Championship and who has had a regular CFC rating of 2000 or higher since January 1, 2004. A region may hold a qualifying tournament only if it has previously held at least two open events, with a turnout of no fewer than 12 players in each event, since January 1, 2004. A region that fails meet this criteria forfeits the right to hold its qualifying tournament. The following qualifying tournaments may be held:
    - i. The 2004 B.C. Reserves.
    - ii. The 2004 B.C. Open.
    - iii. The 2004 Victoria Labour Day Open.
    - iv. One open tournament held in the Interior of B.C.
    - v. One open tournament held in northern B.C.
  - e. The remaining qualifying spots will be filled from the first CFC rating list published in March 2005. To qualify by rating, a player must have played at least 10 regularly rated games since January 1, 2004). The player's highest rating since January 1, 2004, would be

used.

- f. If a player who has qualified through criteria 2.a.-d. is unable or unwilling to play in the Championship, additional players would be taken from the rating list as set out in 2.e.
3. All participants in the Championship must have resided in B.C. for at least six months prior to the start of the Championship.

### Entry Fees and Deposits

4. There will be no entry fee to the Championship.
5. Each participant must pay a \$50 deposit, refundable once they have:
- a. completed the event; and
  - b. annotated two games from the Championship for publication in Chess Canada Echecs. Payment from the CFC for this material will go to the B.C.C.F. as reimbursement for its contribution to the Championship prize fund.

### Travel Expenses and Accommodations

6. Each participant from outside the Lower Mainland will:
- a. receive travel expenses, to a maximum of \$100 per participant.
  - b. if possible, be billeted for the duration of the Championship.

### Prizes

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PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				N	Y	N	N

### Motion: BC2003-11 (passed 8-3)

Moved: (Harper / Stockhausen) Deadline March 20th

Players who win prizes in their age/gender category in the 2004 BC Youth Chess Championship have the following options:

1. Use their prize to defray expenses to the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing.
2. If the player elects not to participate in the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing, they may use their prize to defray expenses to the 2005 CYCC.

3. If the player qualifies for the 2004 WYCC directly (without playing in the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing), use their prize to defray expenses to the 2004 WYCC.

4. If the player is in his or her last year of eligibility for the CYCC and elects not to participate in the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing, receive the cash value of the prize.

PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N		Y		Y	Y	Y	N

**Motion BC2003-12 (passed 10-0)**

Moved (Harper / Reid): Voting Deadline noon Saturday April 3rd

That any previous motions relating to the 2004 BC Youth Chess Championship are repealed and:

Players who win prizes in their age/gender category in the 2004 BC Youth Chess Championship may select any one of the following three options:

1. Receive \$300 to defray expenses to the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing;
2. Receive \$300 to defray expenses to the 2004 WYCC, should the player qualify for the 2004 WYCC directly, without playing in the 2004 CYCC in Kapuskasing; or
3. Receive \$150 in free entry fees to any major BC events (Keres Memorial, Western Canadian Open, B.C. Open, Labour Day Open, and similar events).

PS	JO	LC	BH	NB	MS	SW	KD	HR	GH	JN	LS	RR	MB
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	

## PART 2: Treasurer's Report

### British Columbia Chess Federation

#### Income Statement

1 May 2003 - 30 April 2004

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Earned Membership Revenue	3007.67	2468.72	2185.66
Interest Revenue	6.58	1.78	2.53
Fundraising (Net)			1507.00
Net proceeds - Prov Interschool Team Championsl	238.92	325.42	780.00
Net proceeds - Canadian Championship 2002	480.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,733.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,795.92</b>	<b>\$ 4,475.19</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Canadian Championship 2002	400.00	4240.00	
Refund - Cdn Open 1999 (C Jones)	100.00		
Stationary Purchases	169.95	68.60	
BC Championship 2002	70.00	500.00	
BC Championship 2003			700.00
BC Championship 2004			957.00
BC Womens 2004			300.00
Planas Funeral			58.85
Registration of KeresMemorial.com	16.05	96.25	
Registration of chess.bc.ca	16.05		16.05
Engraving (excluding Interschool Team Ch.)		19.16	7.44
Engraving (Interschool Team Ch.)			395.00
Post Office Box Rental	101.65	101.65	101.65
Registrar of Companies	25.00	25.00	25.00
Keres Memorial 2001 Loss	246.14		
Bad cheque writeoff re Keres 2001	104.00		
Bad debt writeoff re: Keres 2000	130.00		
FIDE Rating Fees			464.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,378.84</b>	<b>\$ 5,050.66</b>	<b>\$ 2,560.99</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss):</b>	<b>\$ 2,354.33</b>	<b>\$ (2,254.74)</b>	<b>\$ 1,914.20</b>

### British Columbia Chess Federation

#### Balance Sheet

30 April 2004

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash(Net of Macskasy/Junior Funds)	4,616.92	5,211.18	5,496.87
Macskasy Fund	680.00	680.00	1,687.00
Junior Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Accounts Receivable	188.92	1,251.00	104.95
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>6,485.84</b>	<b>8,142.18</b>	<b>8,288.82</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Unearned Portion Membership Revenue	999.55	923.83	1,511.17
Macskasy Fund	680.00	680.00	1,687.00
Junior Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>3,944.86</b>	<b>520.83</b>	<b>553.49</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>6,624.41</b>	<b>3,124.66</b>	<b>4,751.66</b>
<b>MEMBERS EQUITY:</b>	<b>-138.57</b>	<b>5,017.52</b>	<b>3,537.16</b>

# TREASURERS COMMENTS:

## General Comments:

Last year I reported that we were finally back on an even keel and moving ahead and a large emphasis this past year has been on fundraising. This is the fourth year of the Provincial Interschool Team Championship and I would like to acknowledge our host schools as well as Stephen Wright, Katherine Davies and Bruce Harper.

There have been several fundraisers towards the projected Macskasy Memorial (see footnote) and I would particularly thank Bruce Harper, Richard Reid and Duncan Suttles for their efforts.

Last year I spoke in my Treasurer's comments about the desirability of maintaining a full inventory of all BCCF owned equipment. It has been suggested that the BCCF Assembly elect an executive member with this specifically as his/her chief responsibility. This would definitely be a step in the right direction. The fact that no physical assets are shown on the balance sheet is primarily due to the fact that what we own is scattered with no clear registry of where our assets are located.

Among non-financial assets, the BCCF owns the web sites [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca), [www.keresmemorial.com](http://www.keresmemorial.com) and [www.chessbc.com](http://www.chessbc.com) (which is primarily used for Western Canadian Open information. It is unclear if we should maintain three separate websites long-term.

Our next major event is the Western Canadian Open to be held in Richmond in July 2004. I note in passing that while our financial situation continues to strengthen we need to be on the lookout against two main dangers: (a) building up our assets for their own sake and (b) spending the bulk of our assets on one or more major events of the sort we experienced in 2000. Neither would be a fiscally prudent use of our efforts and finances in a way which would contribute long-term to promoting tournament chess in British Columbia.

I close with my last paragraph from last year's comments which in my view remains truer than ever: *"While at first glance the financial statements look strong with the BCCF in a better cash situation than any time recently, I note with concern the declining membership revenue which translates directly into membership renewals. I believe this is due to both increased competition from other forms of chess (coffee houses, Internet servers, etc.) and also the overall level of tournament activity. Bluntly, membership varies directly with the number of tournaments being held. We need to encourage new blood in our organizer and director ranks as strongly as possible to ensure this continues."*

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle Craver  
BCCF Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTES:**

		Months	Months	Total	Earned	Unearned
		Earned	Unearned		to 04/30	to 04/30
<b>Note 1: Calculation of Membership revenue</b>						
	Unearned Membership Rev 4/30/03	12	0	\$923.83	923.83	0.00
June 03	CFC - 1Q Rebate (earned:10 months)	10	2	697.00	580.83	116.17
Sep 03	CFC - 2Q Rebate (earned:7 months)	7	5	574.00	334.83	239.17
Jan 04	CFC - 3Q Rebate (earned: 4 months)	4	8	884.00	294.67	589.33
Apr 04	CFC - 4Q Rebate (earned: 1 months)	1	11	618.00	51.50	566.50
30-Apr-04	Total revenue			3,696.83		
	Total earned revenue 4/30/04				2,185.66	
	Total unearned revenue 4/30/04					1,511.17

**Note 2: Provincial Interschool Team Championship**

Entry Fees	1300.00
Food Sales	1534.00
Total Income	<u>2834.00</u>
Trophies	395.00
Rating Fees	135.00
Cost of Food	1524.00
Total Expenses	<u>2054.00</u>
Net Gain	<u>780.00</u>

**Note 3: Macskasy Memorial Fund**

Dr. Nathan Divinsky	1985	600.00
Tim Anderson	1985	80.00
Anonymous	Aug 2003	135.00
Multi-Master Simul 1	7 Sept 2003	365.00
Bughouse Tournament 1	14 Sept 2003	40.00
Multi-Master Simul 2	15 Nov 2003	181.00
Pairs 4000	20 Mar 2004	244.00
Bughouse Tournament 2	25 Apr 2004	42.00
<b>Total Balance</b>		<u>1687.00</u>