

**Minutes of the 2015 BC Chess Federation Annual General Meeting
Executive Airport Plaza Hotel**

7311 Westminster Hwy. Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

17 May 2015

1. The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Alonso Campos at 3 pm.
2. Registration of Members: the following were present: Alonso Campos (president), Andrea Botez, Andrei Botez, Henry Chiu, Lyle Craver, Valer Eugen Demian, Edward Enns, Philip Harris, Jobin Jose, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, George Kim, Jofrel Landingin, Curtis Lister, Lara Lo, Michael Lo, Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson, Stewart Paulson, Alfred Pechisker, Joe Roback, Tanraj Sohal, Joe Soliven, Brian Sullivan

Also present: Parmint Sohal, Tanveer Sohal, Neena Sohal

3. Approval of Agenda – Andrei Botez asked to add an item dealing with membership status of students. This was added to the agenda which was approved (mover/seconded not recorded)
4. Review of 2014 minutes – it was pointed out that the decision was made to transfer \$2000.00 from Federation funds to the BC Chess Foundation. After further discussion (and with that amendment) the minutes were accepted (Moved / Seconded Demian / Harris)
5. Reports of Officers:
 - a. President – see Appendix 1. Moved to accept (Craver / Leblanc) accepted
 - b. Treasurer – see Appendix 2. Moved to accept (Demian / Campos) accepted
 - c. BC Chess Foundation – see Appendix 2. Moved to accept (Paulson / Patterson) accepted
 - d. Secretary – see Appendix 3. Moved to accept (Leblanc / Campos)
 - e. VP Interior BC – no report
 - f. VP Northern BC – no report
 - g. VP Lower Mainland – no report
 - h. Junior Coordinator – no report
 - i. Tournament Coordinator – no report
 - j. Past President – Roger Patterson indicated he was resigning as past president
6. Unfinished Business – none
7. Election of Officers:
 - a. Officers of the BCCF (all posts filled by acclamation except as noted)
 - i. President – Alonso Campos
 - ii. VP – Northern BC - vacant

- iii. VP – Interior - vacant
 - iv. VP – Vancouver Island – Mark Dutton
 - v. Secretary – Lyle Craver
 - vi. Treasurer – Paul Leblanc
 - vii. Junior Coordinator - vacant
 - viii. Tournament Coordinator- Michael Lo
 - ix. Bulletin Editor – Stephen Wright
 - x. BC Chess Foundation – Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson, Howard Wu
 - xi. Note: it was agreed at the 2010 AGM that the Webmaster is an appointed position. Len Molden was re-appointed
- b. CFC Voting Members (formerly known as Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada) Alonso Campos, Lyle Craver, Mark Dutton, Valer Demian, Paul Leblanc were elected.
- c. Other BCCF Executive Members:
- i. BCCF Executive Members At Large – members should note that all CFC VMs not holding another position are Executive Members At Large (Valer Demian). In addition Darren Bates, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Curtis Lister, Joe Soliven, and Brian Sullivan were elected.

8. New Business

- a) Board of Directors Procedures for misconducts and or rude of the executives to other members of the board. The following motion was made (Sullivan / Demian) "That a Committee be formed to examine rules of conduct and regulations and to report to the Executive" The motion was debated and defeated on an 8-6 vote.
- b) BCCF Membership Regulations – a motion was made by Craver but did not receive a seconder. A second motion (Craver / Patterson) "Be it resolved that the BCCF Bulletin be recognized as the official organ of the British Columbia Chess Federation" - PASSED
- c) Moved (Craver / Sullivan) that the BCCF pledge \$240 for new bases for 4 junior trophies – PASSED. Victoria Jung-Doknjas was appointed to follow up on this.
- d) Moved (Leblanc / Molden) to provide \$190 to assist Mr. Henry Chiu to obtain training and certification as a FIDE arbiter. PASSED
- e) Unofficial BCCF Facebook Page. There was a discussion on the subject but moved (Craver / Chiu) to defer any action to the new Executive
- f) Constitutional amendments passed last year not posted on the web and not

submitted to the provincial government. No motion but an undertaking was made by president, secretary and treasurer to do this with our 2015 Registrar of Societies filing.

g) 100 anniversary of BC closed: run the BC Women's Championship at the same time of the BC closed. There was a general discussion on the desirability of this but no motion made.

h) There was no motion but a request to include as BC Residents "all CFC-registered players listed as BC players". The purpose of this is to include BC residents currently studying outside BC. This was discussed and seemed to be a consensus but action deferred to the new Executive.

9. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Appendix 1: BCCF President's Report, May 2014 – 2015

I will start by listing some of the activities the BCCF had supported last year and this year. It is important to inform members what their money is being used for.

- Funded the BC Closed.
- Provided funding for Junior Chess.
- Provided funding for the BC Active.
- Provided funding for Senior Championship
- Provided funding for local chess.
- Provided an honorarium for editorship of the BCCF Bulletin.
- Maintain Registrar of Societies.

We had a very good year for BC chess. Tournaments energy has been substantially climbing over the year with record attendance for many events and with several new occurrences on the calendar. Expenses were more or less in line with those proposed in the pro-forma budget presented last year. Revenue was up substantially however by about \$900.00. It really was a good year. My assessment is that we can and should increase our program spending by about \$500 a year.

Good ideas that will increase the tournament experience in BC should be fostered.

Pro Forma budget 2015 – 2016

Income:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Membership Revenue: | \$2,000.00 |
| Foundation Revenue: | \$1,000.00 |
| Total: | \$3,000.00 |

Expenses:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BC Closed | \$900.00 |
| BC Senior: | \$200.00 |
| BC Active: | \$300.00 |
| Honorarium: | \$300.00 |
| Support to local chess: | \$300.00 |
| Miscellaneous: | \$300.00 |
| Total: | \$2,300.00 |

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| Surplus: | \$700.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

Alonso Campos, 2015 BCCF President.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

British Columbia Chess Federation Financial Statement 1 May 2014 – 30 April 2015

| | | <u>2011/2012</u> | <u>2012/2013</u> | <u>2013/2014</u> | <u>2014/2015</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue: | Membership Revenue | 2,334.50 | 3132.00 (1) | 2,856.00 | 1,882.00 (2) |
| | From BCCF Foundation | 662.36 | 769.46 | 828.24 | 900.46 (3) |
| | Interest | <u>2.84</u> | <u>2.14</u> | <u>3.07</u> | <u>2.47</u> |
| Total Revenue: | | 2,999.70 | 3,903.60 | 3,687.31 | 2,784.93 |
| Expenses: | BC Championship | 752.32 | 878.88 | 830.20 | 900.00 |
| | BC Senior | N/A | 300.08 | N/A (4) | 200.00 |
| | BC Active | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| | Honourarium | 200.00 | 200.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 (5) |
| | Donation to 2012 CYCC | 250.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Website Fees | 159.50 | 185.08 | 335.24 | 0 |
| | Support to Local Chess | N/A | N/A | 96.00 (6) | 50.00 (7) |
| | FM Fees (Laceste, Doroshenko) | 203.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Travel BC Champions | N/A | 100.00 | N/A | 100.00 |
| | Registrar of Societies | <u>65.00</u> | <u>25.00</u> | <u>25.00</u> | <u>40.00</u> |
| | Total Expenses | 1,929.82 | 1,989.04 | 1,886.44 | 1,890.00 |
| Transfer to BCCF Foundation | | N/A | 3,700.00 | N/A | 2,000.00 |

Balance Sheet

| | | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | <u>2015</u> |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Assets: | Bank Account | 5,986.80 | 4,085.32 | 5,478.17 | 4,473.10 |
| | Cheques Outstanding | N/A | N/A | N/A | - 100.00 |
| | Membership dues owing | <u>516.00</u> | <u>632.00</u> | <u>1,028.00</u> | <u>924.00 (2)</u> |
| | Total Assets | 6,502.80 | 4,717.32 | 6,506.21 | 5,297.10 |

Notes:

1. 2012/2013 membership revenue included 612.00 from one-time event Canadian Open
2. Membership fees were reduced from 4.00 to 3.00 as of May 2014
3. The Foundation earned 900.46 for the period ending 30 April 2014. This was transferred to the BCCF in June 2014. The Foundation earned 1154.93 for the period ending 30 April 2015. This will be transferred to the BCCF in June 2015
4. BC Senior Championship date changed from Jan to Jun, skipping to a new fiscal year
5. BCCF Bulletin Editor
6. Chess sets for start up Dawson Creek Chess Club
7. Grant for inaugural Williams Lake tournament

Total paid tournament attendance in the past four fiscal years has been:

2012 - 527 players
2013 - 568 players not including 2012 Cdn open
2014 - 603 players
2015 - 605 players

Paul C. Leblanc, Treasurer
8 May 2015

Alonso Campos, President

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Assets:

| | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 440 TSX 60 units @ 22.51 | 9,904.40 | 7,371.74 |
| 77 Royal Bank @ 80.425 | 6,192.73 | 4,090.70 |
| 145 AltaGas Utilities @ 40.99 | 5,943.55 | 3,018.85 |
| 200 Royal Bank Preferred @ 25.34 | 5,068.00 | 3,988.95 |
| 200 Bank of Montreal Bond ETF @ 16.46 | 3,292.00 | 3,013.94 |
| 40 BCE @ 53.90 | 2,156.00 | 1,950.35 |
| Cash | <u>1,205.04</u> | <u>1,205.04</u> |
| Total | 33,761.72 | 24,639.57 |

Liabilities:

Total Income earned FY 2013/2014 payable to BCCF 1,154.93

Net Equity: 32,606.79

Paul Leblanc
Treasurer
02 May 2015

Appendix 3: Secretary's Report 2014-2015

In addition to my role of BCCF Secretary much of my chess work in the past year has been in my role of Secretary of the Chess Federation of Canada.

Part 1: BC Membership

I would like to point out a few trends to the membership. Here are the membership totals as of May 1st of each year (which is the beginning of the fiscal year for both the BCCF and CFC)

| { | <u>Family</u> | <u>Honourary</u> | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Life</u> | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Part Jr.</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Prorated Total</u> | <u>CFC VMs</u> |
|----------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1-May-15 | | 7 | 101 | 74 | 54 | | 276 | 242.33 | 5 |
| 1-May-14 | | 7 | 85 | 74 | 83 | | 249 | 220.67 | 5 |
| 1-May-13 | 2 | 7 | 76 | 73 | 95 | | 253 | 226.67 | 5 |
| 1-May-12 | | 9 | 55 | 71 | 84 | | 219 | 200.67 | 5 |
| 1-May-11 | 2 | 8 | 54 | 70 | 82 | 4 | 220 | 198.33 | 4 |
| 1-May-10 | 1 | 9 | 34 | 69 | 81 | 56 | 250 | 200.83 | 5 |
| 1-May-09 | | 9 | 29 | 71 | 83 | 68 | 260 | 205.00 | 5 |
| 1-May-08 | | 8 | 40 | 70 | 96 | 25 | 239 | 209.00 | 5 |
| 1-May-07 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 68 | 82 | 24 | 211 | 184.67 | 4 |
| 1-May-06 | | 6 | 30 | 68 | 107 | 22 | 233 | 208.33 | 5 |
| 1-May-05 | 2 | 5 | 32 | 66 | 114 | 22 | 241 | 214.67 | 5 |
| 1-May-04 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 64 | 160 | 42 | 303 | 264.00 | 6 |
| 1-May-03 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 63 | 165 | 22 | 304 | 272.33 | 6 |

Source: <http://www.chess.ca/Membership-stats>

Note: the Participating Junior class was ended in 2010

These figures show a serious decline in adult membership with the juniors doing quite well. This is probably most attributable to the number of tournaments taking place in British Columbia.

I said the following in my 2014 report and it remains truer than ever:

The BCCF (and CFC) are only as good as their local organizers and there's no question the long term stability of both organizations depends on the level of activity. Our organizations represent over-the-board chess while the last 10 years has seen an explosion of chess activity on the Internet. There is also an explosion of chess resources.

How we adapt to the changing environment will be the challenge of the next decade in Canadian chess.

Part 2: CFC Affairs

During 2014-2015 the CFC has now successfully transitioned to the new Federal Not For Profit legislation. The required changes were approved by the CFC Voting Members (part of the new Act was a change in terminology – what were previously called

Governors are now Voting members – they continue to be elected as before) at the April 2014 quarterly meeting and received their Continuance Certificate in July. This was critical as any non-profit organization without such certification would have been dissolved with its assets going to the Canada Revenue Agency.

There is a revision of the CFC Handbook now underway with the stated mandate of the Governors / Voting Members being that changes only be made where required to meet the new Act's requirements. Subject to that there is a mandate for streamlining the Handbook though no major changes in policy are under way.

The CFC Annual General Meeting will be held through the Online Forum and is tentatively scheduled for July 12-19.

The 2015 Canadian Championship will be held in Guelph, ON July 10 – 16 while the CYCC will be July 6 – 9 in Windsor.

Part 3: Plans for 2015-2016

My main goal for 2015-2016 is to establish a better procedure for maintaining the BCCF membership list particularly with respect to the non-playing members (e.g. annual members, TDs and organizers) with the goal of better communicating this portion of the membership list.

Lyle Craver

15 May 2015