

**British Columbia Chess Federation**  
**Box 15548**  
**Vancouver, BC**  
**V6B 5B3**  
**Minutes of 1996**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Vancouver Bridge Center, Vancouver,**  
**BC**  
**May 18-19, 1996**

**1. The meeting was convened at 4:10 PM by President Wilson Yeung.**

BCCF Members present were Mark Barnes, Robert Brewster, Francisco Cabanas, Lyle Craver, Valer Demian, Jason Feng, Jim Ferguson, Joshua Keshet, Jack Lee, Brad Mitchell, Don Rycroft, Hee Seid, Lynn Stringer, John Whittlesey, Jason Williamson, Howard Wu, Wilson Yeung.

2. Reading of Minutes of 1995 Annual General Meeting. Motion to adopt minutes as read moved by Cabanas, seconded Feng. Passed unanimously. (All motions below are passed unanimously except as noted.)

3. (a) **President's report:** (see attached). Moved to accept/seconded Cabanas/Ferguson. PASSED.

3. (b) **Treasurer's report:** (see attached). Moved to accept/seconded Lee/Cabanas. PASSED.

3. (c) **Junior Coordinator's report:** Valer Demian gave special thanks to Andrew Ho and his family and Alfred Pechisker and his family. He also thanks the members of Chess 'N Math and the K-12 Chess Association, Stephen Miller, Richard Kryes, Joshua Keshet, Elaine Humphries and Lynn Stringer.

Mr. Demian spoke of problems in the following areas: the lack of a role by the BCCF in junior tournaments, that the Junior Coordinator needs to coordinate better with other members of the BCCF executive (notably the treasurer); problems relating to the BC/Washington Junior match were specifically cited. The BCCF needs to better coordinate people willing to work with juniors.

He stressed that teamwork is the answer in junior organizing; the new coordinator needs to keep in mind not to allow children to be 'stressed out' in larger tournaments and suggesting holding qualifying events might be a solution.

Mr. Keshet spoke on the expiration of the CFC '\$3 fee'. It was proposed to hold over further discussion on junior events to New Business.

Moved/Seconded by Ferguson/Williamson to accept Junior Coordinator's report. PASSED.

3. (d) **Island Vice-President's report:** Mrs. Stringer reported that Victoria had held 4 regular tournaments during 1995/96 along with monthly Active events along with several Junior events. She expressed concerns with the activities of Chess 'N Math.

Moved/Seconded to accept Island Vice-President's report: Keshet/Williamson. PASSED.

Mrs. Stringer also reported on the BC Chess Foundation whose assets as of April 30, 1996 were \$6,242.15.

3. (e) Report of the CFC 1st Vice-President. Francisco Cabanas reported on his visit to Prince George for the Northern BC Open. He noted that while David Adamson (chief organizer for Prince George's Canadian Junior Championship) had retired from chess organizing for family reasons, the Prince George Chess Club was doing well.
3. (f) No other reports were presented at this year's meeting.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **The following motions were presented as per Notices of Motion in the 1995/96 Annual General Meeting:**

4. (a) Moved/Seconded by Whitman/Cabanas that the Bylaws and Constitution of the BCCF be amended to combine the executive positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Last year's motion was amended (Williamson/Cabanas) to read "Be it resolved that the Bylaws and Constitution of the BCCF be amended to allow the combination of the executive positions of Treasurer and Secretary for one year by Ordinary resolution at an Annual General Meeting." Both the amendment and the main motion as amended were PASSED.

4. (b) Moved / Seconded by Whitman/Cabanas: "Be it resolved that given the significance of the CFC Governors' position, that CFC Officers resident in British Columbia at the time of their election be automatically selected as a CFC Governor provided said person is not a Governor by other means.

Last year's motion was amended to read (Cabanas/Craver) "Be it resolved that given the significance of the CFC Governors' position, that CFC Officers resident in British Columbia at the time of their election be automatically nominated for election as a CFC Governor provided said person is not a Governor by other means. Both the amendment and main motion as amended were PASSED.

4. (c) Moved / Seconded by Whitman / Cabanas: "Be it resolved that given the significance of the CFC Governors' position, that the President of the BCCF be automatically selected as a CFC Governor provided said person is not a Governor by other means."

This motion was re-moved by Cabanas / Williamson and PASSED.

#### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The following officers were each elected by acclamation:

- President: Jim Ferguson
- Vice President (Vancouver region): Wilson Yeung
- Treasurer: Lyle Craver
- Secretary: Lyle Craver
- Junior Coordinator: Richard Kryz and Joshua Keshet (jointly). Messrs. Kryz and Keshet are to meet with the President to work out the details of their joint roles.
  
- Tournaments Coordinator: Lynn Stringer
- Publicity Coordinator: Justin Kalef

The following two nominations were made for re-election as Northern and Interior Vice-Presidents:

(The President is to contact each as soon as possible to confirm their willingness to serve. In the event either declines the President is to select an alternate as per the Constitution of the BCCF)

- Northern Vice-President: Alan Whitman
- Interior Vice-President: George Hara

5. **Election of CFC Governors:** The following persons were elected as Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada: Jonathan Berry, Francisco Cabanas, Lyle Craver, Jim Ferguson (automatic under motion 4(c) above), Lynn Stringer, Wilson Yeung. 1st Alternate: Jason Feng.

[Secretary's note: during the year Mr. Cabanas became CFC President and thus an automatic Governor; when Mr. Feng declined the position, the President appointed Mr. Ron Kuiper]

During the counting of the ballots for CFC Governorships, Francisco Cabanas announced his candidacy for CFC President emphasizing his wish to focus on (a) organizers and (b) junior chess.

[At this point the Chair was passed from Wilson Yeung to Jim Ferguson.]

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

6. (a) **JUNIOR CHESS** - Mr. Keshet made the following points:
- the BCCF is supposed to be committed to a Park Royal Junior Chess Festival style tournament. This did not happen this year, rather a 6-player Round Robin was held for the BC Junior Championship rather than an Open Swiss System event as in past years.
  - Larry Bevand (Chess 'N Math) is starting to organize junior events in the Vancouver area.
  - the need for cooperation and coordination between the Junior Coordinator and the Publicity Coordinator, particularly in the Vancouver area.

Francisco Cabanas said that the competition from Chess 'N Math was a national concern and required a joint response from the BCCF and Chess Federation of Canada (CFC). He said the problem concerning juniors was two-fold: membership fees and rating fees. He also stated that the cancellation of the "\$3 program" was due to limitations in existing CFC rating software and that new software was in the process of being written which is expected to be ready in July/August 1996.

Moved (Yeung/Mitchell) "Be it resolved that the BCCF, in consultation with the membership, develop a unified stand by July 1, 1996 on ratings and fees regarding juniors." PASSED

7. It being 5:45 p.m. (with Round 3 of the Keres Memorial Tournament scheduled for 6 p.m.) it was moved (Yeung/Mitchell) that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned to reconvene at 4 p.m. May 19th. PASSED. (Note: the meeting briefly reconvened then adjourned at the start of the Counterplay Publishing Association AGM)