

2021 BCCF Annual General Meeting

Online over zoom
July 11, 2021

1. Welcome

President Stephen Wright welcomed the room at 3:01 pm, meeting started at 3:03 pm

2. Registration of Members

Alina Calota, Henry Chiu, Lyle Craver, Berry de Groot, Don Hack, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Jose Kagaoan, Paul Leblanc, Michael Lo, Joshua Panoulis, Roger Patterson, Konstantin Pyryaev, Rob Swartz, Stephen Wright,

3. Approval of Agenda

moved/seconded Craver / Lo (all motions carried unanimously)

4. Review and approval of 2019 AGM minutes

approved Hack / LeBlanc

5. Reports of Officers

- 5.1 President (Stephen Wright) - approved Craver / Patterson - See appendix 1
- 5.2 Treasurer (Paul Leblanc) - approved Lo / Chiu - See appendix 2
- 5.3 BCCF Foundation (Paul Leblanc) - approved Craver / Hack - See appendix 3
- 5.4 Secretary (Berry de Groot) - No report
- 5.5 Vice President Vancouver Island: (Roger Patterson) - No report
- 5.6 Tournament Coordinator: (Michael Lo) - No report

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss

7. Election of Directors

(all candidates approved by acclamation)

7.1 Officers of the BCCF

1. President: Stephen Wright (Nominated by Leblanc)
2. Secretary: Berry de Groot (Nominated by Leblanc)
3. Treasurer: Paul Leblanc (Nominated by Patterson)

7.2 Other BCCF Executive Members

1. Vice President: Roger Patterson (stand again)
2. Tournament Coordinator: Michael Lo (Nominated by Pyryaev)
3. Bulletin Editor: Stephen Wright (stand again)
4. Junior Coordinator: vacant
5. Clubs Coordinator: Rob Swartz (Nominated by Leblanc)
6. Publicity Coordinator: Alina Calota (Nominated by Patterson)
7. Webmaster: vacant
8. CFC Voting Members - seven (7) to be elected: Paul Leblanc, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Michael Lo, Lyle Craver, Berry de Groot, Stephen Wright, Don Hack
9. BCCF Executive Members At Large: No additional MAL were elected.

7.3 BC Chess Foundation Trustee

1. Roger Patterson (stands again)

8. New Business

8.1. 2021/22 Budget

Budget was asked to be adjusted to include \$ 500 for the Bulletin and \$1500 for Junior Chess. Accepted Patterson / Hack, passed, adjustments can be found in Appendix 2

8.2. 2021/22 Tournament Schedule

Victoria Chess is planning the following events:

- BC Close in October
- Jack Taylor Memorial in November
- BC Open is in the planning
- Victoria Open is to be scheduled (possibly)
- Washington accepted the match to be in January 2022 in Richmond.

There was a discussion over Hybrid tournaments and what the possibility is, this is up to the organizers, it was mentioned that it is likely a challenging task.

Another discussion was brought up around Online tournaments. It was noted that it has been a burden on the organizers to look into fair play issues, and some of those issues are often unanswerable.

8.2.1 Transition back to OTB tournaments

There was a discussion, and suggestions to follow the guidelines by the government. Discussion went on for children under 12 that they wouldn't be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, which might have some challenges for organizers to allow entries with fully vaccinated people. Ultimately it is up to the organizer to set the boundaries of the tournament.

8.3. BC Closed proposal

Proposed to be in Victoria, with a \$1600 support from the BCCF. Room costs are expected to be \$149 for players in the tournament. Accepted Lo / Panoulis. The proposal is added to this report in Appendix 4.

8.4. BC Women's Championship

It was discussed to be best to be held separately. In addition it was mentioned that it would be challenging to find candidates, since there are requirements to be able to participate, example was given of the number of games played minimum. The best location would likely be the lower mainland due to the active women chess players.

There were some conversations whether it could be combined with the BC Closed, however the conversation was inconclusive. No proposal was put forward.

8.5. Women BCCF Executives

We talked about how Women in the BCCF Executives need to be promoted. Some of this conversation was driven by the NOC NSF and CFC drive to get more women in executive positions.

8.6. Website

There were complaints brought up about the website, some of them are:

- Not updated
- Not clearly able to find information
- Not enough information
- It does not look "nice"

In addition there were two main concerns:

- We haven't heard from our current webmaster
- New data is not updated.

8.7. Special Resolution re Voting by Electronic Means

Henry Chiu brought forward the following piece to our attention:

This is a notice of a special two-thirds vote resolution to add the following subsections of the Constitution at the next general meeting of the Society:

“Whereas Section 83 of the [BC Societies Act](#) allows meeting attendance by electronic means, be it resolved that the following subsections be added to Section 17 of the [BCCF Constitution](#):

17e) All members attending a general meeting by electronic means are deemed to be attending in-person for the purpose of subsection 17a of the Constitution as long as the members are able to participate in it per Section 83 of the BC Societies Act.

17f) Despite subsection 17c or any other sections of the Constitution, the Society has no obligation to make provision for a secret ballot to a member attending by electronic means per subsection 17e).”

I would like to add the constitution changes as a similar situation may happen again in the future. In addition, we may want to have a hybrid (in-person & electronic) meeting model after the pandemic to encourage attendance.

Stephen pointed out to Henry that under the Society Act the text of the special resolution needed to be sent out with the AGM announcement 3 weeks prior to the meeting, rather than being received on the day of.

Discussion around this point was that it was not necessary to have this changed in the constitution, and can be as part of the operational practices.

If this will be carried forward the timeline will be:

- To be discussed in AGM 2022
- To be voted on in AGM 2023

8.8 Promoting women in Chess

There was a discussion on how to make it more attractive for women in chess. Ideas that were tossed around was to have a large prize fund for women. Making the perceived value for women in chess higher. Examples in this area: have a separate BC Women's Championship, have separate women's categories. Additionally promoting women's chess by having strong women chess players play a simul. Or give lectures and answer questions.

Meeting was adjourned by Stephen at 5:27 pm

Appendix 1 - President's Report

This report covers a two-year period and falls conveniently into two parts. In 2019/2020 the trends of record tournament turnouts or highs not seen for thirty or forty years continued. Our expenses were normal: the support of provincial championships, travel grants for provincial champions to participate in national championships, and support of clubs and schools.

Then the pandemic arrived. Our last OTB event was the 2020 BC Open which attracted 161 players, this despite over forty withdrawals. Since then such events that have taken place have been online. In this regard I would particularly like to acknowledge the tireless work of Paul Leblanc in continuing to organize tournaments during this time. (These events have sold out with the exception of the BC Senior, which indicates the degree to which our tournaments consist of or are reliant upon junior entries). Since our membership model is based on tournament participation our income has not suffered as much as it might have. Conversely our expenses have been much reduced, which means we are actually in better financial shape than usual.

As health restrictions lessen the BCCF, like society in general, waits to see what new 'normal' awaits us. Large OTB events are being held in the U.S. and hopefully we can offer the same here before too long. The BCCF will endeavour to continue to support and promote chess in the coming year, in whatever form it may take.

Respectively submitted,

Stephen Wright
11 July 2021

Appendix 2 - Treasurer's Report

British Columbia Chess Federation Financial Statement

1 May 2020 – 30 April 2021

	2020/2021 Budget	2020/2021 Actual	2021/2022 Budget	Remarks
BCCF dues	1,500	1,762.50	3,300	including 600 from junior events
Foundation	1,519.48	1,721.83	1,900.00	income from investments. \$1,519.48 retained by Foundation in 2020/2021
Interest	0	.059	0	
Revenue	3,019.48	3,484.92	5,200	total revenue
Expenses:				
BC Closed	0	0	1,600	venue 1,000 prize fund 600
Jr Chess	1,500	0	1,500	intermat
Bulletin	300	300	500	
BC Active	300	0	0	assuming will not be held
BC Senior	200	0	0	will be held online, no cost to BCCF
BC Junior	200	0	200	
BC vs WA	300	300	300	
BC vs AB			500	
FIDE Titles	0	0	0	
BC Women	0	0	200	not held in 2020/2021
Travel	200	0	600	national championships (200 per trip)
Fees	200	0	100	website, BC Societies
Grants	200	83.79	200	support new clubs and events etc. 2020/2021 grant for school in Nelson
All Expenses	3,400	683.79	5,700	
Surplus	-380.52	2,801.13	-500	

Balance Sheet 30 April 2021

	2020	2021	Remarks
Bank Account	5,239.23	5,746.53	
Payable	-125.00	0	
Receivable	1,315.00	1,762.50	BCCF dues from CFC
Receivable	0	1,721.83	Investment income from Foundation
Net Assets	6,429.23	9,230.86	Including junior fund
Jr Fund	994.83	1,056.33	

FY 2020/2021 BCCF Junior Financial Statement

Balance at end of FY 2019/20	994.83
Revenue from BCCF fees junior events	61.50

Expenditures: 0

Junior Fund balance at end of FY 2020/2021 1,056.33

Paul C. Leblanc, Treasurer
May 2021

Stephen Wright, President

Total BCCF tournament attendance (not including all-junior events). 12 month totals ending 30 April for year given:

2012 - 527 players

2013 - 568 players not including 2012 Cdn open

2014 - 603 players

2015 - 605 players

2016 – 724 players

2017 – 776 players

2018 – 858 players

2019 – 1073 players

2020 – 965 players

2021 - 612 players

Appendix 3 - BCCF Foundation Report

BC CHESS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 30 APRIL 2021

Assets:

	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
440 TSX 60 units (XIU) @ 28.85	12,694.00	7,520.56
77 Royal Bank (RY) @ 117.31	9,032.87	4,090.70
182 Pembina Pipeline @ 37.94	6,905.08	5,363.42
265 Bank of Montreal REIT ETF (ZRE) @ 24.21	6,415.65	5,806.36
93 BCE (BCE) @ 58.10	5,403.30	4,867.08
200 Bank of Montreal Bond ETF (ZCM) @ 16.94	3,388.00	3,019.67
130 KEG Restaurants @ 13.76	1,788.80	2,272.93
Cash	<u>1,557.43</u>	<u>1,557.43</u>
Total	47,185.13	34,498.15

Liabilities:

Total income earned FY 2020/2021 payable to BCCF	1,721.83
Remaining Equity after payout:	45,463.30

Paul Leblanc
Treasurer
15 May 2021

Payout History:

2009	\$358.01
2010	\$624.88
2011	\$662.36
2012	\$769.46
2013	\$828.24
2014	\$900.46
2015	\$1,054.93
2016	\$1,229.53
2017	\$1,338.83
2018	\$1,430.47
2019	\$1,566.15
2020	\$1,519.48
2021	\$1,721.83

Appendix 4 - BC Closed proposal

CCF Event Proposal (proposal P1.1)

Event: Name	2021 BC Closed Championship
Location: Address, parking, proximity to restaurants and public transportation, parks, etc	Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria. Special guest room rate \$149.
Date(s):	8-11 October
Organizing Body: List members and their responsibilities/ functions	Victoria Chess
TDs: All names and TD titles as applicable	Paul Leblanc, NA
Internet, social media: Advertising, live games and results	TBD
Tournament Room Description: Describe size, layout, floor plan, occupancy, lighting, washrooms, etc.	Galiano Room 233. Spacious, well-lit, private bathroom.
Skittles room: Similar with above	Hotel lobby
Format and Rounds: Round robin, Swiss + total number of rounds. Add playoff information if applicable	7 games round-robin
Time Control:	G/90 + 30 secs
Sections: If more than 1	
Tie-Break Systems: Specify clearly if different from section 710 of the CFC Handbook	No tie-break
Equipment: Provided Y/N (chess sets, clocks, score sheets, etc)	All provided
Prize Fund: Clearly specify amounts, distribution and method of awarding	Minimum \$600
Entry Fees: Clearly specify amounts and any possible exceptions (juniors, retired, titled players) Mention early bird amounts if applicable	Free entry by invitation
Rated: Type of rating in effect: CFC, FIDE, other (specify)	CFC, FIDE
BCCF Revenue or Financial Support: Specify expected financial result	BCCF financial support requested: \$1000 facility rent, \$600 prize fund
Other Information: Anything else not included above	Victoria Chess will contribute an additional \$1,000 to the event. Additional means separate from the BCCF contribution.
Submitted by: Name(s)	Paul Leblanc
Date submitted:	20 June, 2021
Proposal Expiry Date: Two weeks after BCCF posted proposal submission deadline date, specify otherwise	30 July, 2021