

***British Columbia Chess Federation***  
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***Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting***  
***Plaza 500, Vancouver, BC***  
***May 20, 2002***

1. The meeting was convened at 4:00 pm by President Bruce Harper.

Present were: Lyle Craver, Ben Daswani, Alan Griffith, Bruce Harper, Katherine Davies, Roman Jiganchine, Joshua Keshet, Hugh Macdonald, John Niksic, Robert North, Joseph Oszvald, Daniel Parkman, Alfred Pechisker, Luc Poitras, Mike Stanford, Peter Stockhausen, Lynn Stringer, Stephen Wright (plus one illegible name)

2. Minutes of the 2001 Meeting: Moved to accept the 2001 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) Vice Presidents' reports:

Northern VP – John Niksic noted the death of Nicholas Taylor longtime player and organizer. Two major events held in Prince George this past year.

Island VP - none

- c) Secretary/Treasurer's report : See BCCF Financial Statements for details (Income Statement, Balance Sheet). A discussion of the financial state of the federation ensued.

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

- d) Junior Coordinators: Student participation was down this past year. This was attributed to the ban on extracurricular activities due to teachers' labour situation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Interschool Team championship tournament was held at York House and St. George's School in February. Moved (Keshet/Macdonald) to accept the report of the Junior Coordinators. Approved.
- e) Tournament Coordinator: Pressing issues are the lack of tournaments in Vancouver; definitely a factor in the decline in BCCF membership. The tournament coordinator's chief objective is to hold 3-4 tournaments a year at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. He was disappointed in the 109 turnout for this year's Keres Memorial – given that the 2001 Keres Memorial got 104 during a bus strike. He noted we got fewer players at the Keres Memorial this year from Vancouver Island and Alberta; he suspects it may be due to a number of these people who played in Canadian Closed in March. Two junior events held at Vancouver Bridge Centre. He spoke of the need for more tournament directors and said that the probable best method is to build a core group of 3 or 4 directors so that TDs don't get "burnt out" as has happened all too often in the past. Moved (Macdonald/Niksic) to accept the Tournament Coordinator's report. Approved

- f) President's Report: Last year's chief objective was to pay down debt and get back in black. We seem to be nearing end of this period but still doesn't think we should spend money till we have it in hand. He spoke of being involved with lots of other activities other than strictly "presidential" activities. He is interested in coordinating individuals in their specialty areas. Clearly we are not yet ready to "fly in high priced talent" for special events.

A discussion ensued concerning how to approach prospective sponsors. It is important to make it plain to sponsors that we are NOT looking for them to fund the entire event. The president said the main need for weekend Swiss type events is for good organizers rather than large sponsorships. Where sponsorship is especially helpful is with major events.

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

#### 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
Webmaster:	Mark Barnes
Publicity Coordinator:	vacant
Clubs Coordinator:	Joe Oszvald

Members at Large: The following were acclaimed as BCCF Members at Large:

CFC Governors: Craver, Stanford, Niksic, Barnes, Oszvald, North

It is noted that all elected CFC Governors not holding other BCCF Executive positions are automatically BCCF Executive Members-At-Large. Thus Messrs. Stanford and North are BCCF Members-At-Large

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lynn Stringer moved (with numerous seconders) a special vote of thanks to Mr. Val Zemitis for taking many pictures (at least 5 rolls of film) at this year's Keres Memorial. Approved.

The president noted that an annual schedule of events is a good thing and should be pursued.

The president also would like to see a bi-weekly electronic newsletter (similar to the newsletter distributed by the Mechanics Institute in San Francisco by John Donaldson). Stephen Wright has agreed to edit such a newsletter. Mark Barnes plans to put a game reader onto the BCCF website. We do NOT intend to include games in the newsletter but rather to put links to the games section in the BCCF website. Each issue is expected to be 1-3 pages every two weeks and concentrate on tournament reports and advertisements.

No funds expenditure is planned for this project so no motion is required.

The president expressed a concern for the development of the stronger juniors – he suggested that we lose a lot of juniors once they get beyond approximately 1000 rating since many of the strongest juniors do not like the Active one day tournament format. Bruce and Stephen have advocated "quads" format events.

A junior Grand Prix was advocated for these events as well. This would be self-financing and thus no authorizing motion is required.

BC Closed: TBA - date needs to be set – Thanksgiving was suggested as a good date. Given the shift of the Canadian championship our former usual Easter date is no longer viable.

Moved to adjourn Keshet/Stockhausen The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

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