

Vice-President's Report for the year 2008-2009

One of the achievements I suggested, upon being elected Vice-President of the OCA last year, was to open up a new bank account, to separate ourselves from the previous administration, and also to stipulate that 2 signing authorities from the Executive would be required on each cheque written, a very useful safeguard.

The OCA was pleased to provide the chess equipment to the Fund-raising efforts for the Canadian Olympic Team last November, and a very successful speed tournament (probably the strongest in history) was held at Umbra on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The fundraising efforts earned several thousand dollars, to subsidize the trip for our top Canadian players.

The OCA also provided the chess equipment to a children's chess tournament sponsored by the Chess Institute of Canada, held last February 13<sup>th</sup> at a fabulous community centre location near Bathurst and Bloor, and this event was also a great success.

Chris Field made good use of the OCA chess equipment for several high school chess events held during the 2008-2009 school year as well.

There were other parties that also benefited from the chess equipment, which is a useful OCA asset all chess players and organizers benefit from.

Because of some issues about clocks which have been damaged, or pieces missing, or boards misplaced, or even having our property returned at the expected time, stricter controls for the next year are necessary and can be discussed under "New business". My thought is that the OCA should raise a nominal amount of money by renting out the equipment (\$1.00 for each set, board and clock), a fee any organizer should be happy to pay,. The organizer has the convenience of not having to buy clocks, and also gets free publicity on the OCA website for the chess tournament, as well as benefits from the OCA "sanctioned event" status. Organizers should sign for the borrowed materials and also provide pick up and delivery of items at specified times.

I also think we should not give out all the money to the leagues that we collect from the CFC, saving it for special situations (perhaps for organizers of special tournaments, or perhaps to start a chess library, or to buy more equipment, or to promote the organization etc. So we can discuss, under "new business", percentages that we as an organization keep, to run things. The executive, for example, will have out of pocket expenses for various items (gas, postage, envelopes, etc.)

Vice President Brett Campbell