

# Ontario Chess Association Annual General Meeting Richmond Hill Ontario – May 20, 2006

The following were in attendance:

Iuri Lebeded - Guest  
Micheal Barron – Outgoing Governor  
Nicholas Varmazis – Guest  
Bill Doubleday –Incoming Gov  
Hal Bond – VP  
Lian Hua He – Guest  
Sean Geley - Outgoing Gov  
Ilya Bluvshstein – Outgoing Gov  
Barry Thorvardson - President

## **Proxies:**

David Gordon given to Bill Doubleday  
Kevin Pacey given to Bill Doubleday

Chris Mallon given to Hal Bond

Wilf Ferner given to Michael Barron

## Minutes of the 2005 AGM

The minutes were accepted as read– Bond/Barron –

## President's report

The President's Report was accepted as read – Bond/Doubleday

Bill Doubleday noted the great work Barry has done especially in youth chess

## **Vice-President's Report**

The Vice-President's report was accepted as read - Barry / Bluvshstein  
Bill Doubleday would like to comment "vote of thanks".

## **Secretary's report**

No Secretary's report has been submitted.

Barry Thorvardsen would like to note that Gordon has been very active in his position – thanks.

## **Treasurers Report**

Membership revenues are down substantially.

York Region activities are in full swing and are growing on target.

The OCA should re-examine League planned revenues/expenses in light of reduced membership.

All leagues currently get the same funding from the OCA – previously was solely based on per member number.

OCA owned equipment list requested.

Move to accept – Bond/Barron

Youth coordinators report

Questions with regard to participation of girls and lack of.

Tournaments needed for Under 20 group.

Bid for Ontario Junior is requested

GTCL offers to run the Ontario Junior

Move to accept – Doubleday/Bond

No special officers' reports

League reports

GTCL – Active participation in system of tournaments – need to convince people to run CFC rated events.

Request OCA to request an easement of requirements for CFC tournaments – CFC memberships & fees etc.

EOCA – had several tournaments – planned 11 but unfortunately Dec. fell through .

Had poor attendance – have a new organizer and he is reversing this trend.

Been a poor year for participation esp. with strong players.

Looking to do some re-organization and re-building

SWOCL – continues with the SWOCL grand prix ... experienced some up and some down basically staying even perhaps a small increase of participation. Enjoy participation from Toronto ... need to renew web site etc.

NOCL – have an increase in Juniors – CYCC series, John Rutherford still very active

Had an article in Chess Canada – NORMAX – youth championship still strong have still good all ages tournaments.

York Region – so many youth that are actually playing chess – believe that there would still be more if we could get more teachers to buy in and be active. If there isn't a teacher, then there generally is no action. Where we can have chess training for these teachers, the hope is that this will increase our participation.

OCA has a training session with Roman Pelts manuals.

Trillium Found. Submission updates – criteria would be for min. 10 schools, now have 40, minimum is 1 city – we have 5 now. Should be successful in going for a province-wide program by next year. (Fall 2007)

Will be able to consider hiring part-time workers in each of the areas.

Hope to get Highly Visible city championships (by grade) in each of the cities participating. York Region sports is going to be running these events with OCA support. No link up with Chess 'n Math with our Trillium funds.

Is this school based? This is Youth based. 80% has to be youth based under Trillium foundation application.

Trillium Foundation is open to applications for funds for any events or programs.

Might there be any conflicts with the province wide program and any applications that individual organizations might have (like for instance the EOCA?)

Trillium funds from an organization can be submitted. But only one application from any one organization. So EOCA or SWOCL could apply and this should have no impact on the OCA applications

Ontario Break-Open tickets – looked VERY good ... could be 200,000 per year indefinitely. What happened was after many meetings and much paperwork we found that we were applying under community development, but have to be an incorporated Charity org. but ... is there any other category? Yes – we can apply under Mental Health category – could go under Education but would have to have Ministry of Education would have to approve.

Would prefer that we start in one city and then go for an expansion. Brampton refused. We are now going back to Province wide ... should have more answers by Sept.

Federal level as well ....

Last year business? No.

Nominations for new board –

Governors

EOCA – Doubleday, Langer, Pacey, Gordon, Marghetis

SWOCL – Bond, Killi, Panjwani, Hendon, Bos

NOCL – Geley +

GTCL – Dutton, Posylek, Thurairasah, Eng, Ferrier, Urquhart, Dickie, Bluvshstein, Thorvardson, Luiting, Lebedev.

Elections – Nominations –

President – Barry T. – Barron

VP – Bond – Thorvardson

Youth C – McDonald – Bluvshstein

Treasurer – Ferrier – Thorvardson

Secretary – Doubleday – Bond

All positions were acclaimed.

Sec. Job to log motions, votes, submit report of same – have vote on executive

CFC Governors

EOCA – Langer, Pacey, Palsson, Profit, Doubleday

NOCL – Geley +

SWOCL - Bond, Killi, Panjwani, Hendon, Bos, McDonald, Mallon

GTCL – Dutton, Starr, Bluvshstein, Barron, Thurairasah, Eng, Posylek, Ferrier,  
Thorvardson, Luiting, Lebedev

k here I'll send it again hehe.  $687 \text{ Adult} + 155 \text{ Life} + 22 \text{ Honorary} + (106 \text{ Jr Part} + 116 \text{ Jr})/2 = 984/50$   
 $= 19.68$

tell them to pick 20 + 5 and we can discuss whether 20 is the proper number later  
the 5 would likely be used as Alternates in case positions go unfilled at the CFC AGM

All these are not necessarily in priority order ...

Confirmation of numbers allowed per league will be forthcoming from Barry

Chess camps are starting with Roman Pelts but will be expanding with many others.  
Pushing it through the schools ...

Hal Bond as exec. Will be lead coordinator for accepting chess trainers and camps under  
the OCA Umbrella

First Training event will be next week at the Richmond Hill curling club Saturday.  
Will be done a min. of 4 times.

If rating fees don't come down with the automated rating submission method, OCA will  
likely propose to the CFC a flat rate rating fee for Ontario.  
Would like all these youth events rated from the schools etc. Looking to increase CFC  
memberships.

Perhaps a trial of a flat rate might be acceptable to the CFC.

This should result in an increase of membership in the CFC. The hope is that this will  
increase participation in events also.

Trillium funds could be used towards paying some of these rating fees etc.

BD: need a “super tournament” to attract out the strong players that don't play so much  
anymore ... Something that has extra funding to make it more enticing ...

Canadian Events include the bid etc. for Canadian Closed

Budget accepted – Bond/Barron

Each league is allowed to nominate one Under 2200 for Canadian Closed. If there is a second choice please also send a second name in too.  
Entitled 9 – 3 for the province, and 6 as organizers. (we will take 1-2 nominations from each league.)

Ontario Closed this fall ... each region is entitled to one nomination for this.  
Plus ... the difference will be filled by rating priority. Policy is in minutes from last year.  
We are continuing with the process that Roger Paterson did such great work on last year.  
Barry will email details on Ontario Closed on Tuesday, May 23.

OCA has won bid for Canadian Closed and Canadian Womens.

Northern Ontario's turn next up for Ontario Open Will be in Thunder Bay.

City Championships will be getting sponsorships.  
Advisory board – trying to organize an advisory board composed of other not Chess playing members. This should be primarily from the corporate world.

Canadian Youth Olympiad (U16) Dilip Panjwani and Larry Bevand from CMA are sending a team to the U16 Olympiad. Michael Barron would like the OCA to support this initiative.  
Barry T is tabling that discussion.