

Ontario Chess Association AGM 7th June 2008

Location : Brampton Chess Club

Attendees : Michael Barron, Egidijus Zeromskis, Michael Von Keitz, Robert Gillanders, Douglas Hoch, Kerry Liles, Chris Mallon, Ilia Bluvshstein, Nicolas Giurgiu, Brett Campbell, Alice Laimer (Treasurer), Devon Thomas (Secretary), Barry Thorvardson (President).

- 1) Meeting called to order at 10:10 by the president
- 2) Last year's minutes were read and passed after point 19c was amended
- 3) The president read his report and announced that he will not be running for president this year.
- 4) Chris Mallon asked Barry about Trillium's position, Barry explained that the last bid was unsuccessful. Bob Gillanders also asked Barry about the payment he received from Trillium as there is a conflict of interest apparently as he was also an OCA Officer.

Barry gave a long and detailed answer in which he expressed some regret, he also said with hindsight he should have stepped down as president before receiving funds from Trillium. Ilia moved to accept Barry's answer and it was seconded by Michael Barron and passed.

- 5) There was no Vice President or secretary's report
- 6) Devon thanked Barry for all his hard work and contribution to chess in Ontario over the past years. The sentiment was echoed by Alice Laimer.
- 7) Treasurer's Report : The balance sheet was disputed because of some discrepancies; consequently it was not approved and is to be looked into in the future at a to be decided date.
- 8) League Report : Michael Barron presented GTCL chess league's report and stressed how crucial it was to get the funds from CFC. No funds was received from CFC this year. GTCL need funding to continue.
- 9) The CFC is withholding some \$9400 from OCA until they resolve the dispute over payments of entry fee to Canadian Closed 2006, Chris Mallon will head a committee to investigate the matter.

10) New officers were elected :-
President – Chris Mallon
Vice President – Brett Campbell
Secretary – Michael Von Keitz

Treasurer – Kerry Liles
Youth Coordinator – Patrick Macdonald

12) The governors list received approval. EOCA will have five governors, GTCL is to have nine, NOCL will have two and SWACL will have five.

13) The formation of an audit committee was proposed and that is should be made up of the four treasurers from each region. GTCL, SWOL, EOCA and NOCL and that they should present quarterly reports. Moved by Barry seconded by Michael Barron.

Michael and Brett Campbell will work together on the Ontario Junior Championships which they hope will take place sometime in Nov 2008. Barry advised that the Brampton Chess Club is now well supported by the City of Brampton, and that the City has officially opened a Chess Park/Street in downtown Brampton. In addition the City will strongly support a bid to host the 2011 Commonwealth Chess Championships. This is being developed to see if sufficient corporate support will be forthcoming. The goal is to raise funds not only for the 2011 event but also for other earlier events and chess camps to build towards the main event, including possibly a 2009 Canadian Closed and a 2010 Canadian Open.

The meeting closed at 1500hours.

Appendix

Point 19c : “To support standing bid from GTCL for Canadian junior and Ontario Junior championships in Toronto if not other bids are present”. It was amended by Michael Barron, motion by Iliia Bluvshstein, seconded by Bob Gillanders : Carried.