

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 1, 2020 -- 2:00-4:00 PM

Via Google Meet

MINUTES

Chair Ken Cashin
Secretary Roger Langen

1. Call to Order -- 2 PM

2. Attending: Ken Cashin, Steve Saunders, Ian Anderson, Roger Langen, Don Gillis, John MacRitchie (Truro), Farhana Kanth, Jerjis Kapra, Tara Henderson (Truro), David Bardsley, Greg de Moortele, Joseph Mehmet (Valley). Regrets: Lloyd Lombard

Note: QUORUM (8) MET.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED David Bardsley that Agenda be approved (as amended). APPROVED

4. CNS Society -- Transition from NSCA

Ken provided review of history of re-naming Nova Scotia Chess Association as Chess Nova Scotia Society #3330426. Particular note was taken of extensive work under Lloyd Lombard to create a new Constitution & Bylaws.

5. Constitution & Bylaws -- Adoption (75%)

MOVED Ken, SECONDED Roger, that the Constitution & Bylaws for Chess Nova Scotia be adopted. PASSED -- 8-0

6. Amendments -- Approval (67%)

No amendments were proposed. Discussion regarding a CNS-only membership (for non-CFC members) was deferred for consideration at a later meeting.

7. President's Report (attached)

Ken provided highlights of his report: CNS outreach, successful Library program, revised tournament calendar, national tournament proposal (to include NS), thanks to key

contributors to NS chess, optimism for future post-Covid. Discussion on Library program, in particular, including by Zoom, and its potential for a broad outreach

MOVED Ken, SECONDED David, to accept Report. PASSED

7a. Vice-President's Report (attached)

Ian presented his report. While some club activity has resumed, Covid has prevented new initiatives (e.g., as contemplated for Liverpool and Truro). Ian offered help to the Truro members present.

The Secretary notes the report as Received.

8. Annual Financial Report (attached)

Ken reviewed the Financial Report as prepared by Lloyd Lombard, Treasurer.

MOVED Ken, SECONDED David, that the Financial Report be approved. PASSED

9. Election of Officers

Ken yielded the Chair to Farhana to conduct elections to the new Board. Nominations were asked as per the Constitution and positions acclaimed in the following order:

President: Ken Cashin. Vice-President: Ian Anderson. Secretary: Roger Langen.
Treasurer: Lloyd Lombard. Members-at Large: David Bardsley, Steve Saunders.
Honorary Member (by appointment): Farhana Kanth. Youth Representative: Jerjis Kapra.

MOVED Farhana, SECONDED Ken, that the new Executive be acclaimed as nominated.
(Unanimously) PASSED

Congratulations offered to Jerjis Kapra as newest member of the CNS Board.

Note: All terms are for two (2) years, except for Ken, Roger, and David, who will serve a first term, as per the Constitution, of one (1) year.

10. General Business

Pawn Wise Festival -- Ken reported on the cancellation of Pawn Wise in March. It is now re-scheduled (as approved by the CFC) for Summer 2022. The Canadian Seniors Championship 2021 is also approved for Halifax, if conditions permit. Received sponsorships, at a value of \$21,289.00 in two (2) accounts, will remain in place and apply to the re-scheduled 2022 Pawn Wise event as originally designed.

Roger reported that all invited participants for 2020, including Hou Yifan and Evgeny Bareev, remain committed to Pawn Wise. Handcrafted trophies and specialty chess sets

have been purchased and will be reserved for the 2022 event. The Chess Considered panel may be reconsidered as a Zoom event, thus saving considerable cost.

Intergenerational Chess Project -- Roger reported that the Department of Seniors grant for this project remains in part assigned to spending that cannot be actualized due to the pandemic (e.g., travel to meet seniors' groups, travel & accommodation for participants at Pawn Wise). Roger is working on a curriculum aid for seniors & others to use as a guide for navigating the LiChess/Learn website, and will begin outreach when this is ready. Discussion included possibility of using LiChess as a Zoom utility in the Library setting. Roger will connect with Jerjis for assistance in preparing a glitch-free presentation.

Truro & other regional updates -- Support will be given to Dristine (Tara) Henderson for resuming a Covid-safe program in Truro. Joseph Mehmet reported that OTB youth chess (e.g., Port Williams) was postponed to next year. There was general discussion about how to overcome Covid barriers going forward and hope for a revived chess climate when the pandemic passes.

11. Date of Next AGM -- MARCH 28, 2021

12. Adjournment -- 4:06 PM