

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 28, 2021 -- 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, Lloyd Lombard, Dave Kenney, Chris Felix, Roger Langen, Farhana Kanth, David Bardsley, Ian Anderson, Don MacLean, Alvah Mayo, Greg Van De Moortele

Note: QUORUM (8) MET.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda declared approved (as amended)

4. Approval of AGM Minutes -- November 1 2020

Minutes reviewed. Declared as approved.

5. President's Report (attached) -- Ken

Main points as follows: CNS tournaments will likely resume by October-November as Covid-19 wanes; Chess-at-the-Library program will restart at Halifax Central in June with in-person lectures. The library will also publish Ken's blog.

MOVED Ken, SECONDED Lloyd, to accept Report. PASSED

5a. Vice-President's Report (attached) -- Ian

Secretary notes Report as received. Discussion deferred to items under General business.

6. Annual Financial Report (attached) -- Lloyd

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

Note: Chris observed that Liability lines in Pawn Wise section of budget, while inconsequentially small in the present instance, should normally be shown. Noted.

7. Election of Officers

Ken yielded the Chair to Farhana to conduct elections to the new Board. Nominations were asked as per the Constitution for positions for election this year. These were acclaimed as follows:

President: Ken Cashin. Secretary: Roger Langen. Member-at Large: David Bardsley

MOVED Farhana, SECONDED Lloyd, that these positions, as nominated and acclaimed, be approved. PASSED (unanimously)

Note: The positions of Vice-President, Treasurer, Junior Coordinator, and other Member-at-Large positions will be up for election/re-election next year in 2022.

8. General Business

- a) Covid 19 -- Ken asked Roger to update on Covid's impact on Pawn Wise. The event has been postponed to 2022. The CFC was also advised that CNS would not hold the interim 2021 Canadian Seniors CC due to the ongoing Covid uncertainty.
- b) Inventory Control -- Lloyd reported new CNS chess clocks were marked for inventory purposes, but that the new silicon boards could not be similarly identified. Steve indicated the importance of ensuring that new or existing clubs with new members had standard-quality chess sets for use, marked or otherwise. Discussion.
- c) VP's Report -- Club development is subject to the easing of Covid restrictions.
- d) Nova Scotia Closed -- Chris advised that the qualifiers for the postponed 2020 NS Closed would be re-invited for the 2021 NS Closed. He further suggested that eligibility for the 2022 and 2023 NS Closed events should omit participation criteria for the years 2020 and 2021. All agreed.
- e) Pawn Wise -- Roger suggested cost-saving measures for Pawn Wise 2022. The main one would be the replacement of Hou Yifan by Judit Polgar as the banner female celebrity for the event. A second would be the use of Zoom technology to include half (or more) of the "Chess Considered" panel, saving travel & accommodation costs. Suggestion was also made that celebrity adult learners of chess (like Howard Stern) could be invited to enhance publicity.

Farhana requested that a formal planning committee be established for Pawn Wise 2022 when planning resumes. All agreed.

- f) Regional Representatives – Lloyd reminded the meeting that the Constitution provided for Regional Representatives on the Executive and that action should be taken to achieve this objective.

MOVED Lloyd, SECONDED Alvah, that Don MacLean be appointed Regional Representative for Cape Breton Region. ACCEPTED & APPROVED

MOVED Roger, SECONDED Lloyd, that Alvah Mayo be appointed Regional Representative for Central Region. ACCEPTED & APPROVED

MOVED Ken, SECONDED Greg, that Steve Saunders be appointed Regional Representative for South Eastern Region. ACCEPTED & APPROVED

MOVED Ken, SECONDED Lloyd, that Chris Felix be appointed Regional Representative for Halifax Region. ACCEPTED & APPROVED

Ian and Lloyd agreed to consider possible candidates for the South Western Region.

Note: Roger asked new members of the Executive, including from last year, to send photographs to Chris Felix in order to update the CNS website page. These persons are: Jerjis Kapra, Donald MacLean, and Alvah Mayo.

The Secretary notes that descriptions will have to be updated for Chris and Farhana.

- g) Youth – Farhana reports that Jerjis has run bi-weekly all-ages online tournaments throughout the pandemic, with participation ranging from 12-73 players averaging 40 players per event, including Howard Stern and players from Eastern Europe. Ken offered sincere congratulations on behalf of CNS.

- h) Other – General discussion on supporting clubs and updating the website.

9. Date of Next AGM -- MARCH 27, 2022

10. Adjournment -- 4:05 PM