

**Scarborough Chess Club
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2007
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
The Jack Goodlad Community Centre
929 Kennedy Road
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada**

Minutes

Present: Bryan Lamb
Maurice Smith
Alex Rapport
Ted Termeer
Mario Moran-Venegas
Jim Roe
Andrew Phillip
Rick Garel
Jim Patterson
Lui Morra

Regrets: Steve Karpik

1) Welcome

Scarborough Chess Club (SCC) President Bryan Lamb welcomed everyone to the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

2) Minutes of 2006 AGM

The following changes to the 2006 AGM minutes were noted:

- The minutes omitted the following changes to the Scarborough Chess Club Constitution that were approved at the meeting:
 - “Organization” section:
 - Remove the reference to the TD Coordinator;
 - Add an Officer-at-Large position on the Executive Committee;
 - “Elections” section:
 - After “Voting shall take the form of majority hand approval from the members present” add “except in the case of voting for Executive Officers which shall be in the form of a secret ballot.”

- The 2005-2006 Treasurer's Report contained some inaccuracies. The correct figures are:
Total Revenue: \$2,067.00
Total Expenses: \$2,657.32
Net loss: \$580.32
Bank Balance: \$1774.07
- Remove the "improved" sentence in the Treasurer's Report.

The 2006 AGM minutes were approved as amended.

3) President's Report

Bryan Lamb reported on highlights of the 2006-2007 club activities and noted that it was a very successful year. The major change in 2006-2007 was a wider distribution of duties. This change strengthened the club and contributed to events running more smoothly. It was noted that it is good for the club to have more than one person that can be relied on in terms of running club events. Executive members have been all contributing to the club in a positive way.

The second last tournament of the year that finished late in April had a rating problem with only the first 23 players being shown as playing in the tournament. The club is working with the Canadian Chess Federation to resolve the issue.

4) Vice President's Report

Maurice Smith presented the Vice President's Report. A copy of his report is included in Appendix A.

Maurice noted that the administrative, communication and financial functions of the club are going smoothly. The relationship with the City of Toronto related to renting the community centre is also going well.

5) Treasurer's Report

Andrew Philip submitted a financial report for 2006-2007 (see Appendix B).

Andrew noted that the club has purchased new chess pieces and other equipment in the past year. The cost of the hall rental is going to increase slightly once again. There is a need to remain diligent in attending to the club's financial health, including attracting and retaining members. It was also noted that the hall has a limited capacity of approximately 50 players.

The financial report was accepted as presented.

6) Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report presented.

7) Other Business from the Past Year

There was no other business considered from the past year.

8) Election of President

Bryan Lamb was acclaimed as President for 2007-2008.

9) Election of Vice President

Maurice Smith was acclaimed as Vice President for 2007-2008.

10) Election of Treasurer

Andrew Philip was acclaimed as Treasurer for 2007-2008.

11) Election of Secretary

Steve Karpik was acclaimed as Secretary for 2007-2008.

12) Election of Officer-at-Large

The position of Officer-at-Large went vacant.

13) New Businessa) 2007-2008 Membership Fees

Membership fees were discussed. The membership fees for 2007-2008 were set as:

	Regular (18-64)	Senior (65+)	Junior (under 18)
Tournament	\$40	\$30	\$20
Six Month	\$70	\$50	\$35
One Year	\$120	\$90	\$60
Two Years	\$200	\$150	\$100

It was reiterated that single tournament memberships expire at the end of the tournament in which the player joined even if the player didn't start at the beginning.

b) Carbonized Forms

It was decided that the high cost of carbonized forms makes it financially unfeasible to keep using them for all boards. Only the top three boards will be provided with carbonized forms, while the other players can simply hand in their ordinary score sheets. Bryan will buy enough carbonized forms to service the top three boards only.

c) Clocks

It was noted that the club purchased one Saitek and seven BHB clocks. It was decided that in terms of new clocks, the Executive Committee will decide what to buy on an as-needed basis.

d) Howard Ridout Memorial Tournament

It was decided that the first tournament of the new season will be called the Howard Ridout Memorial Tournament, which will run from September 13-October 25, 2007. Rick Garel offered to contact Steve Karpik to make the appropriate change to the web site.

e) Round Robin Tournaments

A discussion was held about the appropriateness of the round robin format for club tournaments. Both pros and cons to the format were noted. Bryan offered to survey the club's members about their views on the matter.

f) CFC Updates

It was noted that Maurice Smith is a governor of the Canadian Chess Federation (CFC). Given his position, perhaps he could informally update SCC members about on-going CFC issues.

14) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next AGM is scheduled for the first Thursday following Labour Day in 2008 (Thursday, September 4, 2008). It was suggested that there might be more member participation in the meeting if it were held one week later, however, it was decided to stay with our traditional date for the 2008 AGM.

Appendix A: Scarborough Chess Club 2006-2007 Vice-President's Report

Submitted by Maurice Smith

During the year I stayed in constant contact with the City regarding the permit. I delivered the rent payment to their office each month in order to build a relationship with City staff. I created a membership list, which conformed to City guidelines. Each week I obtained the building key and opened up the Club, and with members help, set up the tables. I followed up with the City to obtain our permit for this year.

On occasion, I helped our Secretary organize the Greater Toronto Chess League team matches.

I managed the coffee service by purchasing supplies and keeping account of the receipts and the weekly sales.

I convened an Executive Meeting at my house for the Executive.

Maurice Smith, Vice President

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**Appendix B: Scarborough Chess Club 2006-2007 Financial Report
Submitted by Andrew Philip, Treasurer**

Opening Balance at July 31, 2006: \$1,774.07

Revenues:

Club Memberships	\$5,789.00
CFC Dues Collected	646.00
Coffee and Concession	315.00
Total Revenues	\$6,750.00

Expenses:

Rent	\$2,239.14
CFC Rating Fees	489.00
CFC Dues Remitted	610.00
Website Hosting/Domain Name ¹	137.74
Coffee Supplies	64.55
Trophies	114.45
Chess Equipment ²	643.38
Pairing Software	62.99
Miscellaneous Supplies ³	5.05
Bank Fees	5.48
Total Expenses	\$4,371.78

Net Income: \$2,378.22

Closing Balance at August 31, 2007 \$4,152.29

1 Web hosting service \$105.95, Domain Name registration \$31.79.

2 Purchased 1 Saitek Digital Clock, 7 BHB tournament clocks, 6 sets of chess pieces.

3 Purchased receipt book.

Treasurer's Opinion

The Club was extremely successful in its campaign to improve its fiscal health in 2006/2007 season. Our financial position is the best we have seen in several years and a strong improvement over the prior year. Net income went from a loss of \$580.32 in 2005/2006 to a profit of \$2,378.22 in 2006/2007.

The primary reason for this was a significant increase in Club Membership and secondarily a more rigorous membership fee collection process. The significant increase in new memberships generated revenue that counteracted the increased hall rental costs. The Executive and Club membership are to be commended for their efforts in marketing the Club and attracting new members.

The most significant atypical operating expense was the large clock/piece purchase to refresh our aging equipment inventory. We have a \$36 imbalance on CFC dues collected versus CFC dues remitted, although we are not aware of any members whose dues failed to be remitted. We continue to have some struggles with devising a foolproof process for reconciling CFC dues on the fly during the year. Since collecting and paying CFC dues on behalf of members is a courtesy we offer our membership, the Executive will continue to look into ways to improve this.

For the new season, we will see another modest increase in hall rental costs. No other significant increases in spending are anticipated at this time. However, the Club must not lapse into complacency regarding its financial health. The key to the Club's well-being is a health, active membership. The Executive and Club membership should continue to keep a strong focus on maintaining current membership and recruiting new members to replace those that inevitably drop off.

Regards,

Andrew Philip, Treasurer

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Membership Type	Regular	Senior	Junior	
2 mo.	8	0	1	9
6 mo.	10	1	6	17
1 yr.	12	2	6	20
2 yr.	8	6	1	15
	38	9	14	61

