



London Chess Club

Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre
78 Riverside Drive, London ON

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BRIEF HISTORY / SNAPSHOT

The London Chess Club (LCC) was founded in 1965, and since 2002 the LCC has been meeting at the Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre. LCC Current Membership (2023) is 136 Members.

Club Revenue

Club Memberships. \$40 per calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31) / Family discount: additional family - 50% off.

Expenses

Rental of Space: \$1700 (?)

Website: www.londonchess.ca

Contact: welcome@londonchess.ca



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First Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on **Tuesday, Dec 12th 2023, 6:00PM – 7:00PM**

AGENDA

1) MISSION STATEMENT

- Thoughts on:

"The London Chess Club strives to empower all skill levels, enrich lives, and enhance our community by providing a safe environment, fostering respect, encouragement, and skill developing, forming bonds through a shared love of chess."

2) MEASUREABLE GOALS

- Ensure club seating capacity, review each quarter
- Ensure leadership and administration have the resources that they need
- Seek opportunities to support youth chess
- Seek opportunities to support London community
- Define the number of active, classical, blitz each year, and record participation
- Effectively communicate to all members
- Expand technology
- Hold CFC-rated tournaments

3) PLAYING HALL

- Noise level in the gym, especially when players review their games

4) BOD CHAIR

- Vote in a chair position for newly established BOD

5) MEASUREMENTS

- Review the physical space requirements to ensure that adequate space is available today and the future
- Conduct monthly (or agreed upon) BOD Meeting, which would include BOD, President, VP, Treasure and Tournament Director (2nd Tuesday or 2nd Wednesday of the month via Zoom). Take minutes and publish on website using defined communication protocols (i.e. vote on previous months' minutes before publishing)
- Check in with President, VP, Treasurer, TD to ensure there are resources in place
- Review ownership/publishing of www.londonchessclub.ca (Update website? Social media component? YouTube featured game)



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6) NEW WEBSITE

- Michal has been working on a new website and has acquired the www.londonchess.ca domain
- Michal to speak to the new website, and discuss launch opportunities, as well as branding updates www.londonchess.ca vs. www.londonchessclub.ca
- Advantages: better on mobile; costs: about \$22.00/ month, mainly for usage of Amazon Web Services Server

7) SOCIAL MEDIA

- It would be great to incorporate the new website with social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Seek a person to take on this position? Search for volunteers.

8) BANKING / FINANCES

- It would appear that the LCC Bank account needs to be updated. There are a few members that have been funding the LCC as the LCC bank account was not effectively accessible
- Immediate action items:
 - i) Ensure LCC Members who are owed money be made whole by the LCC
 - ii) Treasurer to provide a snapshot of state of bank account ASAP (balance, projected revenue, expenses)

9) NEW BUSINESS

- Add a secretary position? -> Not currently necessary.
- Rent payment and revisit the contract
- Registration of LCC with CFC
- Anything else?



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MINUTES: DECEMBER 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission statement was quickly shared. Everyone asked to provide thoughts/suggestions. No one had any objections to the new mission statement.

MEASUREABLE GOALS

Talked briefly about the measurable goals outlined in the agenda. Highlights:

- Space requirements: Hardik secured a bit of a commitment for club to use the gym (unclear if there will be a fee increase, or if the existing contract will be updated). Given the open space of the gym, new noise protocols will need to be developed and shared to all members. Hardik is going to draft a new noise protocol.
- Discussed inviting President, VP, Treasurer, and Tournament Director to participate at the monthly BOD meetings to ensure effective communication, and to ensure the Executive Committee has all the necessary resources. The Executive Committee (President, VP, Treasurer, Tournament Director) will attend the monthly meetings (every 2nd Tuesday of the month) for the first 15–20 minutes where they can share any challenges, provide reports etc., after which the BOD will vote on new propositions. No one from the Executive Committee is required to join the meetings, and anyone from the committee is welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting if they wish.
- Will continue to develop measurable goals. Discussed the idea of hosting more CFC-rated tournaments.

BOD CHAIR

Quick conversation about adding a Chair position for the board of directors – Mike Harris will chair the BOD for the first year. The Chair will be responsible for representing the board and running the monthly meetings. No conversation around how the Chair will be selected (it is currently assumed that the board of directors will simply elect a member annually).

NEW WEBSITE

Michal discussed plans for a new website. Quick vote by the BOD (5-0) for Michal to go ahead.



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General goals of new website:

- Modern functionality, and a mobile-friendly layout.
- Admin login functionality to add/remove/edit members, articles, club events that are displayed on the site.
- Work towards developing standard procedures so the tasks of updating website, ratings, etc. can be passed on to other members where necessary.
- Future goals include automating the update of ratings, and perhaps adding a blitz rating to the website.
- Projected first-year annual costs are approximately \$300.00 for usage of various Amazon Web Services, as well as hosting and domain renewal fees (Michal to provide update of costs to the BOD). This cost falls to ~\$22/ month afterwards.
- Immediate plan is to have both websites running simultaneously – have the old website (www.londonchessclub.ca) redirect to the new one (www.londonchess.ca), but continue maintaining the old one for access to archived photos, articles, tournament results, etc.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Quick conversation about adding a London Chess Facebook and Instagram accounts, with the future www.londonchess.ca pushing to these social media sites. No action items yet.

BANKING / FINANCES

Gerry and Hardik recently (November 3, 2023) got to the London Chess Club bank account and finances. Unfortunately, because bank access was not available, Hardik and Edgar were using their own money for club resources (i.e. prize funds, chess sets, awards, etc.). Hardik is owed \$1,467.00, and the Treasurer (Gerry) has been instructed to release \$1,467.00 to Hardik from the London Chess Club (LCC) account. Edgar to determine how much he is owed. The BOD would like to make sure everyone who funded the LCC is made whole ASAP so that an accurate financial report can be available for the January 2024 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider incorporating the LCC Membership with the CFC Membership (i.e. making a CFC membership a requirement). Leroy will investigate the advantages and share with the BOD. We are also exploring other ways to integrate CFC.
- Create a WhatsApp group for BOD, Executive Committee for communication. Michal to create and share.