

80TH FIDE CONGRESS 2009
Kallithea, Greece

Women's Chess Commission Meeting
12 October 2009
17.00-19.00

Minutes

Co-Chairperson: A. Kosteniuk

Present: F. Dapiran (ITA), M. Murphy (ISV), N. Freeman (BER) – Treasurer, I. Leong (SIN) – General Secretary, L. Mazouz (GER), A. Mongiello (ISV), T. Ameyar (ALG), A. Herbert (BAR), B. Assanov (KAZ), R. Haring (USA).

Following issues have been discussed and the following steps have been decided to be made:

1. Predictable Tournaments Calendar.

Decided:

- Events commission, commission on women's chess and all other commissions that are working on the chess calendar have to work together in order to avoid unfortunate clashes of big women's chess events.

2. Creating a special women's chess web-site on the FIDE.com portal

Decided:

- To create and launch a special page dedicated to the women's chess on the FIDE web-portal - womenchess.fide.com, where one can find the history of Women's Chess, women's chess tournaments and events calendar, up-to-date news about women's events, statistics on women's chess, articles and discussion on important topics related to women's chess, all the info contacts of WIM and WGM so any organizer can send an invitation or proposal to any of these players for a chess tournament.

3. Women's World Blitz and Rapid Championships.

Decided:

- To create regulations of these events and post them on the FIDE web-site for bidding procedure.

4. Creating the CAISSA Award.

This award proposal has been proposed to the Presidential Board for approval

5. Creating a GOLD ORGANIZER award.

This award proposal has been proposed to the Presidential Board for approval. Mr. Ignatius Leong proposed to discuss during the Executive Board a possibility to organize an award-dinner for the nominees for the awards of all chess commissions during the chess olympiads.

6. Increasing Women's Prizes in Open Tournaments.

Decided:

- Ask the presidential board to propose to the organizers of the FIDE rated events to have the top women's prize not less than 30% of the first overall prize of a tournament (if there is a certain number of women participating and if they take not less than 40% of the points).

7. Working on increasing women's representatives in all the commissions and federations.

All the people attending the meeting agreed that many countries are very far behind in developing women's chess. FIDE and the chess world desperately need more chess women arbiters, women trainers, women officials. For this purpose it was decided:

- To work together with trainers, arbiters and all other commissions in order to increase the number of women representatives.
- To prepare a special letter to all the commissions with the proposal to have at least 1 woman representative in the Council of every commission.

8. Good-will chess visits program.

Current and former women's world chess champions will visit national chess federations in order to popularize women's chess and to attract attention of the media and the government of these countries to this issue.

Decided:

- To collaborate with the Development CACDEC Commission, the Continental Presidents, national federations about this project and work out the calendar of such events for 2010.
- To create a special list of the countries who need for women's chess development and were not represented with the women's team in the Chess Olympiad in Dresden and write to these countries in order to help them to develop women's chess.

9. To **publish a special book** from FIDE women's commission about benefits of chess for girls and women's and with the history of the women's chess and with the stars of women's chess past and current. This book can be distributed for the women's chess commissions of the FIDE federations especially in the countries where there are no women's chess teams.

Decided:

- -To wait until the agreement with Chess Lane will be decided since Chess Lane might have some rights for this kind of work.

10. Support young girls stars, to create a FIDE Grant, that will help a continental champion or anybody who will somehow win this grant to travel to the world chess youth championship.

Decided:

- Talk to the Development commission since they are also trying to create the same grant for young chess players and collaborate with this commission.

11. Organize special only girls FIDE approved trainings (maybe together with the trainers committee) on the base of the FIDE chess academies.

Decided:

- To contact the trainers commission so these training sessions are organized during the trainers seminars.

12. Considering all of the above the commission on women's chess would develop and propose the budget for 2010 to the Treasurer.

Alexandra Kosteniuk
Co-Chairperson