

74th FIDE Congress
Organisers' Committee
28 October 2003
Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece

Report

Chairman: Mr. S. Reuben (ENG).

Present: P.T. Ummer Koya (IND), S.L. Harsh (IND), I. Leong (SIN), D. Perrera (SRI), Mahdi Abdul Rahim (UAE), Abd Hamid Majid (MAS) (Secretary), A. Kostyev (ISCS), T. Delega (POL), E. Price (RSA), Dr. Y. K. Areti (BAR), M. Juncu (ROM), V. Sakotic (SCG), G. Qaderi (AFG), M.S. Yosufzai (AFG), A. Vasse (DGT), D. De Ridder (BEL), A. Scalfi (ITA), H. Metzging (GER), A. Santos (ECU), L. Costa (POR), A. Curado (POR), A. Nizar Elhaj (TUR), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), L. Ncube (ZAM), D. Buthali (BOT), C. Geovanni (DOM), G. Anaya (CUB), V. Dvorkovich (RUS), E. Eletsy (RUS), L. Bellhouse (BAR), G. Oganessian (ARM).

1. The Chairman welcomed those present, but noted few of the actual Committee members were present. Mr. M.S. Yousufzai, Dr. Y. K. Areti and Mr. Majid were also elected to the Committee.
2. Software was made available on floppy for the calculation of title norms and new ratings. These incorporate the new regulations from 1 July 2003. It was developed by Richard Furness (IO, IA) and Peter Sowray. It was agreed this would be best provided free to download from the FIDE website and that FIDE should pay for this and similar work in other fields.
3. The following are recommended to the Executive Board as qualified International Organisers:
Mrs. Elise Steenkamp (RSA)
Ray Keene, OBE (ENG)
Julia Simpole (ENG)
Hendry Jamal (INA)
Martha Baquero (ECU)
Agostino Scalfi (ITA)
Ervin Sindik (CRO)
Sulejman Islamovic (CRO)

Concern was expressed about the lack of right control over the award of the title. Later in the meeting it was suggested both Organizer and Arbiter titles should not be for life, but subject to renewal on resumption of activity after a number of years.

4. The Chairman pointed out the possible value of the title when dealing with sponsors or government.
5. Dr. Dirk De Ridder mentioned the possibility of a refresher course for arbiters and/or organizers. The Chairman mentioned he had volunteered to run such a course in Greece, but received no response.
6. Nominations were accepted for the President's Award for FIDE Rated Tournaments. The South African Open Championship incorporating the World Amateur Championship 2003 and Aeroflot Open Moscow 2003 were agreed.


The Continental Assemblies are asked to make their nominations to the Chairman, for 3 other events.

7. It was recommended that in future years this title should be widely publicized seeking nominations. It was mentioned the award of the title to one event in Turkey last year had saved the sponsorship and resulted in increased funding.
8. It was thought a new award could be made annually for the Best FIDE Event of the Year as the President's Award traditionally goes to private events.
9. The Committee agreed to recommend that FIDE Ratings from July 2004 go down to a new floor of 1601.

It was thought leaving the level at 1801 would be failing the amateur players, but going down immediately to 1001 was fraught with statistical difficulties. FIDE should change to rating each game separately, rather than each event, as soon as possible. The Rating Program should be changed to take into account dramatic increases in rating.

10. It was agreed that FIDE needed the increase in income from rating more games, but agreed this should not result in an increased financial burden on the federations.
11. It was said the fact that now partial ratings can be obtained from just three games had had some positive effect.
12. There was no feedback on the effect of the change in the title regulations as it was too early.

Stewart Reuben

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Reuben', written in black ink on a light-colored background.