

74th FIDE Congress
Chess for the disabled
28 October 2003
Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece

Report

Chairman: Gerry Walsh (ENG).

Present: M.s. Yousufzai (AFG), M Voulgaridis (GRE), David Jarrett (ENG), W. Arns (NED), Elizabeta Polihroniade (ROM)

The Chairman welcomed delegates to the meeting.

The Delegate from Afghanistan referred to the many disabled chess players in his country. Many of these were victims of the troubles and chess was an activity in which all could participate. There was however a lack of chess sets, boards and clocks. It was agreed to ask CACDEC if any further funds were available. There was a good lady player who needed more opportunities to compete at the highest level. Coaching was also needed for all sectors of the chess community.

The Chairman reminded the delegates that a rating could be achieved in 7 rounds.

It was agreed that the chairman would write to Mr Ochoa of the Spanish Chess Federation for approval of participation in the 2004 Olympiad in Mallorca of men and women teams from IBCA, IPCA and ICSC on the basis of the recommendation our meeting in Bled that each joint party would comprise 14 persons. Other persons would pay their own expenses.

Many countries offer tax concessions to organisations for the disabled and it was hoped this would make it easier to attract sponsorship.

The chairman would continue to pursue the ideas to have chess video tapes modified for the blind and deaf chess players.

The treasurer Mr David Jarrett advised that no budget had been possible for last year although entry fees and title fees had been covered.

it was agreed to ask the FIDE President His Excellency Kirsan Ilyumzhinov to agree to the request of the Chairman Gerry Walsh that the Haaksbergen tournament in Holland be awarded the title ‘most esteemed friends of fide’

The report of IPCA Annex 15 was noted.

It was agreed to ask General Assembly to approve the same budget of last year as follows.

Support for iscs projects	sfr 3,500
Support for ibca projects	sfr 3,500
Support for ipca projects	sfr 3,500
Integrated championship	sfr 5,000
Special equipment	sfr 2,500
Special events	sfr 2,500
Chairman travel	sfr 1,500
Total	sfr 22,000

General Assembly asked to approve co option to Committee of M.S. Yousufzai of Afghanistan and W.S.J. Arns of Holland.

Gerry Walsh
Chairman