

74th FIDE Congress
Continental Meeting Asia
1 November 2003
Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece

Report

Chairman: Mr. P.T. Ummer Koya

Present: Dan Tat Thang (VIE), Vladimir Shinkin (UZB), Mr. Zhang Weida (CHN), Kristianius Liem (INA), S. L. Harsh (IND), Ignatius Leong (SIN), Ignatius Leong (MGL) proxy, Florencio Campomanes (PHI), Mr. P. T. Ummer Koya (IND), Mr. P.T. Ummer Koya proxy, Dr. Ammar Houry (LIB), Dr. Ammar Houry (SYR) proxy, Derrick V. Perrera (SRI), Adb Hamid Majid (MAS), Adb Hamid Majid (MYA), Philip Viner (AUT), Jenni Olivet (AUT), G. Qaderi (AFG), M. S. Yuosofzai (AFG), E. Moldobaev (KGZ), M. Abdulrahim (UAE), Bolat Asanov (KAZ), Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), Gholan Rezi – Ali Ashgar ((IRI), Al-Shamsi Abdul Rahim (UAE), Jamal Almidfa (UAE), Phafer A. Madhloom (IRQ).

1. Report of the President.

Acting Chairman Mr. P.T. Ummer Koya welcomed the delegates and invited them to actively take part in the discussions. Further, he stressed the importance of Asia being represented in FIDE forums and noted the absence of Continental President from Presidential Board meetings held this year. General Secretary Mr. Derrick V. Perera briefed the Assembly of the activities during the past one year.

2. Formation Asian Chess Union.

- a) **Statutes** - Chairman Mr. Koya suggested to postpone discussion and form a committee to further review the statutes. Mr. Campomanes was of the view that this need to be taken up for discussion at this meeting since we have most of the delegates of Asian Federations present today. Mr. Al-Shamzy supported this and mentioned the fact that this document was discussed in length at the Asian EB meeting in Doha. Mr. Ammar El Houry proposed and the Continental Assembly (CA) accepted to declare the formation of Asian Chess Union. Further, a committee was formed to go through the statutes and do the necessary modification to the statutes and approve it. The committee consist of the following,

Committee Members

1. Mr. Ammar El Houry
2. Mr. Abd Majid Hamid

3. Mr. Al Shamsi Abdul Rahman
4. Mr. S.L. Harsh
5. Mr. Ali Ashgar

The CA empowered the committee to take a final decision on the statutes which was subsequently approved.

- b) **Logo** - General Secretary Mr. Derrick V. Perera reported that the Continental President invited the Asian Federations for a logo competition and subsequently postponed it at the EB Meeting in Doha. Further, he noted the efforts of Mr. Genden Altanoch in this regard. On a proposal made by Mr. Abd Hamid Majid the CA formed a committee to select the best logo from the entries received and resolved to inform the Continental President to pay to the winner the announced prize money of US \$ 1,000.
- c) **Asian Secretariat** - General Secretary Mr. Derrick V. Perera presented his report on the formation of the secretariat. He noted the decisions taken in Doha and the inability to implement them due to lack of decision making at the top. Mr. Perera presented a document to the CA outlining his proposals for the formation of secretariat. At this point Mr. Ignatius Leong informed the CA the agreements he reached with Continental President to reimburse the General Secretary of his expenses and stipend for the work he carries out for the Asian Chess Union and regretted the inability to implement as agreed.

3. Financial Report

No financial report were available for presentation.

4. Asian Calendar of Events.

a) Events status for 2003

Mr. P.T. Ummer Koya and Mr. Abd Hamid Majid proposed more information to be included in the calendar. General Secretary Mr. Perera requested the cooperation of the Zonal Presidents to make this happen. (Annex 1)

b) Calendar of events for 2004/5.

(Annex 2)

5. Other Matters.

Proposal from Mr. Leong

Mr. Leong expressed his dissatisfaction on the IOC sponsored training course for coaches which was planned from 2001. Since the Presidential Board in Abuja, he had writtem twice to the Continental President and had not received any response.

He also pointed out that Mr. Al-Hitmi was not present at Presidential Board meetings held this year and also the Executive Board meeting and this Continental Meeting in Greece. He reminded the delegates that they reached a compromise with Mr. Al-Hitmi that there would in the election because he promised to organise a big event in Asia and to provide his own funds to finance the secretariat. One year has passed and communication has been at a very low level. He did not even show concern if a meeting would take place in Halkidiki to adopt the statutes and the financial regulations for the Continent to go forward. Some delegates in Halkidiki ensured there would be a quoram to adopt and to finalise the statutes. Mr Leong asked that a strong resolution be passed to express the discontent of the delegates. Mr. Campomanes requested that the resolution be worded mildly.

Mr. Koya proposed a vote of no confidence. Dr. Ammar Houry read the paragraph from the meeting of the Doha meeting where Dr. Ammar Houry was appointed to the post of Deputy President. He mentioned that with the adoption of statutes in a situation of no confidence on President he should be the acting President. CA approved unanimously without objection. Mr. Koya offered and the CA accepted to hold an extraordinary meeting of continent in Mumbai in January 2004 to elect a new President.