

78TH FIDE CONGRESS 2007
Antalya, Turkey

Committee on Women's Chess
11 November 2007
15.00 -17.00

Attendance sheet

Chairperson: H. Reimova

Present: D. Jarrett (ENG), N. Freeman (BER), M. Murphy (ISV), A. Herbert(BAR),

Mrs Reimova explained that the current year's budget was allocated as follows:

1. Providing a trainer to Afghanistan for the next six months in order that they will be able to enter a team for the Dresden Olympiad (USD3000)
2. Costs of Mrs Reimova for Antalya (USD2000)

There was a discussion regarding the activity programme for 2008 and the budget required. There was a need for more proactive activity to encourage a higher level of participation of women in playing and administrative roles. The IOC was recommending a level of 20% female participation in the decision making bodies of International Sports Federations. There were only a few female Presidents of federations.

Olympiad participation in Turin was 30% lower than for the Open event and it was a concern that next year the number of women's teams, especially from the smaller federations, might suffer as the number of female players will increase to 4 per team.

Margaret Murphy suggested that summer schools for girls only, might be encouraged particularly where they could use facilities at low or no cost.

After a lengthy discussion it was recommended that:

The Commission should request a budget for USD 20,000.

The Chairperson would require assistance in her efforts and to have a good internet facility to contact federations, etc and USD500 per month would be allocated for this.

Global Chess would be asked to highlight Women's events with sponsors and promote events such as a Women's World Cup.

FIDE regulations should be amended to state that a minimum of 20% of all arbiters invited for all major FIDE Tournaments and Championships should be female.

A minimum of 10% of all Continental CACDEC budgets is allocated to activities that promote higher participation of female players and officials in chess. In addition, the CACDEC Chairman said that to encourage participation at Continental Championships, he was giving a

travel grant to the highest placed player from a CACDEC federation of USD500 to participate in the World Youth Championships if that player finished in the top 20 of the Continental event. This would be available in each age category, including all the girl's sections.

The ARISF grant for 2008 should be primary aimed at a seminar for arbiters or coaches for female participants.

To enable the progress of the Commission to be monitored the following measurements were agreed:

Number of federations entering a Women's team at the Olympiad.

Number of federations without a female rated player.

Number of federations without a Women's National Championship.

Number of federations without a Woman Arbiter.

Number of federations without a Woman Coach.

Number of federations without a Woman FIDE certified trainer.

H. Reimova

Chairperson

