



Minutes - Youth and Junior Events

Chairman – Mr Ali Nihat Yazici – President, Turkish Chess Federation

Date - Sunday, November 11, 2007

Members present : Mr Ignatius Leong, Mr Geoffrey Borg, Mr David Jarrett, GM Igor Glek, Mr Alexander Kostyev

Mr. Yazici welcomed the members of the Committee and introduced them to the various topics which would be discussed. He started by mentioning that as the popularity of Youth events increases, they are becoming very profitable and there is a need to improve their quality. In his opinion, it is a big mistake when due to a great number of extra players coming with parents, some organizers prefer to omit the extra participants.

As a result, invited players are often accommodated in the lowest quality hotels. He said that most of the paying players and accompanying persons come from families which can afford to pay. It is not advisable to put the invited players in 3 star hotels instead of 4-5 star hotels, where extra participants stay. His proposal is to set a rule for the organizers of the championships so that they are obliged to give the best possible hotel for the invited players.

Mr. Borg agreed that there should be choices. He said that if the players choose to stay in the main hotel it should be free and there should be other choices at reasonable prices. The Members agreed.

Mr. Glek then proposed to have a format of a Grand Prix for all categories.

Mr. Borg said that the ~~School Championships~~ have also shown a degree of popularity among children. Normally Governments do not understand the difference between the school championships and world youth championships, but this is convenient for the Federations as they can use it for promotion with the Government in their respective countries.

If one wished to discuss the extension of the Grand Prix concept, then in future we should consider that there should be festivals in parallel with the main super tournament, and the possibility to organise these festivals, 3 tournaments per year, should be examined.

Mr. Yazici proposed to organize World Youth ELO Category tournaments which will be very interesting for children.

Mr. Borg questioned what the objectives of this Committee are. He indicated that the objective should be the development of chess firstly, and not profit. He asked whether FIDE is doing enough for countries such as Nigeria, Kenya or other countries to help them participate. The objective should be to attain participation even for those who do not have much opportunity.

Mr. Yazici explained that the organisers do a great deal for the CACDEC federations to enable them participate, but without success and he gave the example of a Federation. Although the organizers covered the costs, they still could not send a delegation. He thought that the problem is not financial.

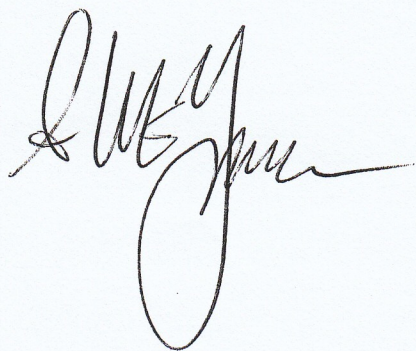
He remarked there is an increasing interest in organizing chess events worldwide, and he proposed that the following steps be taken, to increase the format by splitting the age groups, to attract more attention, and increase the numbers of medals for children championships. Mr. Yazici expressed his view by increasing the opportunity for medals, this would increase the motivation among children and parents.

Mr. Borg agreed with the split of the categories, which are the most popular, and added that the venue of the event is also important. The table on the next page was discussed.

Mr. Leong has mentioned that by some continents to try and decrease the number of participants by limiting the number of players from each country for world youth or continental youth.

Mr. Leong criticized the opinion of some federations which backed this idea and also that the number of strong players should be decreased, so that their players would have a chance to win a medal. In this case it will be problem to attract organizers and organize more tournaments.

Mr. Yazici has mentioned that to stop any player from any country by a limit against to fair play and idea of world championship. Committee disagreed on this proposal coming from different federations for limiting the number of participants for a federation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr. Yazici', written in a cursive style.

World Youth Championships and Number of Players for each group

Row Labels	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Grand Total
U08					129	129
G					47	47
O					82	82
U10	176	215	214	214	159	978
G	69	82	84	91	64	390
O	107	133	130	123	95	588
U12	201	213	206	224	158	1002
G	84	85	84	99	67	419
O	117	128	122	125	91	583
U14	181	219	216	238	135	989
G	82	91	93	102	52	420
O	99	128	123	136	83	569
U16	158	177	197	249	118	899
G	68	69	81	96	54	368
O	90	108	116	153	64	531
U18	144	166	154	180	95	739
G	58	62	68	75	41	304
O	86	104	86	105	54	435
Grand Total	860	990	987	1105	794	4736

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