

75th FIDE CONGRESS
CALVIA, MALLORCA, SPAIN
21-31 October 2004
Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Chess for the Disabled

Chairman: G. Walsh

Date: 22 October 2004

Venue: Sala Menorca

Present: W. Arns (NED), O. Esau (RSA), E. Polihroniade (ROM), T. Bieluczyk (IPCA President), E. Djalchinova-Malets (IPCA General Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed delegates to the meeting.

It was agreed that FIDE Treasurer David Jarrett would speak to the Committee first since he had other meetings to attend.

He advised that for the last two years there had been no funds available for distribution to our committee. I was not just our budget but every committee had the same problem. The income to FIDE had been reduced dramatically. Despite these problems the treasurer had been able to cover the fees for entry to this and the Bled Olympiad. In addition a small number of Title fees were also paid.

The Treasurer informed delegates of his intention to produce at least three budgets for this term and he outlined his intentions as follows.

1st Budget Based on covering the basic running cost of FIDE

2nd Budget Based on income being received from a modest activity.

3rd Budget Based on a higher level of chess activity.

The Treasurer would deal with the Chairman.

Mr Jarrett was thanked for his comments as he left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman should establish a budget with Mr Jarrett along similar lines to his recommendations.

The delegate from South Africa advised that Braille and Silent Chess Organisations were established but not for Physically Handicapped. The Chairman advised that in England it was the same. IPCA informed the members that they had 14 member nations, 13 from Europe plus The

USA. IPCA would distribute details of the criteria defining physical disability. This could help to set up more groups of PH disabled players and thus provide more member nations for IPCA.

Annex 44 was discussed in some detail and it was eventually agreed to ask The General Assembly to reject the proposal of Mr Gelfer which would mean that IBCA, IPCA and ICSC would not be allowed to participate in future FIDE Olympiads.

Members were agreed that the present arrangement is best for disabled chess players.

It was agreed that the chairman should try to secure at least one place in the World Knockout Championship. It was thought that 16 disabled players could compete in a knockout event to find the qualifier.

IPCA requested that a new Co-chairman of our Committee be appointed to replace Mr Blatny. The new name is Djaltchinova – Malets Elvira.

The new FIDE Delegate for IPCA is Galina Melnik.

Arising from the last meeting the Chairman advised that he had travelled to Haaksbergen in Holland to present the President's award on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the IBIS tournament for visually handicapped.

The Town Mayor received the award on behalf of the people and he asked for his thanks to be passed to our President.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Walsh', written in a cursive style.

Gerry Walsh
Chairman