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21-31 October 2004
Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Committee on Women's Chess

Chairman: GM Xie Jun

Date: 22 October 2004

Venue: Sala Cabrera

Present: D. Jarrett (ENG, in chair), L. Bouah (RSA), E. Ellappen (RSA), V. Thamsukati (THA), S. Milivojevic (SCG), V. Dimitrijevic (USA), I. Gelfer (ISR)

Apology for absence was received from the Committee Chairman, Ms. Xie Jun.

The following points were raised:

1. It was brought to the attention of the attendees that from 2008 the Women's section of the Olympiad would be played over four boards with one reserve. The open section would also be the same format, thus bringing the two groups to an equal status. This would enable more women players to participate in this important event.
2. Mr. Gelfer explained that the format of the Women's World Championship would not change for 2005. It was expected that the Championship would be held at the same time as the World Cup at the end of 2005. However, as the Women's event might be two or three days longer, there might be an earlier start or later finish for the Women's event.
3. There was a request for the provision of events to encourage women to become chess trainers.
4. Cultural barriers were a limiting factors to the number of women playing chess in some countries.

David Jarrett
In chair

