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Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Qualification Commission

Chairman: M. Markkula

Date: 24 October 2004

Venue: Sala Mallorca

Present: Dr. D. De Ridder (BEL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Hamid Majid (MAS), Prof. N. Divinsky (CAN), Dr. M. Shadarevian (QAT), S. Reuben (ENG), W. Kelleher (USA), E. Eletsky (RUS), I. Vereschagin (RUS), F. Campomanes – Honorary President, P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), G. Gijssen (NED), C. Abundo (PHI), D. Perera (SRI), R. Ernesto Hernandez (MEX).

The QC Chairman Mikko Markkula opened the meeting and welcomed all members and observers to the meeting.

The report of Titles and Rating Committee was approved with some changes in the list of title recommendations.

Some conditional titles were confirmed because of the applicant had reached the required rating, some put on hold were approved, as the information required had been received. The final list of recommended titles is in an appendix.

As there will be applications brought to the commission by the delegates, and as there will be title results and titles achieved in the Olympiad, the commission authorized the group Mikko Markkula, Dirk De Ridder and Werner Stubenvoll to check these and decide on behalf of the commission.

The proposal of the Americas to award titles to juniors in the regional tournaments as proposed Mr. Jorge Vega MEX was approved. The new structure of zones is not a QC matter.

The present title regulations were interpreted in different ways concerning the title of GM in the Continental Women Championship. It was decided that 2600+ performance in the Continental Women Championship will result to a GM title. Thus, Ms. Alexandra Kostenjuk RUS and Ms. Peng Zhao-Quin NED got GM title in the European Championship.

The proposal to have a GM norm with 2600+ performance in the World Championship and Women World Championship with at least 4 rounds and 8 games was approved. This decision is applied also to these competitions in 2004, in Libya and Elista.

The Arbiters' Council report was approved with minor changes in the list of recommended titles.

The title was not awarded in the case an arbiter was banned by the federation, although the ban has been lifted. It was decided that at least two years have to be between the end of the ban and awarding the title. The final list of recommended titles is as an appendix.

The commission amended the title regulations after a lengthy discussion. The finalized version is as an appendix.

There was a discussion about how to handle the players from excluded federations. The basic principle should be that the players do not suffer, if the federation does not pay its dues. The present system where the players are taken out of the rating list when the federation has not paid its dues, will be used. The Elista office will give the ratings of the players in those federation as requested for three months after the players have been taken out of the list.

Other proposals to the QC were already handled in the Titles and Ratings, and the commission approved the decisions taken by the committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mikko Markkula', written on a light-colored background.

Mikko Markkula
Chairman