

77th FIDE Congress
Turin, Italy
27 May – 5 June 2006

Minutes

Organizers' Committee

Chairman: Mr. Stewart Reuben

Present: P. Wilson (ENG), K. Areti (BAR) (Committee members), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), M. Abdulrahim (UAE), A. Burstein (ISR), J. Wempe (GER), , S.Lee (KOR), J. Sunye (BRA), D. A. Madhloom (IRQ), D. Ameen (IRQ), J. Gomez (MEX), Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh.

- 1 Mr. Reuben explains that it was possible for anybody to be a member of the committee.
- 2 By the end of the meeting nine names had been agreed of people who had met the requirements for the title of International Organizer. Six more applications have been agreed subsequent to the meeting. Those agreed are:

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NAME	FED	APPR?	NOTES
Cecil Rosner	CAN	YES	Included in agenda
Leo Battesti	FRA	YES	Included in agenda
Beat Ruesegger	SUI	YES	Included in agenda
Hesham Elgendy	EGY	YES	Late application
Husain Alkhouri	UAE	YES	Late application
Mahdi Abdul Rahim	UAE	YES	Late application
Hassan Khaled Abdel Moneim	EGY	YES	Late application
Hodhodi Aliakbar	IRI	YES	Late application
Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh	IRN	YES	Late application
Jose Alberto Dos Santos Ferreira	BRZ	YES	Late application
Elena Cristian	ROM	YES	Late application
Caspar Perez Carnero	ESP	YES	Late application
Shaker Alafoo	BRN	YES	Late application
Najeeb Saleh	UAE	YES	Late application
Amazad	MAR	Postponed	Late application

- 1 Nominations for the Title of Tournament of the Year 2005.
- 2 Four events had already been agreed in Dresden in August 2005. It was agreed to nominate the Corsica Circuit as the 5th event.
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- 4 It is very early in the year to make such decision. Thus it was thought better to come to an agreement by e-mail later in the year as the next FIDE Congress is not expected to be until November 2007.
- 5 The following were nominated to the committee:
- 6 50th Southend Easter Congress 2006, Chicago Spring 2006 with three title norm round robins, New Zealand Masters February 2006.
- 7 Peter Wilson recommended that the chairman ask FIDE to list the previous awardees of Event of the Year on the FIDE website.
- 8 Peter Wilson proposed that Mr. Reuben be appointed chairman of the committee for the next four years, assuming he agrees to stand again.
- 9 The whole topic of avoiding the plague of early draws was discussed.
- 10 New Zealand had no agreed draws in less than 30 moves.
- 11 Gibraltar intend to have no agreed draws in less than 40 moves without the agreement of the arbiter.
- 12 It was suggested that offers of draws should be banned.
- 13 Mr. Pahlevanzadeh explained his radical system.
- 14 If the game was 1-0 or 0-1 in slow play, the winner would receive 7 and loser 0 points.
- 15 If the game was ½-½ there would be a rapidplay game, the winner to receive 5 and loser 2 points.
- 16 If the rapidplay game was ½-½ there would be an armageddon (sudden death) game, the winner to receive 4 and loser 3 points.
- 17 Thus there are 7 possible scores available for a game.
- 18 This system will be used in the Teheran Championship later this year. The committee felt that this might be a very good new idea. It was agreed that this in no way transgressed the Laws of chess. The time limit in Teheran would be 90 minutes plus 30 seconds in the start game. Several people thought it would be too tiring to have more than one round per day. Concern was expressed about the possibility of people making a large leap in the last round of a Swiss, thus possibly leading to cheating.
- 19 Mr. Reuben explained a system that had been used earlier this year where, when games are drawn, a second rapidplay game takes place and, if that is drawn, armageddon is used. Thus the result is always 1-0 or 0-1.
- 20 Mr. Reuben held a seminar for Organizers at the Olympiad before the Congress started. Those present of the 19 who attended felt this had been successful. It was felt that such a venture standing alone would be unsuccessful.
- 21 Mr. Reuben pointed out that rating restricted tournaments have been very successful in popularising tournament chess in the English-speaking world, but he was puzzled why few other federations have copied this.

Stewart Reuben Chairman