



MINUTES OF
MEDITERRANEAN CHESS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : Thursday, 01 June 2006

Meeting held at Oval Lingotto at 3.15pm, Wednesday 31st May 2006

Present for the general meeting in Torino 2006

Algeria – Halim Bounehas
Andorra – Joan Antonio Orgeon Rodriguez
Croatia – Erwin Sindik / GM K Hulak
Cyprus – Marios Schinis
Egypt – Hassan Khaled
France – Jean Claude Moingt
Greece – SakiS Kouvatsos (Treasurer)
Malta – Geoffrey D Borg (General Secretary)
Monaco – Willy Iclicki
Morocco – Hassan Simlaly
Portugal – Joaquim Durao
Serbia & Montenegro – Vladimir Sakotic
Spain – Tony Ayza
Tunisia – Chadli Rahmani
Turkey – Ali Nihat Yazici (Deputy President)

Excused : *Eng Mohammad Gathafi, President*
 Dr Ammar Houry, Vice President
 Mr Nizar Elhaj, Continental President - Africa

1. The Board appreciated the hard work of all MCA Members carried out over the last four years since the establishment of the MCA in Bled Olympiad in November 2002.
2. It also advised that unfortunately the President, the Hon. Eng Mohammed Gathafi was unable to attend the MCA General Meeting. As a result it was being proposed that the election would be held in November in Cannes 2006.
3. This linked to the kind offer of the Cannes Chess Association and the French Chess Federation to host the 4th Men & Women championships in Cannes between the end of November 2006 and December 2006. Mr Damir Levacic was to confirm the exact dates within the next two months.
4. Mr Hassan Khaled from the Egyptian Federation requested whether it was possible to get the MCA Championships recognised by FIDE for the award of a GM norm for the respective winners of the Men and Women titles.
5. The General Secretary pointed out that in the first three championships the performance of the men winner had been above 2600 or very close to this. In the last edition there were also three Grandmasters taking part and Federations were encouraged to send GMs to ensure that players also had norm opportunities. Mr Iclicki also asked about the format of a mixed championship and it was confirmed that

this format had been tremendously popular and gave women an excellent chance for WGM and WIM norms.

6. Mr Kouvatsof said he would like to see a training camp whereby youths could develop better relationships and friendships in the Mediterranean. Together with Mr Elhaj, they had been trying to get this off the ground the last two years. He also suggested that we could consider an annual subscription of 100 Euros per member.
7. The General Secretary said that this was contrary to the spirit of the Mediterranean although our statutes allowed this possibility. Mr Ali Nihat Yazici confirmed this point and said the money in total would be irrelevant and would penalize countries such as Albania, Cyprus, Palestine, San Marino etc..
8. He offered to organise the 3rd Junior Championships (seven rounds) in Turkey in December 2006 and the suggestion was placed on the floor to organise a training camp during the junior championships with the suggestion as follows :

**Day 1 - two rounds,
Day 2 – training camp,
Day 3 – one round,
Day 4 – two rounds,
Day 5 - training camp,
Day 6 – one round,
Day 7 – training camp
Day 8 – one round**

9. The General Secretary said that in line with the spirit of co-operation in the Mediterranean, it was customary to invite some guest Federations to participate in the Mediterranean Championships and it was being recommended that Portugal and Jordan could be considered. Also following the independence of Montenegro, Serbia was now no longer on the Mediterranean and therefore it was also being recommended that Serbia be given guest status.

9. The General Secretary also requested that following the postponement of the elections to November 2006, it was important that any person interested in participating in the MCA board administration should submit his nomination request for any of the five posts by not later than the 31st August 2006. He also pointed out that anybody interested in participating as a board member would also be welcome.

10. There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned.

**Geoffrey D Borg
General Secretary**