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MINUTES

CACDEC
Lasker Room
28 May 2006
09.00-11.00 and 11.00-13.00

Co-Chairman: Mr. Israel Gelfer and Mr. Allan Herbert

Secretary: Lewis Ncube

Honorary President: Florencio Campomanes

Present: I. Leong (General Secretary), T. Redman (USA), H. Hoe (SIN), V. De Asa (FIJ), R. Wheeler (JAM), S. Wijesuriya (SRI), J. Gomez (MEX), E. Barumba (UGA), D. Buthali (BOT), J. Kikonydgo (UGA), B. Tilenbaeva (KGZ), Y. Rakhimov (TJK), J. Chalemba (MLW), J. Msukwa (MLW), J. Ngubeni (RSA), Y. Rabee (SUD), A. N. Yazici (TUR), G. Borg (MLT), J. Vega (Cont. President of Americas), J. Lamothe (HAI), M. Hanif (AFG), S. Aedugat (AFG), L. Bellhouse (BAR), M. McDermott (ENG), A. Sug. Gual (PAK), Ghanda Nsakana (ZAM), G. Boyce (TRI), G. Makropoulos (GRE), L. Kagambi (KEN), J. Wemper (GER), S. Garcia (CUB), M. Nitzborn (NAM), D. A. Madhloom (IRQ), D. Ameen (IRQ), P. Domingue (SEY), F. Dejean (HAI), Haroon ar Rashid (BAN), T. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), S. Agrahani (NEP), E. Omuku (NIG), R. N. Barrera (ARG), S. Luruti (KEN), P. Chambule (MOZ), Dr. Y. Damtew (ETH), F. Argomaniz (DOM), J. Rivera (PAN), O. Jiigueros (GUA), A. Pineda (HON), C. van der Hans (PAN), A. Saleem (IVB), K. Areti (BAR), J. Durao (POR).

The meeting was opened by Co-Chairman Israel Gelfer who informed the meeting that he was happy with the success of the projects undertaken since the last meeting.

Amongst the projects and commitments undertaken were :

- 1 - Provision of equipment to CACDEC Federations through the Continental Presidents.
- 2 - The complete series of Chess Informats on CD ordered to be distributed before the end of the current Chess Olympiad.
- 3 - The usual obligation of pocket money to CACDEC Level 1 and 2 Olympiad Teams.

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Co-Chairman Gelfer also proposed that the Scholarship Programme to University of Texas Dallas should be revived to ensure that maximum benefit accrues to deserving parties.

Co-Chairman Allan Herbert in his welcome indicated that reform implementation continues to be a learning process that will improve our programmes.

Development work will be continually observed with feedback and a two-way communication process.

Continental President for the Americas, Jorge Vega gave a summary of the CACDEC projects undertaken in the Americas.

These included the following highlights:

- Technical seminars for Central American Countries
- Support for tournaments including the CAC Under 20 Championships
- Provision of chess material to Bahamas, Surinam, Bolivia, Aruba and other needy Federations.

Continental President Vega indicated that a more detailed report would be presented to the Americas Continental Assembly.

Reactions:

Geoffrey Borg - Development resources not enough

Kezzie Msukwa - Action plan required from continents so that when funds are not enough, apportioning to be done according to priorities.

Allan Herbert

- Decision making for CACDEC projects devolved to Continental Presidents.
- Need for project follow up
- Need for reporting and feedback both to CACDEC and FIDE Treasurer
- Due to reality of funding situation, project approval linked to availability of funds.

Israel Gelfer

- CACDEC Federations to work within available framework
 - Calvia meeting resolved that more CACDEC funding should come from World Championship Cycle
 - Fund allocation : Africa 40%, Americas 25% ,Asia 25%, balance 10% for other purposes.

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General Secretary, Ignatius Leong, presented Asian Continent CACDEC report on behalf of the Continental President.

Highlights:

- Support for Asian Youth Championships
- Arbiters seminars (special emphasis on women participation)
- Regional visits to encourage development activities
 - Further visits by FIDE officials to assist the local Federations being accepted to National Olympic Committees
- Inclusion of chess in Asian Games in Qatar

Continental President Nizar Ali Elhaj presented the Africa Continent CACDEC report.

Highlights:

- Support for 2005 African Individual Championships in Lusaka, Zambia
- Support for 2005 African Junior Championships in Gaborone, Botswana
- Provision of equipment
- Sponsorship of Georgian Trainer for Southern Africa. Visa problems disrupted project whilst trainer was in Seychelles

- Similar Trainer Project being arranged for Eastern Africa.

A more detailed report to be presented to the Continental Assembly.

Kezzie Msukwa of Malawi acknowledged receiving of 25 chess clocks, 150 chess sets and some literature from CACDEC.

Enoch Barumba of Uganda requested for consideration to be given to decentralizing CACDEC operations to Zonal structures. He also asked for targeted awareness programs designed to widen the appeal of chess which is still viewed as elitist in most parts of Africa.

Mr. John Kikonyogo of Uganda requested CACDEC to look into the quality and durability of chess clocks.

Co-Chairman Israel Gelfer advised that CACDEC will be distributing DGT 2000 clocks until further notice. He also advised that with previous practice, defective equipment will be replaced.

● TRAINING AND STANDARDIZATION

- - Co-Chairman Allan Herbert emphasized the need to involve Continental and Zonal Presidents to a greater extent for effective results.
- - Robert Wheeler of Jamaica proposed consideration of incorporating Distance Learning techniques to expand the horizon of CACDEC training.
- - Dr. Tim Redman of UT Dallas informed the meeting about the Chess in the Classroom projects at UT Dallas and other upcoming programmes and research aids.
- - Ali Yazici suggested that CACDEC get involved in standardization of training programmes. He also suggested invitation to CACDEC members to top competitions such as the World Championship to enable them enhance their knowledge of tournament organization.

Co-Chairman Allan Herbert informed the meeting about the proposed new CACDEC list. He advised that the list was drawn in consultation with the Continental Presidents.

- Dr Areti (BAR) and Mr. Buthali (BOT) suggested that the Human Development Index should not be the overriding determination of the CACDEC Level of a Federation, but more consideration to the reality on the ground.

Co-Chairman Israel Gelfer informed the meeting that he would be stepping down from the CACDEC Committee after the current Congress. He wished all CACDEC members well.

Honorary President Florencio Campomanes praised Mr. Gelfer for his contribution to the cause of CACDEC members.

Co-Chairman
Israel Gelfer

Co-Chairman
Alan Herbert

Secretary

Reporting Requirements for CACDEC Seminars

As requested by the Development Commission Chairman the following reporting requirements were agreed. Prior to the Seminar the organizing Federation will submit a proposal detailing:

- Proposed dates and location of Seminar
- Anticipated number of participants by Federation
- Instructors
- Agenda with topics to be covered
- Budget of anticipated expenses and sources of funds
- Assistance requested from CACDEC

Once approved, the FIDE Treasurer, funds permitting, would be requested to disburse part of the funds allocated to the Seminar. A portion of the funds will be withheld for disbursement on receipt of a report from the Organizing Federation. This report should include:

- Actual dates and location of Event
- List of participants by Federation represented
- List of Instructors
- Agenda with topics covered
- Statement of Expense Incurred
- Copies of all hand-out/lecture notes distributed

Summary of Action Points

Equipment:

- a) Recommendation to consider giving cheaper analog clocks due to continued concerns about cost and robustness of DGT Clocks
- b) There should be a greater selection of books for lower level players and not only Informats
- c) Help Federations with sourcing cheaper equipment by introduction of a central purchasing system
- 1 d) University of Texas Dallas has produced two books one on Chess in Classroom and the other, Proceedings from The Koltanowski Conference, were recommended

Seminars:

- a) Priority to assisting CACDEC Federation with development of Trainers
- b) Seminar to orient new Delegates and Presidents on the working of FIDE and its organs.
- c) Seminars on best practice in running a Federation, i.e. approaching sponsors and Government Authorities, marketing, etc...
- c) d) Production of Cd and other collateral to assist Federations in marketing Chess to government and sponsors
- e) Visits by FIDE officials to meet Sports Ministry, Olympic Committee and Sponsors for Federation.

Travel Assistances:

- a) Assistance to Delegates to attend non-Olympic Congress
- b) Assistance to arbiters from CACDEC Federations to work in major World Events
- c) Each Federation have one representative in World Championship

Governance:

- a) Recommendation for further decentralizing in approving CACDEC Project by involving Zone Presidents.
- b) Some recommendations for the new CACDEC List were challenged, those Federations objecting are to submit their case to Co-Chairmen or Their Continental President
- c) Creation of a space on FIDE Website for archive of Proposal Reports on Projects
- d) Written reports from Continental President to be circulated prior to meeting.

Future:

- a) Selection of 6-10 Federations for Special Development Programme
- b) Selection of 10 talented young players for direct assistance with training and tournament costs

- 1 c) Development Goal for 2007 that each Federation have FIDE rated Players and at least one
- 2 FIDE Arbiter