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MINUTES

Qualification Commission
29 May 2006

Chairman: Mr. Mikko Markkula

Present: D. De Ridder (BEL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), K. Pekar (SVK), S. Djuric (SCG), S. Lee (KOR), S. Alafoo (BRN), E. Bukhalot (BRN), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), W. Kelleher (USA), S. Reuben (ENG), A. Aviles (PUR), P. Viner (AUS), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), M. Abdulrahim (UAE), J. Gomez (MEX), N. Divinsky (CAN), D. V. Sundar (IND), R. Tanner (USA), W. Kelleher (USA), N. Freeman (BER), E. Price (RSA).

1. Opening

Chairman Markkula welcomed all members of the commission and observers. He thanks especially the FIDE Elista office for their work on title applications and ratings through the whole year.

The quality of title applications should be improved by the responsible federations, the certificates of the norms have to be signed by the arbiters and confirmed by the federations. At the moment less than 50% follows this procedure.

2. Report of Title and Rating Committee chairman Mr. De Ridder

Mr. Dirk De Ridder informed the Commission about the proposals forwarded by GM Krasenkow, Poland

- change of article 0.51
- substantial proof if a tournament took place
- minimum one norm should come from a Swiss tournament
- norms from round robin tournaments should count as 9-round norms if they are played with 9 or more rounds

Proposals forwarded by Mr. Abundo

- all players with a fixed ID number
- ID cards for the players
- electronic pre-registration of tournaments by the national rating officers
- reports should be submitted through the web
- "e" flag will be included in FIDE rating list for banned players
- a letter concerning the ban of Mr. Shvarts will be sent by Mr. De Ridder to all European federations.

For Mr. Amin Bassem from Egypt a title application was forwarded, containing three GM norms, but without any detailed informations about the tournaments. His rating is 2454. It was decided to reject the application at the moment.

In the African Zonal tournament two players shared the third place and should be awarded the IM title. As no cross table was annexed to the application the decision was postponed. In the women section of this zonal tournament three women players should be awarded an WIM title. In the rating report to FIDE there is only one game listed. As no crosstable was available the decision was postponed.

3. Special title cases

ICSC President Michele Visco forwarded IM title applications for Mr. Daniel Hadorn, SUI, who was ICSC World champion 1988 and WIM title application for Mrs. Svitlana Gouchar, UKR, who was ICSC World Womens champion 2000.

Both titles were accepted unanimously.

A title application for Mr. Vladimir Bukal, CRO, was tabled. He has two clear norms and was European Senior champion 2002. His highest rating since 2000 was 2449, his actual rating is 2414. Mr. Reuben proposed to give him the title conditionally on rating. Finally the application was rejected by majority.

Valentina Golubenko from Estonia has three norms for WIM title, but her federation is not ready to forward a title application to FIDE. Her actual rating is 2191. Chairman Mr. Markkula proposed and it was agreed to award the title on two conditions:

- rating
- agreement with Estonian federation.

Mr. De Ridder informed that it seems that during the St. George Open in New South Wales, Australia, the organiser and the chief-arbiter filled up the tournament table with results, beside at least three games were not played. This case should be further investigated and then forwarded to the commission.

4. Report of Arbiters' Council chairman Mr. Takis Nikolopoulos

Chairman of Arbiters' Council, Mr. Nikolopoulos, informed about the decisions of his committee. He gave the list of lecturers for arbiter seminars.

The Russian federation submitted an application for IA title for Mrs. Galina Strutinskaya. She has fulfilled three norms before 1 July 2005 and one norm in 2006. As she does not have the FA title up to now only the FA title was awarded.

5. Amendments of Title Regulations

Chairman Mr. Markkula summarized the changes in Title Regulations since 1998. He asks the

delegates for their help to go backwards. Mr. Markkula was thanked for his work by Mr. Stewart Reuben.

No urgent changes were tabled.

6. Late title applications

A sub-committee of Mr. Markkula, Mr. Nikolopoulos, Mr. De Ridder and Mr. Stubenvoll will check late applications and titles from the Olympiad.

7. Miscellaneous

The chess federations of Bahrein and Yemen forwarded FM title applications for Mr. Al Afoo Shaker, Mr. Ayyad Maher and Mr. Al Badani Abdu. All of them scored more than 66,7% in Olympiads 1994 in Moscow or 2002 in Bled.

The commission decided unanimously to apply this rule backwards if it is a final result of the Olympiad.

All three applications were accepted.

Chairman Mr. Mikko Markkula thanked all participants to the meeting and closed the session.

Torino, 29 May 2006

Mikko Markkula, Chairman

Werner Stubenvoll, Acting Secretary