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**Chess for the disabled
MINUTES
17 November 2008**

Chairman: Gerry Walsh

Present: Michele Visco ICSC President, Ludwig Beutelhoff IBCA President

REPORT:

IBCA President confirmed the decision of IBCA General Assembly in Crete October 2008 that the section of the Laws of Chess relating to play on two boards should remain as they are at present.

Deaf – Blind players are defined as having hearing of 55 DB and 20% vision, IBCA will advise their members of this condition so maybe more participants will be found.

The fees for Dresden Olympiad participation are covered by this committee.

IBCA; ICSC and IPCA are worried about the proposed deletion of Associate Membership and seek clarification. Mr. Jarrett advised that we are Affiliated Members so we have no problem.

IBCA and ICSC both reported a good year of chess activity since we last met and both have busy schedules for the future.

The organizers for the 2010 Olympiad are here in Dresden.

Chess Cocks for the blind are a particular problem, two manufacturers of the mechanical clock have ceased and a digital clock for the blind is very expensive.

ICSC ask for 500 euro for an event in South America in 2009

IBCA ask for 500 euro for an event in Scotland to commemorate Louis Braille..

IPCA asked for the award of IWM for Melnik Galina.

Gerry Walsh
Chairman