

Minutes

Commission for Women's Chess

26 September 2010, 14.00-15.00

Co-Chairpersons: A. Kosteniuk (RUS), S. Polgar (USA)

Present: R. Haring (USA), I. Leong (FIDE General Secretary), D. Jordan (GER), M. Fierro (ECU), F. Dapiran (ITA), M. Abol-Khair (EGY), G. El Sahar (EGY), O. Boytsun (UKR), G. Borg (MLT), D. Menendoz (ECU), M. Castro Solano (CRC)

Susan Polgar opened the session and passed the word to Alexandra Kosteniuk. Alexandra reported about the work of the WOM from the FIDE Congress in Halkidki in 2009 till nowadays.

From October 2009 till October 2010 the WOM has done many things to promote women's chess in the world.

Several Goodwill events took place in March 2010, conducted by the secretary of the women's commission Martha Fierro.

One FIDE Trainer's Seminar, jointly organized by FIDE Women's Commission and FIDE Trainers Commission in association with US Chess Federation and American Chess University, was held May 7-9, 2010 in Atlanta, USA.

The WOM received 2 invitations for women players to participate with all their expenses covered in a closed WIM norm and 1 for WGM closed (also with everything covered) in the closed tournament in Guingamp, France.

FIDE Caissa Award was awarded to Nadezhda Kosintseva. From this year on this award will be given to the best players of the preceding year. The new voting will start in January 2011.

From 2010 the WOM awards the women's golden organizer award. This year the award went to the international women's tournament of the 8th March of Belgrade, Serbia which takes place yearly in the Spring.

Women's World Blitz Chess Championship 2010 was held from September 15 to September 18, 2010. The women's blitz championship 2010 was a great success and ended with the victory of Katherina Lahno. The Moscow chess federation will be bidding for 2011. FIDE shall suggest the dates for 2011 and be the one who will be sending the official invitations to the federations.

WOM agreed to recommend to the PB of FIDE to clarify the rules of the women's world chess championship the issue of the wild cards in order to avoid the situation with the world championship in 2010.

The web-site of the WOM is going to be launched and will start working soon. In order to make the work of our commission more effective a new structure of the WOM was discussed. More

actively working members shall be invited who are ready to contribute their experience in order to promote women's chess along with the honorary members who will still have the voting rights.

The co-chairmen will be meeting with the Treasurer to discuss the budget for 2011.

Gihan El Sahhar from Egypt suggested that more activities shall be done in Africa.

Ignatius Leong raised the question about increasing the number of women's trainers and arbiters in the world. 33% of girls playing in tournaments in Singapore. The WOM shall motivate women to stay in chess. It was noted that it is a big honor for women, that for the first time the Chess Olympiad had a female chief arbiter Sava Stoisljevic.

Geoffrey Borg made a suggestion to increase the number of the players of the world women's chess championship from 64 to 128 for 2012.

The co-chairmen thanked everybody for participation and their input at the meeting.

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