

Commonwealth Chess Association Meeting 2012

4 September 2012, 09.00-11.00 at Ismir Hall, Hotel Polat Renaissance, Istanbul

Present: B. Singh (IND) (Chairmen), L. Wijesurya (SRI) (General Secretary), E. Ellapen (RSA) (Vice Chairman), R. Smith (TRI)(Board Member), S. Kisuze (UGA))(Board Member), A. McFarlane (SCO), G. Lau (MAS), , K. Bonham (AUS), D. James (WLS), K. Daniel (BAR), A. Saleem (PAK), T. Sitale (BOT), G. Arko-Dadzie (GHA), L. Andrade (MZB), S. Shahab Odbin (BAN)

The report submitted by the General secretary (attached) was considered and the following conclusions/ decisions were arrived.

1. The Commonwealth Chess Championships 2013 was awarded to South Africa.
2. The Commonwealth Chess Championships 2014 was awarded to Scotland. The Delegate from Scotland Mr. A. McFarlane made a presentation and said that they are going to organize the event just before the Commonwealth Games to be held in their country.
3. The chairman was authorized to start a Bank account single handedly and later some other members are added as signatories if practically can handle it. So, Mr. Bharat Sing will start an account in India with the 1000 US \$ charge which was agreed at the last Meeting in 2010.
4. There were a lot of discussions regarding including Chess in to the Commonwealth Games. Mr. DV Sundar, Vice President (FIDE) informed the Committee that they took all possible tasks to include Chess in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, but failed because the Commonwealth Sports Association does not allow the Games not in IOC to be added to the Commonwealth Games He requested all Federation to get steps to enter to their respective NOC and push from their NOC to include Chess in the Olympics.
5. The less attendance in the Meeting was also discussed. It was agreed to get mutual attempt to get the members in to the Meetings.
6. General Secretary thank the Chairman, Bharat Sing and to the Indian Chess Federation for taking steps to start a website for the Commonwealth Chess Association using their own funds. Mr. Bharat Sing said that still the news coming from the Commonwealth Chess Association members are very less and he invited all members to send their details to the webmaster to include in the web.
7. Mr. Kisuze informed that there is a commonwealth Sessions hold in every year and to find a way of attending to these sessions and raise a voice of Chess there. He added that it might be a great support for the Federations since the governments and the NOCs are supporting the Commonwealth Sports as principal.
8. Mr. Russell Smith's request to send the name of the World Chess Champion, Vishvanathan Anand for the Commonwealth Awards to be held in Trinidad & Tobago was accepted and the Indian Federation promised to send Anand's Name through their NOC.
9. Members had a concern about that Meetings are held only in 2 years time. All agreed to have a Meeting once in a year parallel to the Commonwealth Chess Championships in non Olympiad years.

The report submitted to the Meeting of the Commonwealth Chess Association 2010/2012

The Board Members

Chairman – Mr. Bharat Sing (India)

Vice Chairmen – Mrs. Emelia Ellappen (South Africa)

Secretary – Mr. Luxman Wijesuriya (Sri Lanka)

Treasurer – Mr. Altaf Chaudhry (Pakistan)

Members - Mr. Brian Johns (Australia

- Mr. Russell Sumith (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Mr. Nigel Short (England)
- Mr. Stephen Kizuze (Uganda)

The year 2011 was a successful year for the Commonwealth Chess Association.

1, The South African Chess Federation headed by the Vice Chair, Mrs Emelia Ellappen managed to conduct the Commonwealth Chess Championships very successfully.

It was held from 25th June to 4th July 2011 at Emperors Palace Hotel Casino and Convention Centre in Ekurhuleni, South Africa. Event was represented by a total number of 316 players including three times Champion Mr. Nigel Short from England and former World Junior Champions Abjit Gupta of India with 40 title players.

2. The commonwealth Chess Association Website, www.commonwealthchess.com is launched by the Chairman, Mr. Bharat Sing in Last year. On behalf of the CCA I thank Mr. Bharat Sing for this initiative which will support to expand the CCA activities very rapidly.

3. Arrangements have made by the Indian Chess Federation driven by Mr. Bharat Sing as the General Secretary to Hold the Commonwealth Chess Championship 2012 in a grand manner from 22nd November to 1st December 2012 in Chennai, India. We invite all the member association to send the players to make this event a success.

4. The establishing a Bank account was failed since it is not possible to have and operate it since the office bearers are in different countries and meets almost in once in two years.

5. The proposal of having a close event among the Commonwealth Countries is also failed.

6. Mr. Russell Smith, our Board member brought to a notice about the Commonwealth Awards Ceremony to be held in Trinidad and Tobago and suggested to propose the name of Mr. Vishwanathan Anand, the World Chess Champion from India. The nomination should be forwarded by the nominees country itself through their commonwealth Federation/ NOC.