

80TH FIDE CONGRESS 2009

Kallithea, Greece

Technical Commission Meeting

14 October 2009

15.00-17.00

Minutes

Chairman: A. Filipowicz

Secretary: W. Stubenvoll

Present: P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), A. Vardapetian (ARM), A. Burstein (ISR), M. Markkula (FIN), R. Alt (GER), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), G. Gijssen (NED), H. Karimi (IRI), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), S. Reuben (ENG), D. Sedgwick (ENG), E. Price (RSA), N. Faulks (BER), A. Herbert (BAR), W. Brown (USA), C. Abundo (PHI), H. Elgendy (EGY), B. Asanov (KAZ), I. Glek, M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI)

1. Opening

Chairman A. Filipowicz welcomed the members of TEC and the observers.

2. Testing of clocks

Garde clocks had been tested by Mikko Markkula, Carol Jarecky and Geurt Gijssen. Their report was not in favor to accept the clock. Mr. Zimmermann, representative of the company, was informed and promised to adapt the clock until summer 2010.

Another clock from Spain was forwarded, but up to now not tested, because they did not pay the fee to FIDE.

3. Participation in FIDE events

The chess federation of Philippines proposes that in FIDE team event only players having the citizenship of the federation may have the right to be nominated. The proposal was sent Mr. Abundo to be checked.

4. Olympiad Pairing Rules

After the Dresden Olympiad some federations claimed that the system used was not sufficient. A. Burstein informed what happened in the past with the system used for pairing in Olympiad. Until 1992 the Hailey System based on ratings was used and from 1994 it was changed to the Burstein System, based on Buchholz. For the Olympiad in Dresden 2008 it was changed to have match points instead of game points and some acceleration have been included.

Chairman A. Filipowicz pointed out that some commissions are more or less strongly influenced by the results of commission meetings.

5. Information about Rules Commission

Chairman of RTRC G. Gijssen informed about the discussions in his commission

- delete the progressive scores for tie-breaks
- size of tables, chairs etc.
- scoresheets should be A4
- role of team captains in team competitions
- introducing of a red card to be used by arbiters for team captains.

Some wordings in the Laws of Chess should be reconsidered and clarified.

6. Information about Swiss Pairing Commission

Chairman of SPP Ch. Krause informed that the program “Tournament Director” from England is not finally tested. It will be finished until end of November 2009.

Endorsements of programs are valid until it is withdrawn by the SPP.

The Commission had discussions about General Swiss System Rules, which had to be followed by any new system proposed to FIDE in the future.

Some minor points in the current Dutch Swiss System had been clarified.

For unplayed games in Buchholz ranking the commission recommends to have another system to be used, not a draw against the player himself. Instead it should be handled like a game against a virtual opponent. S. Reuben asked how to handle it if two players with unequal points had been paired.

7. Changes in Olympiad Pairing Rules

Chairman of TAP W. Stubenvoll informed about the changes which will be recommended to FIDE Executive Board to be decided for the Olympiad 2010 in Khanty Mansyisk:

- ranking at the start
- ranking for pairings
- tie-breaks for the final standing
- pairings system.

S. Reuben proposed to include direct encounter after the game points.

The commission discussed and finally decided to give a motion by the Technical Commission to FIDE Executive Board not to exclude a team being late at the start of one round from the pairing of the next round. Voting 13 in favor and 3 abstentions.

S. Reubens proposal not to allow a team with only three players to start in the Olympiad was discussed.

8. Report from Arbiters Commission

Chairman P. Nikolopoulos informed that in the meeting the title applications for arbiters and the list of lecturers had been discussed. Concerning the recommendations for classification of arbiters it was agreed, that only tournaments valid for players norms will be valid for an arbiter norm. Additionally the necessary experience for a classification A or B shall be five years acting as an International Arbiter. The classification is not finished, because still 70 federations gave not information.

Arbiters Commission tries to finish it until Khanty Mansyisk.

The co-operation ARISF – IOC – FIDE was started. This year there will be one arbiters’ seminar and another two seminars in 2010.

The FIDE Trainer Commission started the project “E-learning”. Mr. Stubenvoll will attend an presentation in Novi Sad and then Arbiters Commission will start a similar project.

9. Report from Qualification Commission

Chairman M. Markkula reported that the information sent for title applications sometimes are very poor and different to some information available on FIDE website. He will go to Elista to clarify some items connected with the TRF file. FIDE decided to have a very short list of times controls to be used for title norms. It gives a lot of problems to some organizers. Mr. Markkula proposed to have only a minimum playing time for title norms, not fixed time controls. Mr. Stubenvoll had a different opinion on that matter, he was in favor of an unified time control. A voting gave the result 6 votes in favor of the current time controls, 7 against and 1 abstention.

10. Miscellaneous

W. Stubenvoll informed about a device tested during the European Individual Championship in Budva. It recognizes any wireless connection in a circle of 15 m and worked very well. This might be a very helpful for arbiters in avoiding cheating during games.

The chairman informed about a new electronic device from Mr. Vasse concerning wireless transmission to internet from electronic boards.

Mr. I. Vereshchagin asked to make a change to the minutes of Dresden meeting concerning the rate of play given to the producers of clocks. Additionally he wants to have published the upcoming rules on FIDE website, before they will come into force.

Mr. N. Faulks asked what will be the meaning of the rating rule, that federations may make minor changes to the Laws of Chess, if they are approved in advance by the chairman of Technical Commission.

W. Stubenvoll pointed out that this is not a matter for Technical Commission. Much more involved should be the Qualification Commission or the Rules Commission.

Chairman A. Filipowicz thanked the commission members and observers and closed the meeting.

Dr. Andrzej Filipowicz

Werner Stubenvoll

Chairman of TEC

Secretary of TEC