

**80<sup>TH</sup> FIDE CONGRESS 2009**  
**Kallithea, Greece**

**Verification Commission Meeting**  
**14 October 2009**  
**15.00-17.00**

**Minutes**

**Chairman: L. Mazouz**

Present: B. Marinello (USA) – member, M. Sand (NOR), N. Freeman (BER), I. Leong (SIN), B. Kelleher (USA), D. Buthali (BOT), E. Perissiou (GRE), H. Bond (CAN), D. Jarrett (ENG), T. Ameyar (ALG), R. Haring (USA).

Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz, Chairman of the Verification Commission welcomed all persons attending the meeting. He said Mr Torstein Bae, member of the VC, not being able to attend this meeting, is absent with apologies.

Mr. Mazouz proceeded to give a summary of the report and opened the meeting for questions and comments.

1. Staff contracts

The commission recommends again the establishment of contracts with all its employees as soon as possible.

2. PR and Marketing

This item was part of the VC report for the last two years. Payments to the PR Director are no more made since June 2009. Considering the decision taken by the GA in Dresden, FIDE formed a committee of four members to deal with this issue.

3. External Auditor's Report

Fide Treasurer as well as the Executive director explained the situation with the External Auditor and suggested that the mid-term VC meeting should take place later during the third quarter of the year, by which time his report is ready and so it can be taken into account. The VC members approved this suggestion.

4. Global Chess

Global Chess has not fulfilled its obligations, as the minimum sum stated in the contract (250 000 euro) has not been paid to FIDE.

Considering the lack of fulfilment, the Commission recommends

- relationship with Global Chess to be clarified by December 2009.
- all its debts to Fide to be settled Meeting.
- a decision should be made by the Presidential Board at its next meeting

5. Mind Sports Olympiad 2008

This issue was discussed. Basically there was an agreement that

regarding this event, FIDE faced a good opportunity to participate in a World Competition. However in spite of promises made, the agreed financial assistance has been not fulfilled. The meeting recommends that an enforceable contract is necessary when FIDE makes an agreement with a third party

#### 5. Bank Guarantees from Organisers

The meeting agrees on the importance of receiving bank guarantees and/or deposits from organisers.

#### 6. Commissions

Although there is an improvement regarding reporting of the utilization of money paid to Commissions, the VC recommends that FIDE establishes a standard procedure as to how the money received is actually utilised.

Lakhdar Mazouz  
Chairman