

80TH FIDE CONGRESS 2009
Kallithea, Greece

CONTINENTAL MEETING FOR AMERICAS
15 October 2009

Minutes

Present: U. Blanco (VEN), W. Kelleher (USA), R. Haring (USA), D. Lima (BRA), P. Ribeiro (BRA), C. Netto (BRA), A. Herbert (BAR), N. Freeman (BER), N. Faulks (BER), B. Marinello (USA), M. Murphy (USVI), A. Mongiello (USVI), H. Bond (CAN)

This year's Continental General Assembly took place in Mar del Plata, Argentina from August 15-22. At this meeting 16 delegates participated establishing a quorum.

The delegates and officials of different federations met at the 80th FIDE Congress in Halkidiki. We did not have a quorum, but many interesting topics were discussed.

The meeting began by welcoming and thanking all the delegates and special friends attending the Continental meeting.

The Continental President, Jorge Vega gave report of the activities during 2009.

IA Jorge Vega also mentioned the enforcement of the guidelines approved at the Dresden Continental Assembly in reference to the events in the 2010 Calendar.

The continental President also asked the English speaking federations in the continent to submit materials for the website.

General Secretary Beatriz Marinello gave a summery of the Americas General Assembly. Copies of the President Report, minutes of the 2009 Americas General Assembly, and a calendar were distributed at the meeting.

The Continental Treasurer, Mr. Herbert spoke about the idea of creating a Verification Commission for the Americas, the proposal was very well received.

Mr. Herbert also presented the possibility of organizing a Pan American City Championship on line. Instead of saying that this event is played over the Internet, he prefers to call it "Distance Chess." Nations, such as, the United States and Brazil have experience running this event. Beatriz Marinello and Ruth Haring from the USA offered to look into have the tournament organize from the Unites States, and speak with the organizer of the US Chess League.

The meeting was closed at 16:30.

WIM Beatriz Marinello
General Secretary