

# Annex 62

## SMALL NATIONS CHESS ASSOCIATION (SNACA)

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Oval Lingotto on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006

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**Present for the meeting held at 5.00pm :**

**Andorra, Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Brunei, Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Fiji, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Seychelles, Surinam, United States Virgin Islands**

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- 1 The President of SNACA, Ms Margaret Murphy welcomed the SNACA delegates to the General Assembly of the Association. It was very pleasing to see the participation of sixteen countries in the meeting, more so given the time of the meeting when many small countries were actually playing in the tournament.
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- 3 The statutory qualification for membership to SNACA was population statistics of below 2 million inhabitants and this meant that we had 34 countries in total as member countries as per attached annex.
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- 5 The General Secretary, Mr Geoffrey Borg pointed out that the board had presented an Olympiad questionnaire to the potential bidders and they had also attended a number of presentations. To date Budva (Montenegro) and Riga (Latvia) have accepted the majority of the requests made by SNACA Board. SNACA were still awaiting formal replies from Khanty Mansk (Russia) and Poznan (Poland). No news about the Buenos Aires bid was yet forthcoming as no stand was available in the Oval.
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- 7 Mr Borg also outlined plans for a small nations internet championship which would help give opportunities to the small nations to play each other whilst minimising costs since this would be limited possibly to some hardware costs but Federations should work with hardware suppliers to retain the equipment after the tournament. This was a great occasion to utilise the internet for the advantage of SNACA nations.
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- 9 Mr Willy Iclicki said that Monaco had traditionally organised the small nations team tournament and the President Jean Michel Rapaire had once again expressed their interest in reviving this tournament. This would be an invitation for 34 countries and with 4 boards could mean around 136 players. However, they requested some assistance (around 15,000 Euros) from FIDE Cacdec for this tournament and Mr Allan Herbert said he would refer. The idea would be a 9 round swiss tournament in October / November.
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- 11 Mr Borg also mentioned that Iceland had been helping out in some countries such as Namibia and had offered to do something more for small nations to show them how they had a successful program in a small country such as Iceland. It was suggested to request if Iceland could provide some

invitations to the Reykjavik open which was partially sponsored by the national Icelandic Airline. Similar to this, Geoffrey Borg would see if the Aeroflot organisers could organise some specific conditions for SNACA member countries.

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13 The meeting then focused on the election of the new members for SNACA and the following members were approved :

PRESIDENT – Ms Margaret Murphy, US Virgin Islands

DEPUTY PRESIDENT - Mr. Hj Zainal Abidin B Hj Mohd ALI, Brunei

VICE PRESIDENT – Ms Paule Domingue, Seychelles

TREASURER – Mr Marios Schinis, Cyprus

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr Geoffrey Borg said that as he was a Candidate on the FIDE ticket, there would be a conflict of interest if he was elected. Mr Nigel Freeman then proposed that the position of General Secretary would be occupied by either Mr Borg or Mr Freeman depending on the outcome of the coming FIDE elections. This was approved by the General Assembly.

1 Ms Margaret Murphy also noted that for the first time, in a FIDE affiliated association, there were two female board members and this would also help promote the participation of women in chess in SNACA countries.

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3 There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**President : Margaret Murphy**

**General Secretary : Geoffrey D Borg**

*ANNEX A – ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES*

- 1 ANDORRA
- 2 ANTIGUA
- 3 ARUBA
- 4 BAHAMAS
- 5 BAHRAIN
- 6 BARBADOS
- 7 BELIZE
- 8 BERMUDA
- 9 BOTSWANA
- 10 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
- 11 BRUNEI
- 12 CYPRUS
- 13 ESTONIA
- 14 FAROE ISLANDS
- 15 FIJI
- 16 GUERNSEY
- 17 ICELAND
- 18 JERSEY
- 19 LIECHTENSTEIN
- 20 LUXEMBOURG
- 21 MACAU
- 22 MALTA
- 23 MAURITIUS
- 24 MONACO
- 25 MONTENEGRO
- 26 NAMIBIA
- 27 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
- 28 PALAU
- 29 QATAR
- 30 SAN MARINO
- 31 SEYCHELLES
- 32 SURINAM
- 33 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
- 34 UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS