

82nd FIDE CONGRESS 2011, Krakow, Poland

FIDE Development Commission Meeting, Hotel Galaxy 17.10.11

MINUTES

Chairman: Allan Herbert (BAR)

Secretary: Rupert Jones (PNG)

Councilors: Hal Bond (CAN)

Members: Jean-Michel Rapaire (MNC), Brian Jones (AUS)

Observers: Americas' Continental President, Jorge Vega (CRC), FIDE Treasurer, Nigel Freeman (BER), FIDE General Secretary, Ignatius Leong (SIN), for others in attendance see signing list

1. Welcome

Development Commission Chairman, Allan Herbert, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He reported that the core committee of the Commission held its first planning meeting in Bermuda in February and thanked FIDE Treasurer, Nigel Freeman, and the Bermuda Chess Federation for all the work done in making sure that the meeting happened.

2. Review of 2011 Bermuda Core Meeting Minutes

The Chairman referred everyone to the minutes of the Bermuda meeting and indicated that the primary objective of today's meeting was to finalize the recommendations to be presented to the Executive Board.

The Chairman highlighted the key recommendations arising from Bermuda and made a brief presentation on titles and ratings statistics that were developed by the FIDE Rating Office for the Bermuda meeting. See Appendix 1-8.

It is recommended to the Executive Board that these statistics should be published on the FIDE Web Site annually, in January.

The Commission also decided to focus its programmes over the next four years around the concept of promoting activity measured by the number of FIDE rated tournaments submitted by Federations and reduction of Federations with no FIDE Rated players.

3. Year in Review

3.1 Africa Report

Africa had concentrated on supporting the organizers of major events with their costs in hosting the event. These included:

- African Junior in South Africa
- The Zonal Tournaments in Algeria, Botswana and Sudan

Arbiters and Trainers seminars were also funded.

3.2 Americas Report

Americas focus has been on having more on line seminars and assisting top players from Developing Federations to attend the following Continental Events:

- Continental Championships
- Continental Women Championships
- Pan-American Junior Championships
- Central American & Caribbean Junior Championships

Assistance was also given with trainers to two participants from Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica attending the Central America & Caribbean Zonal. In both cases the pre-event preparation was successfully delivered via internet.

3.3 Asia Report

The primary assistance to Asia was a travel grant to the Oceania Chess Confederation to assist with development of Oceania Federations.

In addition to this the Asian Chess Federation has executed a number of projects funded by the Federation and Continental President.

3.4 Europe Report

In the period under review, the European Chess Union approved an annual amount of money to be allocated for helping the development of chess in the Small Nations.

In even-numbered years, when the European Small Nations Chess Championship is not organized (this applies to the European Federations only), a fund of € 15,000 will be allocated for concrete projects and proposals and it will be spent according to the number of rated players, ideas and the needs of those federations. The amount cannot be more than € 2,500 and less than €500 per federation.

In odd-numbered years, when the European Small Nations Chess Championship is organized, € 30,000 will be allocated to the Small Nations as the general sponsorship for the organization of the Championship.

4. 2011 World Youth Travel Grant Awardees

The winners of the 2011 World Youth Travel Grants were announced. See Appendix 9.

The Chairman congratulated the Federations of South Africa, Botswana, Sri Lanka, Macau, Cyprus, Honduras and Barbados for their investment in these youth players in getting them to their Continental Youth Championships.

The list of awardees is presented for ratification to the Executive Board along with a recommendation that for 2011 the grant be up to maximum US\$1000 for each participant.

5. Review of CACDEC Statues Review

It was agreed to adopt the proposal from FIDE Treasurer, Nigel Freeman, that a sub-committee of the Commission be formed to work with FIDE Executive Director, David Jarrett, who had been tasked to complete a comprehensive review of the FIDE Handbook.

A sub-committee of Commission Chairman, Allan Herbert, Commission Secretary, Rupert Jones, and Councilor, Hal Bond, was appointed.

6. New List Recommendations

The Core Committee's recommendation to revamp the CACDEC List to include all Federations showing development status of chess with the their country was agreed

It was agreed that the Executive Board be requested to ratify the reorganization of the CACDEC List to be a comprehensive list categorizing all Federations by Development Level with a separate annual list of Federations eligible for activity rebates and a bi-annual list of Federations eligible for pocket money at the Olympiad.

7. TRG Trainers 2012 Seminar Proposal

It was agreed to co-operate with the Trainers Commission in hosting a Trainers Seminar at the 2012 Olympiad and one at the 2012 World Youth Championships. The funding of these two seminars would come from the Commission Chairman's Budget and the Commission Chairman was tasked to discuss the with the Trainers Commission the details of these seminars.

It was also agreed that for Trainers Seminars to be hosted in the continents, that this be differed to Continental Presidents who are better place to determine their needs 2012 and these be negotiated directly by Continental Presidents with the Trainers Commission. Any such seminars hosted will be funded from the Continental Development Budget.

With respect to the request to providing funding to the Academies of New York, Berlin and Singapore for hosting Trainers Seminars at the Academy, it was agreed that the Commission Chairman would meet with the Trainers Commission to investigate the hosting of internet based seminars instead.

8. 2012 Budget & Funding

FIDE Treasurer, Nigel Freeman, reported that the difficulties with the FIDE budget created by various lawsuits continue to persist.

For 2011 the Development Budget was set at €100,000, half of the previous year, and the FIDE Treasurer conceded that due to late notification there will have to be some flexibility and we may exceed the budget.

Casto Abundo reminded the meeting that the Presidential Board had recommended that the budget of Asia not be cut to 15% and that it should be 20%, however this must be passed by the Executive Board.

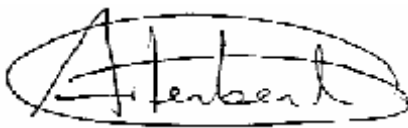
The Executive Board is requested to approve the Commission's recommendation of the following allocation policy:

- *Africa 40%*
- *Americas 25%*
- *Asia 15%*
- *Europe 7.5%*
- *Chairman 12.5%*

9. Any Other Business

Commission Member, Jean-Michael Rapaire, said that he was willing to help in looking at new sponsorship avenues from non-traditional sources. He was very keen on Rotary International and informed the meeting that companies in France had budgets that decreed spending some amounts on 'charities'.

Development Chairman, Allan Herbert, welcomed the recommendation and informed the meeting that the 2011 Surinam Open was being sponsored by Rotary International in Surinam.

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read "Allan Herbert".

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Chairman
FIDE Development Commission