

## Minutes

### Technical Commission

26 September 2010, 17.00-19.00

**Chairman:** Andrzej Filipowicz

**Present:** W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Vardapetyan (ARM), M. Markkula (FIN), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), D. De Ridder (BEL), A. Burstein (ISR), D. Jordan (GER), F. Dapiran (ITA), C. Krauze (GER), R. Alt (GER), K. Daniel (BAR), R. Anantharam (IND), A. Herbert (BAR), H. Elgandy (EGY), A. Vasse (NED), V. Berezin (RUS), Y. Repin (RUS), C. Jarecki (IVB), H. Kurniadi (INA), I. Glek (GER), L. Kagambi (KEN).

Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz welcomed the members of the FIDE Technical Commission and observers.

#### 1. Information about TC activities since 2009

The main task of the Commission was testing of chess clocks. There are requests to include the check of chess equipment to the duties of TC as well.

Mr. Mikko Markkula informed about his way to test chess clocks. He wants to have the time for the second period added on a clock immediately when the preset number of 40 moves was completed for the first period by a player playing white and then after of 40 moves completed by a player playing black.

Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz gave his view, that after move 40 the clock should add the time for the following period. Furthermore he cannot see any reason why the clock should not show the number of moves on its display.

The testing report for electronic clocks has to be updated. The new guidelines will be forwarded to the FIDE General Assembly.

#### 2. Information of other Commissions regarding the mentioned matters

Mr. Mikko Markkula informed about the decisions of Qualification Commission and the recommendations to General Assembly. He pointed out that any change of pairings in favor of a player to fulfill title norms is strictly forbidden. He also informed, that the rate of play 90'/game + 30"/move is now valid for the rating and title purposes until July 1, 2013.

Mr. Christian Krause informed about his meeting of Swiss Pairing Commission. Some rewording was necessary for clarification of the rules.

#### 3. Testing the chess clocks

Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz invited Mr. Dirk Jordan, Germany, to present new equipment for chess clocks, called "Chess Voice", which may be used for blind players as well. It can inform the blind player who is to move and which time is shown on the display.

#### 4. Testing report for electronic chess clocks – the new Spanish Electronic Clock (Sistemco)

Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz informed that the new, improved Spanish electronic chess clock "Sistemco" was tested and accepted by the testers. It can be endorsed by FIDE.

#### **5. Testing of the Chess equipment (chess tables, boards and pieces)**

In the meeting of the Rules and Tournament Regulations Commission the size of chess tables, chess board and pieces was decided. As a consequence FIDE Technical Commission will prepare tests and start to test chess equipment as well. The current FIDE Standards shall be checked and updated by the next Technical Commission.

Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz thanked the Members of TC for the fruitful 4 years work and observers for attending the meetings and closed the meeting of the Technical Commission.

Werner Stubenvoll

Secretary

Andrzej Filipowicz

Chairman