

Minutes
African Chess Union (ACU)
28 September 2010, 11.00-13.00

President: Dabilani Buthali (BOT)

Present: I. Konate (MLI), S. Mohammed (NGR), G. El Sahhar (EGY), S.M. Sokhna (SEN), A. Ambasi (KEN), B. A. Ndjila Barthelemy (GAB), M.N. Viang (CMR), T. Ameyar (ALG), A.M. Benhadi (ALG), M.A. Khair (EGY), A.K. El Nami (LBA), H. Elgendy (EGY), T. Sitale (BOT), N. Freeman (BER), L. Ncube (ZAM), N. Elhaj (LBA), J. Junqveira (ANG), A. Jaime (ANG), A.M. Kreiked (MTN), F. Mohammed (ETH), J. Kaamu (UGA), L. Kagambi (KEN), K. Robert (UGA), V.M. Luggya (UGA), S. Kisuze (UGA), P. Chambule (MOZ), A. Kamara (SLE), E. Steenkamp (RSA), C. Nsakanya (ZAM), A. A. Hassan Wataac (SOM), T. Ameyar (ALG), L. Mazouz (ALG), E. Ellappen (RSA), D. Ntagasigumwami (BDI), V.S. Gil (STP), H. Bhowany (MRI), Y.A. Rakotomaharo (MAD).

The meeting started at 11.10 am.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Welcome Remarks
3. President's Report
 - Events and Competitions (2009/10)
 - Reflection on past 4 years
 - Africa outlook (Issues to consider)
 - (i) Zones
 - (ii) Role of member countries
 - (iii) CACDEC (Chess in Schools)
 - (iv) Structures (Board and office)
4. Comments
5. ACU Constitution
6. Events Bidding (2011)
7. Closing Remarks

2. WELCOME REMARKS

- 2.1 The African Chess Union President, Mr. Dabilani Buthali welcomed all to the General Assembly and urged members to debate issues with openness and be calm. He also called for a civil approach even in situations of disagreements.

3 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 3.1 The President circulated a detailed report covering tournaments and competitions held in 2009/10 including the African Junior Chess Championship (2009), Inter-club Chess Championship, Africa Youth Chess Championship (2010), Africa Chess Team Championship and the African Junior Chess Championship (2010). The report also had

- updates on capacity development workshops, seminars and training held in the period. The Financial Report indicated expenditure totaling US \$19,318 and balance of \$8000.
- 3.2 **Africa Chess Team Championship:** It was clarified that the only reason as to why the 2009 event was not held in Mozambique was because it had been cancelled.
 - 3.3 **FIDE Arbiters Seminar and Training of Trainers workshop:** There was a correction to the effect that Zambia was one of the countries that participated in both events held in Botswana and South Africa, respectively.
 - 3.4 **All Africa Games:** The time control indicated in the report was corrected to standard minimum time limit to allow rating of games, which is one hour.
 - 3.5 **Reflection on past 4 years:** The President made the following observations:
 - 3.5.1 There is need to fully utilize individual abilities and minimum resources and walk the talk.
 - 3.5.2 There is need to improve on responses to emails. It was also noted that ACU had a news bulletin, which eventually became unsustainable due to lack of inputs from member countries.
 - 3.5.3 The 2010 performance was better in light of the fact that several events were hosted and most of the budget utilized.
 - 3.5.4 Appealed to members to reduce on their funding expectations from FIDE. Apart from the CACDEC fund and payment of air tickets for the continental President, other programmes need to be funded by internally generated revenue. Funds to run the affairs of the ACU office can only be generated from member federations.
 - 3.5.5 Each federation needs to have a strategic business plan. Proposed holding of Strategic Planning workshops.
 - 3.6 **Africa Outlook (issues to consider):** It was observed that the CACDEC support and Chess in schools programme is Africa's lifeline and needs to be optimally utilized for Africa's development.
 - 3.6.1 **Structures:** The need to have an office run by a Secretariat was re-emphasized.

4. COMMENTS

Members made the following comments in reaction to the President's report:

- 4.1 In order to raise funds for the ACU, it must first put proper structures in place with a Secretary General, Treasurer and Bank account. When that is done, countries bidding to host events can be asked to pay a certain fee.
- 4.2 It was also proposed that instead of collecting FIDE fees, the ACU could collect ACU fees and be the one to remit a portion to FIDE.
- 4.3 It was also observed that it is easier to attract sponsorship when a continental body like the ACU takes the lead in soliciting sponsorship for African events.
- 4.4 In light of the high travel costs, ACU was urged to strike pacts with airlines (dialogue) whenever there are big numbers of people from member Federations traveling for an event so as to secure discounts/sponsorships.
- 4.5 The need for ACU to ensure that Federations have trained Arbiters and Trainers so as to hold more regular rated tournaments in Africa was also emphasized.
- 4.6 The need to set deadlines for enactment of strategic plans was highlighted.

- 4.7 As a way of enhancing the President's report, it was suggested that apart from indicating what has been done, the report should in future indicate what had been planned for comparison purposes.
- 4.8 The President's report should also be mailed to all members for the benefit of everyone including those who may have missed the meeting.
- 4.9 To facilitate expeditious acquisition of visas for major sporting events, it was suggested that ACU takes the lead in informing embassies in advance.

5. CONSTITUTION

- 5.1 It was agreed that there is need for adequate time for members to peruse and orient themselves with the draft constitution before it can be adopted. The agreed time frame was one year.
- 5.2 It was also noted that the zonal structure ought to be embedded in the new constitution. However, restructuring of the current zones was deferred to be handled by the incoming executive.
- 5.3 It was observed that the current Constitution provides for a President, Deputy President and Treasurer but doesn't provide for a Secretary General. It was further clarified that at a past meeting members agreed on co-option of four executive board members and the three (3) Zonal Presidents to act as Vice Presidents (bringing the total number of officials to 11) but that too is not in the Constitution. It was therefore agreed that in the interim, the above changes should be made on the current Constitution as the new draft is being finalized. The in-coming President is to take responsibility for this.

6. EVENTS BIDDING (2011)

- 6.1 The bidding for hosting of 2011 events was deferred so that members get time to first consult, and to create time for promulgation of formal bidding procedures clearly stating minimum requirements and filling of formal bidding forms.
- 6.2 Events that are up for bidding are as follows:

- Africa Youth (2011)
- Africa Individual (2011)
- Africa Team (2011)
- Africa Junior (2011)

- 6.3 Libya proposed adding the Africa Cities (2011) event in October.
- 6.4 Members were also informed that on 13th July 2011 Nigeria will host the Professor Wole Soyinka International Chess Tournament with attractive prizes.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, the President thanked all members for attending and participating in the deliberations. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at about 1.30 pm.

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED THIS DAY OF2010

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

Minutes
Continental Africa Election
30 September 2010
Khanty-Mansiysk, RUS

Present: D. Buthali (BOT), N. Elhaj (LBA), G. El Sahhar (EGY), E. Ellappen (RSA), H. Elgendy (EGY), M.Nguele Viang (CMR), M. Durar Fathi (LBA), A.K. El Nami (LBA), T. Ameyar (ALG), L. Mazouz (ALG), A. A. Hassan Wataac (SOM), J. Kaamu (UGA), M.Abol-Khair (EGY), T. Sitale (BOT), F. Mohammed Ibrahim (ETH), H. Bhowany (MRI), Y.A. Rakotomaharo (MAD), B. Hoareau (SEY), B. Mein (SEY), P. Chambule (MOZ), Ch. Nsakanya (ZAM), L. Ncube (ZAM), E. Thompson (GHA), I. Konate (MLI), E. Steenkamp (RSA), S. Mohammed (NGR), A.M. Kreiked (MTN), J. Junqueira (ANG), M. B. Nitzborn (NAM).

Presidential elections

4 candidates

1st round

- Mr. Hesham Elgendy (EGY): 7
- Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz (ALG): 11
- Mr. Kezzie K.T. Msukwa (MLW): 5
- Mr. Max Baron Nitzborn (NAM): 0

After the 1st round dropped:

- Mr.Kezzie K.T. Msukwa (MLW)
- Mr. Max Baron Nitzborn (NAM)

2nd round:

- Mr. Hesham Elgendy (EGY): 8
- Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz (ALG): 15

The winner is Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz (ALG)

Zone Presidents

Zone 4.1. President - Abdalla Khaled Elnami (LBA)

Zone 4.2 President - Sani Mohammed (NGR)

Zone 4.3 President - Tshepo Sitale (BOT)

Executive Board Members:

- Ibrahima Konate (MLI)
- Michel Nguele Viang (CMR)
- Pedro Lucas Chambule (MOZ)
- Emelia Ellappen (RSA)

Deputy President:

- Emelia Ellappen (RSA)

Treasurer:

- Dr. Hesham Elgendy (EGY)

Nominations for Secretary General will be done in consultation with the Continental President of Africa.