



Asian Chess Federation

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Minutes

Absent with apologies: Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan, President

Present:

FIDE General Secretary: Ignatius Leong

FIDE Vice Presidents: Mohammed Kambuzia (IRI), D. V. Sundar (IND)

ACF Deputy President: Casto Abundo (PHI)

ACF Secretary General: Hisham Al Taher (UAE)

ACF Treasurer: Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI)

FIDE Executive Board Members: Dhafer Al Madhloum (IRQ), Dang Tat Thang (VIE),
Rajesh Hari Joshi (NEP)

ACF Presidential Board: Rajai N. Alsusi (PLE)

Zone Presidents: Luxman Wijesuriya (SRI), Husain Turdialiev (UZB), Brian Jones (AUS), R.
Dongre (IND)

Federation Representatives (alphabetical by country): Mohd. Hanif (AFG), Kevin Bonham
(AUS), Hameed Rahma (BRN), Abigail Tian Hongwei (CHN), Dina Mei-Fang Chen (TPE)
Virgilio de Asa (FIJ), Brian Jones (Proxy GUM), K. K. Chan (HKG), Bharat Singh (IND), R.
Anantharam (IND), Dr. Poeng Dwi Hatmisari (INA), Hadi Karimi (IRI), Asaad Tawfeeq
(IRQ), Ignatius Leong (proxy JPN), Darmen Sadvakasov (KAZ), Svetlana Bukambaeva
(KGZ), Tian Hongwei (proxy LAO), Abou Nemri Chihade (LIB), Elias Kharailah (LIB),
Hans H. Riedel (MAC), Gregory Lau (MAS), Haslinda Ruslan (MAS), Nooh Ali (MDV),
Genden Altan Och (MGL), Dr. Pung (Proxy MYA), Shaun Press (NZL), Khaled Ezedden
(PLE), Bebel Madwan (PLE), Jehad Yaish (PLE), Jan Berglund (PLW), Luke Leong (SIN),
Dina Cheng (proxy KOR), Khurshed Vatanov (TJK), Prajuab Nimityongskul (THA), Shohrat
Muratkuliev (TKM), Mohd. Al Ghamali (YEM), Sabri Abdullmawla Salam (YEM),

Others:

Ahmed Al Zarouni (ACF), Michelle Visco (ICSC), Rafael Pinchas (ICSC), Sam Sloan (USA)

The roll was called and it was determined that there was a quorum with only 9 absent out of
the 48 Asian member federations.

Section A: Administrative Matters

1. Report of the President

ACF Secretary General Hisham Al Taher welcomed the Asian delegates and relayed the
apologies of His Excellency, Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan, who was ill and on
doctor's orders could not travel.

ACF Deputy President Casto Abundo chaired the meeting and delivered the report.

Firstly, we congratulate World Champion Viswanathan Anand of India and Women's World Champion Hou Yifan of China.

Since the last Asian meeting, His Excellency, Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan, Asian Chess Federation president, and Secretary General Hisham Al Taher visited Maldives and met the President, Ministers and Cabinet members. Sheikh opened the first national championship to wide print and broadcast media coverage. Sheikh Sultan met Ministers and discussed chess promotion and possible hosting of Asian events in Maldives.

ACF organized the 1st quarter FIDE Presidential Board meeting in Al Ain, UAE in February 2012, providing board and lodging for Board members, Commission members, staff and guests. Sheikh Sultan submitted a standing offer to FIDE to host annually the first quarter FIDE Presidential Board meeting in Al Ain.

Sheikh Sultan took the FIDE delegation on an inspection of the newly built UAE University in Al Ain, venue of next year's World Youth Championships and checked the playing and living facilities which are ready to receive a record number of participants.

FIDE nominated Sheikh Sultan to be member of the FIDE Modernization Committee. Sheikh attended the 2nd Quarter Presidential Board meeting in Elista, Russia.

Sheikh Sultan and Secretary General Hisham Al Taher travelled to Vietnam and awarded prizes at the Asian Continental Championship for Open and Women in Ho Chi Minh. Sheikh met sports and city officials, and donated cash prize for the Asian blitz tournament.

Sheikh travelled to China and opened the Asian Nations Cup Team Championship in Zao Zhuang and met with three Mayors in different cities in the province and discussed possible hosting of the Asian Commercial Companies chess championship.

ACF hosted a delegation from Oman at the Presidential Board who met FIDE officials and explained that while bureaucracy is stalling the establishment of a federation they continue to seek government approval. ACF Secretary General Hisham Al Taher visited Oman twice and ACF sponsored a seminar for school teachers in coordination with the Ministry of Education and ACF donated chess equipment. As a result chess will be introduced in 60 Omani schools, five schools in each of 12 provinces.

Mr. Al Taher also visited Kuwait to activate the Kuwait Chess Federation. The ACF invited the president and General Secretary, and sponsored airfare for two Kuwaiti players to join international tournaments in the Al Ain Chess Club. We are pleased to point out that Kuwait has a team in the Istanbul Olympiad after 33 years without joining since its last participation in 1979.

In Kuwait, Mr. Al Taher met with top officials of the Olympic Council of Asia to try to include chess in the 2014 Asian Games. There is still a small chance if 40 Asian federations write to OCA that they will join in Korea or at least play a pre-qualification. ACF is working through the UAE Ambassador to Korea in view of the close relationship between the two countries.

ACF conducted a number of Trainers and Arbiters Seminars by FIDE Lecturers C. Abundo, M. Pahlevanzadeh and other FIDE Lecturers, in Australia, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

In Amman, Jordan Trainers and Arbiters Seminars were given by ACF which covered expenses of two participants each from neighboring federations Yemen, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and one Singaporean.

On instructions of Sheikh Sultan, for next year ACF shall distribute 3,000 chess sets and 30 DGT clocks each to needy federations.

Mr. Al Taher visited Dushanbe, Tajikistan and met the Deputy Sports Minister and Deputy National Olympic Committee and top sports officials. ACF conducted a Trainers Seminar in Tajikistan and sponsored participation of two each in the Zone from neighboring federations Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan aside from the host Tajikistan. A Central Asian Blitz Championship was held. Tajikistan reports the best performance of their team in the Istanbul Olympiad.

ACF sponsored the Asian Seniors and Amateurs and seminar in Sydney, Australia where Mr. Al Taher went to award prizes with Oceania Chess Confederation President Brian Jones. The ACF created these events which were alternately held in Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Sydney, thus moving from West to East.

ACF has increased the number of Asian tournaments in order to meet the huge demand by different countries. This will enhance our marketing prospects and entry fees of participating federations revert to members in development support. From a basic list, we now have around 100 events, considering various categories.

We have a new FIDE member in Guam and we thank Oceania Chess Federation president Brian Jones and Dr. Virgilio de Asia, president of Fiji Chess Federation, for their help.

Asian Chess Federation obtained approval for the Trainers Commission to recognize an Asian Chess Federation Academy in order to organize Trainers, Arbiters and Organizers Seminars in multi-federation zones. Priority will be given to develop inactive federations. ACF objective is to have different countries host events and eventually different countries to win awards.

ACF shall conduct ten Trainers and Arbiters Seminars in multi-federation Zones. ACF has signed an agreement with the Trainers Committee for Royalty rights to translate its Training books to Arabic.

The ACF Secretariat made working visits to member federations. Aside from above-mentioned visits to Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Tajikistan, Australia, Vietnam and China, Mr. Hisham Al Taher also visited Qatar, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and India giving a speech in Hindi at the Asian Schools to the delight of the Deputy Sports Minister and spectators.

In September a delegation of six players from Saudi Arabia and Oman will come to play in the Al Ain Autumn Chess Festival under the sponsorship of the Asian Chess Federation. We invite all members to visit the new villa of the Asian Chess Federation and join our tournaments.

We thank organizing and participating federations for making Asian events successful. Asian Chess Federation organized, under supervision of ACF Deputy President C. Abundo and M. Pahlevanzadeh, a total of 42 championships, counting categories, in Sri Lanka, 5 in Australia, 4 in China, 4 in Vietnam and 4 in Uzbekistan. In December we will have the Asian Schools Championship in India with 42 categories including blitz for a total of a hundred events. We have added the under-5 and under-17 categories to the Asian Schools.

Five qualifiers to the World Cup have been selected from the Asian Continental Open in Vietnam and we congratulate Asian champion Negi Parimarjan of India and Asian Women's Champion Irene Sukandar of Indonesia.

We congratulate China, India and Vietnam on their victories in the Asian Nations Cup Team Championships, Open and Women's. We renamed the event for better marketing purposes. ACF organized the first Asian Blitz Team Championship with the Open won by Vietnam, Kazakhstan and China for gold, silver and bronze, respectively. And in the Asian Women's Team Blitz, China, Vietnam and Indonesia won in that order.

Top three in the Asian Juniors, organized by Uzbekistan Chess Federation, were from India, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Top three in the Asian girls were from India for gold and bronze, and Vietnam winning silver.

The Asian Junior Blitz was won by India followed by two Uzbeks for silver and bronze. The Asian Girls Blitz was won by India with silver going to Uzbekistan and bronze to India.

Asian Seniors Championship was organized by Oceania Chess Confederation in Sydney, Australia. Australia won gold followed by Mongolia for silver and Australia again for bronze. Three Australians landed in the top three in the concurrent Asian Amateur while the unrated championship was won by Tarek Al Taher of the UAE and the best Woman was G. V. Wijesuriya of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Chess Federation organized the Asian Youth Championships with 19 federations fielding a total of 308 boys and girls. For the first time, Asian Youth Rapid Championships were held together with Asian Youth Blitz Championships. While India continued to dominate the field in Standard, Rapid and Blitz tournaments, more federations got gold medals, a sign of the growing strength of more federations. India had 5 gold medals followed close behind by Iran with 4 golds.

Yesterday in the Under-16 Olympiad, two Asian nations finished in the top 3 behind champion Russia - Iran in second and India in third.

We have successfully introduced the under-6 category in the Asian Youth, as we did last year with the under-5 kindergarten championship in the Asian Schools.

From the Asian Youth, five qualifiers (4 from Sri Lanka and 1 from Hong Kong) will receive \$1,000 each from CACDEC for participation in the World Youth in Slovenia.

CACDEC provided trainers for three teams in the Istanbul Olympiad: Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka.

ACF gave financial assistance to organizers of official tournaments in the Asian calendar. Sheikh Sultan supported as well the Beirut Open in Lebanon and gave financial assistance to Palestine.

Asian Chess Federation has revitalized the Asian web site designed by IT Manager Engr. Ahmed Al Zarouni. A number of Asian federations frequently publicize their activities on the site and we invite member federations to send their reports and photos.

This year the World Cities Championship shall be held in Al Ain, UAE and we expect the best teams from around the world to see action in this major tournament.

We propose an Asian Commercial Companies championship and an Asian Internet championship. The Asian Clubs can be reorganized with qualification of each Zone club champion.

2. Financial Report

Treasurer Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh presented the report of Revenues and Expenses for 2011, half year 2012 and projected budget for 2013. He pointed out that the ACF gives more in financial assistance than it receives in revenues. Expenses of the ACF Secretariat are covered by the President, Sheikh Sultan, and collections from federations are given back to develop all federations.

3. Presentation

IT Manager Engr. Ahmed Al Zarouni gave a presentation of the new ACF web site.

4. Vacancy

Mongolian Chess Federation advised that Mr. Suuri Enkhtsag has resigned as Asian representative to the FIDE Executive Board. ACF has emailed Mr. Enkhtsag and we await his reply in confirmation. It was pointed out that the position is held by a person in an individual capacity and replacement will have to be by election.

5. Tournaments

a. Proposed Amendment to Asian Nations Cup Regulations

The Assembly agreed that only one team per country may receive trophies. Regulations shall be amended.

b. Proposed Amendment to Asian Youth Regulations

On proposal of Iraq Chess Federation, the Assembly agreed to include the under-8 category in free hosting similar to the World Youth.

c. Proposed Amendments to Asian Schools Regulations

The Assembly approved suggestion of Mr. Hisham Al Taher that each player should indicate the name of his school on registration.

The Assembly agreed not to award team medals in Asian Schools and Asian Youth since there were many medals with concurrent Rapid and Blitz events.

The Sri Lanka Chess Federation withdrew their proposal to treat previous medalists as invited players in the Asian Schools with rights to free board and lodging, similar to Asian Youth. It was pointed out that all participants pay for board and lodging in the World Schools, whereas one player per country is hosted free of charge in the Asian Schools.

d. Proposed Amendment to Zonals

FIDE General Secretary Ignatius Leong proposed a new Zone to divide Zone 3.3 into two. Reason is that Zone 3.3 is extremely large - from Mongolia in the north to Indonesia in the south and travel cost is high. The proposal is to create a new zone comprising Mongolia, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Chinese Taipei and Philippines.

The Assembly did not approve creation of a new zone but left it up to Zone 3.3 to subdivide into two subzones provided that no additional places are given to qualify for the cycle and taken from the Continental Championship.

6. Request of Turkmenistan to transfer to Zone 3.1

Mr. Hisham Al Taher reported that, after discussion, Turkmenistan Chess Federation withdrew its request to transfer to Zone 3.1.

7. Violation of FIDE Code of Ethics

ACF Deputy President Casto Abundo reported that one of the players in the 2011 Asian Schools, namely Ms. Sunyasakta Satpathy of India, was reported to be actually overage. The Assembly agreed to submit the case to the FIDE Ethics Commission, since cheating is a violation of the FIDE Code of Ethics, and that Ms. Sunyasakta Satpathy should not be allowed to join Asian championships.

Mr. Abundo asked the body to report to the Asian Chess Federation other cases of cheating for referral to the FIDE Ethics Commission.

8. Coming Tournaments

a. Asian Continental Championship

The Kazakhstan Chess Federation bid for the Asian Continental Championship, Open and Women, to be held in Astana with \$65,000 in cash prizes. The Assembly approved with applause. GM Darman Sadvakasov said they need information on other conditions and dates of the championship.

b. Asian Youth 2014

Uzbekistan Chess Federation bids for 2014 Asian U-6, 8, 10, 12, on dates 20-29 June 2014 in Tashkent.

Mongolian Chess Federation bids for the 2014 Asian Under-8, 10, 12 Championships.

Kyrgyzstan Chess Federations bids for the 2015 Asian U-6, 8, 10, 12 Championship on 10-20 June 2015 in the Resort Issyk Kul.

Mr. Bharat Singh said that if there are no bidders for the higher age group Under-14, 16, 18 then the All India Chess Federation is ready to organize the 2014 Asian Youth.

Mr. Abundo reminded the Assembly of its decision in 2010 to authorize the President to decide on bids. The Assembly agreed that the ACF Secretariat should get more information and make inspections in order for the President to make a decision.

c. Asian School Team Championship

Chinese Taipei Chess Federation proposes to organize the 2014 Asian School Team Championship. The Assembly approved and tasked the ACF Secretariat to make regulations for this new event in coordination with the organizers.

d. Asian Junior Championship

Lebanese Chess Federation bid for the 2014 Asian Junior Championship Under-20 to be organized by the Amicale Chess Club 1-9 September 2014 in Beirut.

9. Asian Oscars

Mr. Hisham Al Taher suggested restudy of the Asian Oscars for best Patron, Player (M/F), Most Improved Player (M/F) and Organizer.

10. Olympiad Arbiters

Mr. Abundo explained regarding nominees of Asia who were not chosen to be Olympiad Arbiters such as IA Al Ghasra of Bahrain, that the ACF nominated the requisite ten plus more Arbiters for decision by FIDE. Bahrain, however, did not have a team in the Olympiad.

11. Asian Calendar 2012/2013

	Event	City, Country	Dates 2013
1	ASEAN Chess Games	Yangon, Myanmar	15-20 Oct 2012
2	Asian Schools U-5,7,9,11,13,15,17	New Delhi, India	13-20 Dec 2012
3	Zone 3.1 Zonal Open and Women	Qatar bid	May 2013
4	Zone 3.2 Zonal Open and Women	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Jan/Feb 2013
5	Zone 3.3 Zonal Open and Women	Tagaytay City, Philippines	January 2013
6	Zone 3.4 Zonal Open and Women		
7	Zone 3.5 Zonal Open and Women	China	
8	Zone 3.6 Zonal Open and Women	Suva, Fiji	May 2013
9	Zone 3.7 Zonal Open and Women	India	
10	Asian Seniors and Amateur	Iraq	20 Mar – 1 Apr 2013
11	Asian Juniors/Girls Championships	Sharjah, UAE	May 2013
12	Asian Age Group Championships		
13	Asian Continental Championships	Astana, Kazakhstan	2013
14	Asian Indoor Games	Incheon, South Korea	28 June – 7 July 2013
15	World Under-16 Olympiad	Chongqing, China	21-31 July 2013
16	Asian Youth Championships	Tehran or Mashhad, Iran	July 2013
17	World Youth Championships	Al Ain, UAE	13-25 Aug 2013
18	Asian Cities Team Championship	Tagaytay City, Philippines	Nov-Dec 2013
19	Asian Schools Championships	Colombo, Sri Lanka	15-22 Dec 2013

Attachments:

Report of Revenues and Expenses
Accounts Receivable

Revenues and Expenses	2011	2012	2013
Events	Revenue	Partial Revenue	Budget
Asian Youth Open and Girls Championships	\$11,642	\$12,225	\$10,000
Asian Junior Championship	\$937	\$3,262	\$3,000
Asian Schools Championship	\$32,400		\$10,000
Asian Continental Open and Women's	\$10,050	\$15,000	\$10,000
Asian Seniors Championship	\$450	\$600	\$600
Asian Amateur Championship	\$2,600	\$625	\$2,000
Asian Nations Cup Team Championship		\$3,600	
Asian Cities Championship	\$3,800		\$3,000
Zone 3.1 Zonal	\$1,275		\$1,000
Zone 3.2 Zonal	\$1,537		\$1,500
Zone 3.3 Zonal	\$5,925		\$3,000
Zone 3.4 Zonal	\$1,987		\$1,500
Zone 3.5 Zonal	\$3,000		\$3,000
Zone 3.6 Zonal	\$2,512		\$2,500
Zone 3.7 Zonal	\$3,000		\$3,000
CACDEC Funds		\$35,000	\$35,000
Annual Membership Dues	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
Total Revenues	\$85,815	\$75,012	\$93,800
Event	Expenses	Partial Expenses	Budget
Asian Youth Open and Girls Championships	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Asian Junior Championship (+ Seniors 2011)	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$5,000
Asian Schools Championship	\$10,000		\$5,000
Asian Continental Open and Women's	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$10,000
Asian Amateur/Seniors Championship	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Asian Nations Cup Team Championship		\$10,000	
Zonal Championships Prize Funds	\$33,000		\$25,000
Arbiters Seminar (UZB)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Arbiters Seminar (MYA)	\$5,000		
Arbiters Seminar (HKG)	\$4,000		
Arbiters Seminar (AUS)	\$3,000		
Arbiters Seminar (VIE)		\$1,000	
Arbiters and Trainers Seminars			\$20,000
Arbiters and Trainers Seminars (JOR)	\$5,000	\$15,000	
Arbiters Seminar (IRI)		\$3,000	
Trainers Seminar (MYA)		\$5,000	
Assistance to Palestine	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Swiss Manager Donation	\$1,680		
Zone President Support	\$3,000		
Support to Maldives	\$3,000		
Support to Solomon Islands c/o Oceania CF	\$3,000		
Support to Lebanon	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Support to ASEAN Chess Academy	\$2,000		
CACDEC Grant for World Youth Travel		\$5,000	\$5,000
CACDEC Grant Oceania Travel to New Feds		\$5,000	\$5,000
CACDEC Assistance to Olympiad Trainers		\$7,500	
Total Expenses	\$125,680	\$108,500	\$109,000
Revenues over Expenses	-\$39,865	-\$33,488	-\$15,200

	Accounts Receivable	Previous Balance	Invoice 2012	Paid	Amount Due	Note: Event 2012
1	Afganistan	\$800	\$100		\$900	
2	Australia	\$322	\$1,325	\$1,225	\$422	Amateur and Seniors
3	Bahrain	\$2,075	\$100		\$2,175	
4	Bangladesh	\$1,587	\$100		\$1,687	
5	Bhutan	\$100	\$100		\$200	
6	Brunei	\$800	\$100		\$900	
7	Cambodia	\$800	\$100		\$900	
8	China	-\$2,705	\$3,700	\$8,300	-\$7,305	Nations Cup
9	Chinese Taipei	\$518	\$100		\$618	
10	Fiji	\$2,200	\$100		\$2,300	
11	Hong Kong	\$800	\$100		\$900	
12	India	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	
13	Indonesia	\$100	\$100		\$200	
14	Iran	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	
15	Iraq	\$400	\$100		\$500	
16	Japan	\$400	\$100		\$500	
17	Jordan	\$424	\$100		\$524	
18	Kazakhstan	\$1,250	\$100		\$1,350	
19	Kuwait	\$875	\$100		\$975	
20	Kyrgyzstan	\$1,062	\$100		\$1,162	
21	Laos	\$600	\$100		\$700	
22	Lebanon	\$878	\$100		\$978	
23	Macau	\$400	\$100		\$500	
24	Malaysia	\$3,600	\$100		\$3,700	
25	Maldives	\$300	\$100		\$400	
26	Mongolia	\$1,100	\$100		\$1,200	
27	Myanmar	\$800	\$100		\$900	
28	Nepal	\$800	\$100		\$900	
29	New Zealand	\$3,012	\$100		\$3,112	
30	Pakistan	\$800	\$100		\$900	
31	Palau	\$500	\$100		\$600	
32	Palestine	\$950	\$100		\$1,050	
33	Papua New Guinea	\$600	\$100		\$700	
34	Philippines	\$100	\$100		\$200	
35	Qatar	\$400	\$100		\$500	
36	Singapore	\$162	\$100		\$262	
37	Solomon Islands	\$200	\$100		\$300	
38	South Korea	\$800	\$100		\$900	
39	Sri Lanka	\$7,926	\$12,325		\$20,251	Asian Youth
40	Syria	\$950	\$100		\$1,050	
41	Tajikistan	\$800	\$100		\$900	
42	Thailand	\$800	\$100		\$900	
43	Turkmenistan	\$800	\$100		\$900	
44	United Arab Emirates	\$1,875	\$100		\$1,975	
45	Uzbekistan	-\$100	\$3,362	\$3,262	\$0	Asian Juniors
46	Vietnam	\$100	\$15,100	\$15,000	\$200	Asian Continental
47	Yemen	\$1,775	\$100		\$1,875	
	Total				\$54,761	

