

## **Commonwealth Chess Association Meeting 2013**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 08.00- 09.00 p.m. at Hotel Olympia, of Radisson Blue Hotels, Tallinn, Estonia.**

Present: B. Singh (IND) (Chairmen), L. Wijesurya (SRI) (General Secretary), E. Ellapen (RSA) (Vice Chairman), R. Smith (TRI)(Board Member), Ignatius Leong (General Secretary FIDE, SIN) Lewis Ncube (ZAM), Tshero Sitale (BOT), Stewart Reuban (ENG), I Amaranath (IPCA), Garry Wastell (AUS), RM Dongre (IND), Casto Abundo(Proxy - Pakistan), Hal Bond (CAN), Shan Press (PNG), Nick Faulks (BER), Allan Herbert (BAR), Mr. David Jarrett (ENG)

Chairman, Mr. Bhart Singh welcomed the delegates and requested the secretary to go through the report. The following comment and decisions take placed;

1. The Secretary informed that the Commonwealth Championships 2013 was a great success with more than 900 participants. A brief report is annexed.
2. It was noted that the regulations are not get approved by the Presidents and reports are not received to the secretary to the CCA. So, it was informed that all organizers should get their regulations approved by the Chairmen before publishing and the report of the tournament should be reach in reasonable time after conclusion.
3. Secretary informed the meeting that though the Commonwealth Chess Championships 2014 was awarded to Scotland, he does not have any feedback regarding the event by Scotland. Mr Stewart Reuban also said that he was expecting Scotland to give a report here. But, Scotland was not present. General Secretary is informed to write to Scotland and get their feedback including dates.
4. The Bank account is not yet started since the treasurer has left the Pakistan Chess Federation and no more of the President there. But, there was a request from the house that the chairman can open an account single handed. House agreed and requested chairman to open an account in India.
5. General Secretary is instructed to write South Africa to send the 1000 US \$ payment for the right of organizing Commonwealth Championships 2013.
6. In the last meeting all delegates were instructed to contact their NOC's and see the possibilities for getting membership of NOC. Through this process to promote NOC's towards making Chess in to Commonwealth Games. Mr. Allen Herbart said that according to the constitutions of NOC's they have a close that the full membership can be given to only sports in Olympics. But an affiliated membership can be given to non Olympic Games. So he asked all delegates to request the constitution of NOC and point out this clause if they are not allowing the membership. Mr. Tshepo Sitale said that he is already in the executive council of their NOC. He also said that if the Federations approach the correct way to NOCs they will support Chess. It was mentioned by several delegates that the Chess is included in several regional Games. So, there should be a way of including it in Commonwealth Games as well.
7. Chairman, Mr. Bharat Sing informed the house that though the website was opened the members are not sending the news and articles to publish in it. So, he requested the all the delegates to inform their Federations to send any report or articles related to their Federations to publish in the website.
8. On the request of Mr. Amaranath, Secretary, IPCA, it was decided that the IPCA commonwealth members to be given free accommodation facilities as given it to member associations.
9. The bids for 2015 and 2016 Commonwealth Championships will be started next year and finalize the organizers at the next year Congress in Norway.

## The Commonwealth Chess Championships 2013, South Africa

Indian Grandmaster and former world junior champion Abhijeet Gupta won the Commonwealth Chess Championship after scoring 9,0/11 points and edging Sergey Fedorchuk (Ukraine) and Sergei Tiviakov (Netherlands) on tie-breaks to take the first place in the tournament that also incorporated South African Open Chess Championship. Fedorchuk and Tiviakov took the second and third place in the Open Section, respectively.

Indian Grandmasters rounded up the medal count as Dibyendu Barua (8,5 points, 4th place) got the Commonwealth silver medal and last-year champion M.R. Lalith Babu (8,5 points, 5th place) won the bronze. IM Jovanka Houska from England (8,5 points) won the gold medal among women, while Soumya Swaminathan (India; 8,5 points) settled for silver and Mary Ann Gomes (India; 7,5 points) won the bronze.

The Indians also dominated the junior section with G. Akash winning the gold, Sahaj Grover getting the silver and Rakesh Kulkarni securing the bronze medal. Kulkarni also won the South African open blitz championship held during the course of the championship.

The Commonwealth and South African Open Chess Championships 2013, the Nelson Mandela Bay Open Chess Championship and the South African Open Blitz chess Championship were held at The Boardwalk Hotel, Convention Centre and Spa in the city of Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, South Africa from 5th July 2013 to 14th July 2013. The event was held concurrently with South African Open Championships 2013.

### Final Standings

1	GM	Gupta Abhijeet			IND	2583	9.0
2	GM	Fedorchuk Sergey A.			UKR	2667	9.0
3	GM	Tiviakov Sergei			NED	2654	9.0
4	GM	Barua Dibyendu			IND	2431	8.5
5	GM	Musunuri Rohit Lalith	U20		IND	2571	8.5
6	GM	Tkachiev Vladislav			FRA	2649	8.5
7		Akash G	U20		IND	2332	8.5
8	IM	Houska Jovanka		w	ENG	2398	8.5
9	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan		w	IND	2301	8.5
10	IM	Emojog Elijah			UGA	2301	8.5
11	GM	Conquest Stuart C			ENG	2492	8.0
12	IM	Kobese Watu			RSA	2343	8.0
13	IM	Roychowdhury Saptarshi			IND	2500	8.0
14	WGM	L'Ami Alina		w	ROU	2345	8.0
15	GM	Grover Sahaj	U20		IND	2478	8.0