



FIDE Zone 1.10

(European Small Nations Association)



Minutes of the European Small Nations Meeting on the 5th September 2016 at 9.30 a.m. at Fairmont Hotel in Baku, Azerbaijan

Attendees:

Francisc Rechi (AND)
Finnbjorn Vang (FAI)
Renato Frick (LIE)
Geoffrey Borg (MLT)
Zurab Azmaiparashvili (ECU)

Daniel Jose (AND)
Peter Rowe (GCI)
Olivier Jeitz (LUX)
Patrick Van Hoolandt (MNC)
Martin Huba (ECU)

Paris Klerides (CYP)
Louis Jouault (JCI)
Willy Iclicki (LIE)
Berik Balgabaev (FIDE)

Topics

Welcome

Mr. Paris Klerides welcomed the delegates of ESNA and apologised to the members present for the late start of the meeting. He presented a summary of the activities of ESNA over the past year and also used the opportunity to thank the European Chess Union for their continued support.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting in 2015 were confirmed with one exception. Monaco indicated that during the meeting in 2015, it was stated that the country was interested in hosting the European Small Nations Individual Championship in 2018. However at that point, the membership already agreed that Faroe Islands will host this tournament in 2018, as they wanted to initially host it in 2016, but it was already assigned to Luxembourg. This omission from the minutes will be added.

Matters arising from Minutes

The statutes of ESNA relating to membership were to be reviewed with caution as the membership was dictated by a General Assembly decision in 2010 in Khanty Mansiysk, based on the fact that all the nations had very low average ratings and would not result in any significant advantage to any of these nations. It was therefore important to clarify that Iceland would lead to requests by Montenegro and other countries hence creating a new issue with FIDE.

Event Summary: European Small Nations Individual Championship 2016

Mr. Olivier Jeitz indicated that the tournament was a success and was very happy with the execution of the tournament. Players also expressed their satisfaction with the organisation, level of athleticism and the friendly atmosphere. Olivier thanked the European Chess Union for the financial support which was key to the success of the tournament and also expressed

gratitude to FIDE for the World Cup spot. The winner of the tournament was Helgi Ziska, Faroe Islands.

European Small Nations Team Championship 2017

Guernsey requested clarifications about the dates in Andorra and it was agreed with Andorra Chess Federation that they would organize towards the end of October 2017. They advised that the tournament details, including dates, will be provided at a later date.

FIDE and ECU Financial Support

The President of ECU stated that they continue to support ESNA as they have provided fixed amounts to the Association for the past few years and have committed to do so until 2018. However, he also encouraged ESNA to obtain similar levels of support/contributions from FIDE.

The ECU President explained that a number of other zones were now lobbying for some place in the FIDE World Cup to be given directly from the ECU allocations. Mr Azmaiparashvili said that of course they were open to discussions with all zones including zone 1.10.

Forthcoming Events of ESNA

- 2017 – Team Championship in Andorra.
- 2018 – Individual Championship in Faroe Islands
- 2019 – Team Championship in San Marino
- 2020 – Individual Championship in Monaco (to be confirmed)
- 2021 – Team Championship in Liechtenstein

Various Topics

Paris Klerides informed the members that he was able to successfully negotiate with the Arbiters Commission Chairman, for a free Arbiters' Seminar in one small nation every year. Preferably in the nation that hosts the event that year. The organisers have to cover the accommodation and board for the lecturer.

Geoffrey Borg also offered that if any Federation wished to organize a Trainer Seminar he would do this free of charge.

Determination of next ESNA meeting

The next ESNA meeting will take place in Andorra during the Team Championship.



Paris Klerides
Zone President

Finnbjorn Vang
General Secretary