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Development CACDEC Commission Meeting

13 October 2009

09.00-13.00

Minutes

Chairman: A. Herbert

Secretary: R. Jones

Present: M. Murphy (ISV), A. Mongiello (ISV), N. Freeman (BER)- Treasurer, B. Kelleher (USA), L. Mazouz (GER), T. Ameyar (ALG), U. Blanco (VEN), J. Vega (GUA), D. Buthali (BOT), D. Deo (BUR), A. Kosteniuk (RUS), A. Kostyev (ISCU), K. Sanli (TUR), D. Sedgwick (ENG), B. Singh (IND), C. M. Netto (BRA)

Welcome

Allan Herbert began by welcoming all especially picking out the Chair of Women's Commission Miss Alexandra Kosteniuk. He also welcomed the presence of the Continental President's for Africa & the America's Mr Dabilani Buthali & Mr Jorge Vega as well as Mr C Abundo representing the Continenatl President for Asia.

He indicated that the restructuring of the Commission had been completed and announced the names of the new members of the commission. See attached.

He said we would hear about some very good initiatives which we would learn about later especially Turkey's TACTIC project and Brazil's initiative with Portuguese speaking countries. Mr herbert also said that a major item would be the repprot on the revision of the CACDEC list. In his own backyard Mr Herbert welcomed the reapplication of Guyana to FIDE.

Year in Review

a. America's Report

Mr Vega began by saying that they had completed all their tasks as highlighted as planned for this year. Highlighted was Women's Chess, most notably the staging of the Central American Women's Championship & the 2.3 Women's Zonal (both in El Salvador).

Arbiter's. Seminars were staged in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rico, Puerto Rico & Honduras. The training focused improve reporting of events and how to use approved pairing programmes.

Mr Vega added that countries like Costa Rico, Puerto Rico and Uruguay received no state support and were therefore struggling financially. They especially needed 'technical support' and hoped that they would be considered for inclusion in the new CACDEC List.

b. Africa Report

Mr Buthali began by saying that uptake of activity was sometimes slow. As a policy before any funding is approved a FEDERATION must come forward with some basic proposals, ones that aim to say where they are and where they want to be in say 5 years. Federations are not doing this. Also if they are to get funding then they must also be willing to put a little bit in and this is also creating problems. He cited the example of Sao Tome & Principe where everything is ready but the hosts cannot come forward with about a \$1000 to pay accommodation costs for the trainer..

He was very thankful to Turkey for their TACTIC initiative which would help to bridge some of the administration skills gap. Tactic were hosting their first seminar for central & north Africa in December in the Sudan for chess administrators.

On the success side the plan to help make Amon Simutowe a Grandmaster had been a great success; Providing funding for him to play tournaments around the world had been handsomely repaid by his achievement of the GM title.

Another success had been the first staging of the African Youth Championships in Cape Town in July. This initiative resulted from the visit by the CACDEC Chairman, Chess-in-Schools Chairman and America Continental President into South Africa in 2008.

Everything is also ready for the Madagascar CACDEC Rating Development Tournament which has been delayed by political turmoil in the country which is now beginning to settle down.

Support has also been approved for the Seychelles Chess in Schools Programme and equipment to Sudan.

The next African Junior will be in Egypt starting 30th December.

c. Asia

Mr C Abundo presented the report on behalf of the President. See attached report.

d. Oceania Development Meeting

Mr Jones presented Mr Gary Bekker's report on a successful oceania Development Meeting and out of which has come a funding proposal. See attached.

Revision of CACDEC Federation List

Mr Herbert presented his paper on revision of the CACDEC Members List. This has always been a problem made more so when you have some wealthy countries with poor chess infrastructure (ie South Korea) and some economically poor countries with excellent chess infrastructure (ie Cuba). As a result the basis of categorizing which CACDEC Level a Federation should be in is based on the UN's Human Development Index.(HDI) which is considered a much better measure than GDP. Determining whether the Federation should be in the Development List at all was based on the average rating of the top 10 players (taking into account titled players as well).

The assistance FIDE can give can be quite considerable. For example a CACDEC level 1 or 2 country hosting an international event will be given back the equivalent of 50% of the entry fees as opposed to 20% for a Non-CACDEC country and up to Euro 380 which is what their annual membership fee would be.

Mr Herbert has proposed that seven countries leave CACDEC they being Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, Albania, Paraguay, Mongolia, Bangladesh and Vietnam. Mr. Leong in a question was not sure about Myanmar (esp as a result of the tsunami) and Mongolia.

Mr. Freeman suggested that it was time to have two categories. One for countries in dire need of financial assistance and the other for all countries so they can apply for grants on a needs basis. I. Leong pointed out Laos and Cambodia, two similar countries next to each other, but in different categories would be difficult to explain. Also that if a country is in CACDEC for over a period of time does nothing then it should forfeit its CACDEC membership. (ie Thailand).

Mr. Mazouz put a proposal was to the floor that the Presidential Board consider the consolidating CACDEC Levels of membership to two levels

It was agreed that the Chairman would revise the list to include two levels after consultation with the Continental Presidents.

Projects

a. The TACTIC Project

a. Mr Kuvay Sanli presented the TACTIC Project. It is a project between Turkey and Africa to help the training up of Administrators in African Chess Federations so that we can close the skills and knowledge gap. He thanked Mr Buthali for his cooperation and said that the first seminar is to be in Khartoum in December for Central, East and North Africa. It all came about as a result of the organizers of the Istanbul Olympiad wanting to attract 200 nations. See attached.

b. Brazil Portuguese Language Federation's Project.

Mr D Lima had not arrived but basically Brazil has in conjunction with their Ministry of Foreign Affairs made an undertaking to help support and develop Portuguese speaking Federations. Two countries chosen to start the project will be Mozambique and Sao Tome & Principe.

c. Development Manuel Project

Mr Rupert Jones said that Chess Cube have commissioned him to write a development manual which would act as a guide to small federations on how they should be run. Chess Cube will publish the manual and make it available to FIDE free of charge for distribution to Federation's. Mr Jones would draw from his experience of the development of Botswana Chess.

2010 Budget and Funding

On the budget not a lot has been spent; in fact only Euro 61,000 (though of course the Continental President for Asia has very generously funded their development projects). One of the reasons was that very few well written proposals were received; again this goes back to a shortage of good administrative talent. Mr Herbert suggested we have training and orientation programs for new national federation administrators.

The FIDE Treasurer Mr N Freeman spoke on Finance and Budget matters. He said that he had a big hole to fill in his budget and that money not spent as yet in the current CACDEC budget may not be available. This was as a result E250,000 not coming from Global Chess. However he did say that the CACDEC budget had increased dramatically from the previous financial year to over E200000

euros. The annual FIDE budget needed to make a profit in the next financial year to cover the loss in this. Generally financial matters were looking good; FIDE expenses were lower and that savings had been achieved.

a. CACDEC Youth Travel Funding Proposal

In order to improve participation levels and to get CACDEC countries to send participants to Continents and youth championships that there be a travel scholarship offered to the highest placed CACDEC participant that makes say the top 25% of that event.

b. CACDEC Arbiters Travel Grant Proposal

To improve the opportunities for arbiters to gain experiences and the FIDE and IA titles norms that they also be able to apply for a travel grant to say go and arbiter in an Olympiad, World Youth or Continental events. Mr Herbert cited the lessening of opportunities for example in the Olympiad due to organizers cutting costs by hiring more local arbiters. It is good to have Arbiters seminars at Olympiads but outside of Olympiads there are few opportunities. Ms. Murphy said that she had welcomed the chance to get her arbiters qualification certified by doing the course at the Dresden Olympiad. Mr D Sedgewick said that we should not just restrict it to Olympiads. He would for example be running one alongside a tournament he is running in February.

c. Oceania Funding Proposal

Rupert Jones presented Gary Bekker and the Oceania Zones Project of Lap Tops with chess software loaded for 5 small island pacific nations.

The CACDEC Chairman was to meet with the Continental Presidents to discuss their next Budgets..

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a. The Chess Cube Report on the use of three players playing from Australia in the SA Open was presented. The meeting felt that this was an important way to go especially say in Africa where travel is very expensive. Of course it is not new as Bobby Fisher once played the Capablanca Memorial from the USA using telex.

b. Mr D Sedgewick then brought up on behalf of Guernsey the subject of costs of players transfers between Federations. He was worried that Federations would charge E1000 for ordinary non titled players to say move between Guernsey and Bermuda. It was suggested that an amendment be made that this should not apply to untitled players.

Allan Herbert
Chairman

Rupert Jones
Secretary