

## Minutes of IBCA Congress, Cagliari, Italy.11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Germany states that the invitation should have been given 6 months before the congress is held due to the constitution. The information that was send out in 6 annexes to an e-mail has been to late just 2 weeks before the congress. No decision making can be made.

16 delegates present.

Charu agrees that we can't do major changes and structural changes but discus all administrative improvements for the duration to the next congress in 2 years.

Germany asks if we will have audio content later on and Charu said yes.

Agenda is adopted for congress

### 1. Championships

- a. Women world: France proposal 2020 in Toulouse. Process well on the way. Date end of July 2020. Exact dates coming soon. Normally women championship Is 1 time every 4 years. They have asked to have it every 2 years. No second proposal for the women tournament. Sweden mentions that it would be better that the juniors and women are organised together for financial issues. Poland has organized already before these together. Poland want to do this again together. Poland withdraws the proposal for both tournaments so no vote

France is given time to do both together 6 weeks. If they not succeed they will give Poland the chance to organise who will hold them both.

### 2. Long strategy plan

- a. Improve administration and guide lines. Explanation given by the President
  - i. Online registration member federations. Communication will be done trough the portal
  - ii. All future events will be managed online trough the portal. Any proposal for tournament must come online, when approved all members get the information. Organiser should put all information in the platform for the tournament. All parts of the tournament will be online also flight info and payment.
  - iii. PGN files will be on the platform.
  - iv. Arbiter title applied will be online. The commission will approve and then the IBCA board will approve and put on the platform that the title has been approved.
  - v. Player registration with min info. Name, gender, age, member ID and FIDE iD.

- vi. In the future the financial module
  - vii. Publishing the news by IBCA or the national federations. There will be public and private news. Public is to be seen for the whole world. Private is only for the members of the IBCA. The news will be filtered to check if it is suitable to publish so that no insults or inappropriate things will be online.
3. IBCA registration: we are not a legal entity. Bank account cannot be opened on the IBCA name. It is now on a private name. We want to do the registration with minimum cost and an easy procedure.
- a. Proposal Sweden: no cost. Explanation Jörgen Magnusson. Free of cost, easy, the only problem is they want someone in the board who has a personal number in Sweden. Jörgen could be a stand in, with no real power in the board to help the registration. The treasurer can open the bank account. We can go forward with Sweden. Because we accept Jörgen will be a board member. Till next congress on a vacant post. Next 2 years we have requested our members to look to a state where we can register without a board member has to be of the nationality of that country. Germany has a problem with the idea that there is always a board member of Sweden there. The Sweden board member is just for a temporary period to the next congress.
  - b. Germany proposed, it will take 3 to 4 months. Explanation Christine Beutelhoff. This Will not take place in favour of Sweden.
4. Arbiter titles: IBCA national arbiter / International Arbiter: It was decided to collect 50 Euro for IBCA National Arbiter and 100 Euro for International Arbiter. The Applicant Federation has to apply for the title and pay the fee along with the request.
- a. Germany raised the question "What about the old arbiters?  
Ans: They will get the national title. If they have already completed the criteria. For international arbiter they have to apply for the Title. New arbiters can only first apply for the national arbiter title. Later on the can go for international arbiter.  
will it be for eternity? Yes.
  - b. Spain remarks that arbiters do not yet know how to behave to blind players even if they know the rules. The commission is preparing guidelines for the arbiters and a training session for the arbiters so that this point can be indeed treated in the future.
  - c. Italy: put on the platform the information how to put the clock in order. Christina rega would like to apply for the title of national IBCA arbiter.
5. How will the team selection be for FIDE?

Current World Champion and top 4 FIDE Rated players, if FIDE Olympiads after IWCCB then top 5 FIDE Rated players will be selected based on the following as suggested by Germany and Sweden, players must have participated in the 2 standard tournament IBCA tournaments or at least Minimum 1 IBCA tournament in the last 3 years before the Olympiad and minimum they should have played 9 rounds in the tournament.

6. Privacy policy. Due to the law in the EU.
  - a. This relates with the players personal data, stake holders, donors, well-wishers and staff and why it should be collected and what for it is used.

The Congress felt there is no objection in passing the above law and hence no remarks have been registered and authorized to publish the details on the website in an appropriate form like EU law.

7. Blindness classifier
  - a. The President explained the classifier of blindness in a elaborated version which is given below
    - Vision Impairment arises for variety of reasons - Genetics, prenatal developmental issues, or from illness or trauma.
    - Vision impairment occurs when there is damage to one or more of the components of the vision system which can include
      - Impairment of the eye structure / receptors
      - impairment of the optic nerve / optic pathways
      - impairment of the visual cortex.
    - The Chess players are required to submit a fully completed "medical Form"
  - b. The President further explained how IBSA does that. We want not to enlarge it to that state because it is yet hard to realise. We want to take baby steps first. The definition is mentioned in the documents. Definition has been given by the Paralympics organisation and we want to take it over for the definition for blind people and visually impaired persons.
  - c. Christine explains the old definition; 10% central vision and 20% field vision. She states that we cannot decide on to that because it is an important matter.
  - d. Disputes are in the documents. If the person that goes in to appeal against a player and this appeal is valid the player will be not allow to play in the tournament and has to pay all the costs of the doctor. Also his federation will get a remark.
  - e. Germany finds fighter wising not a good thing. The proposal cannot be taken now as earlier said.

- f. Sorin is president of IBSA. All sports do classification but not in chess yet. You have 4 dockets decide the classifiers. The organisers should pay for flights and 2 days of stay + 25 euro per patient.
  - g. Israel: Albino cannot be put in these criteria because we have it for all his life. Why check it every year.
  - h. Sweden: the new definition can we do in the next congress but the old rule should already be applied. This should not be waiting until the next congress. Christine
  - i. We will send this classifier again to all the countries and be decided in the next congress. The process of appeal we will take on already from now on base of the old definition. Congress agrees.
8. Composition of Olympiad team. An blind chess.
- a. See document Charu.
  - b. We will do in 2023 a medical test on the 3 top teams.
9. Constitution. Comity: Charu, Otto Fritz, Nataha Dalle. Congress agreed.