

Minutes General and Extraordinary General Assembly

Venue : 10-11 November 2007 in Aix-les-Bains (Airport Lyon), Bristol Hotel (400 meter from the casino) rue Victoria (<http://www.bristolsavoie.com/>)

Present :

The Board : President Vladimir Ptitsyn (representing Kazakhstan); G.S. Rik Devroe; Treasurer a.i. Gerrit Tigchelaar; Eleonora Bubbi (Tournament Director Seniors, International Relations – IOC questionnaire); Tournament Director Youth Henri Macaux; Frank Teer (Technical Committee); Tamara Tansykkuzhina (Representant female players; representing Uzbekistan); Rima Danileviciene (EDC; Lithuania)

The members : Iryna Pashkevich (Belarus); Johan Demasure (Belgium); Lelio Marcos (Brazil); Janek Mäggi and Viktoria Lehtmets (Estonia); Jean D'Almeida and R. Przewozniak (France); Jan Zioltkowski (Germany; financial control); Carlo Bordini and Giorgio Carbonara (Italy); Jānis Lelis (Latvia); Edvard Bužinskij (Lithuania; 2nd day Rima Danileviciene); Abraham Douah Cissoko and Aboubacar Bamba Kante (Mali); Jacek Pawlicki (Poland); Yuriy Chertok (Russia); Mouhamadou M. Diop and Adama Gueye (Senegal); Marcel Kosters (The Netherlands); Anatoli Yatsenko and Ivan Shovkoplyas (Ukraine)

(underlined = with voting right)

Absent with knowledge: EVP Pieter Hildering ; John Reade (Section 64 checkers / England); Jaap Bus (CPI, ex- Treasurer); Raoul Alias (PADCF); Chimeddorj Bat-Erdene (Asian Confederation; Mongolia), Alexander Shvartsman (World Champion men); Bharpur Singh (India), Wouter van Beek (honorary President); Johan Bastiaannet (Bureau FMJD); Sinkoun Kaba (Guinea); unnamed delegate (Uganda); Alexander Lehmann (Section 64); Spély Laventure (Haiti)

Saturday 10th of November, 13.30-16.00h

Agenda EGA (Extraordinary General Assembly)

An Extraordinary General Assembly is needed to change statutes. Changing statutes is needed in order to get IOC-recognition.

1. Accreditation, voting rights: checking if federations have paid their debts, federations have a representative, federations have a mandate for another federation, quorum for EGA (1/3 of members, see pt. 2.e.).

accreditation :

1. Kazakhstan gives mandate to Mr. Ptitsyn (President) : letter was given
2. Uzbekistan gives mandate to Mrs. Tansykkuzhina (WC Women) : letter was given
3. Guinée gives mandate to France : letter was not given, so no voting right
4. Costa Rica gives mandate to Brazil : letter was not given, so no voting right

1. Belarus : Iryna Pashkevich
2. Belgium : Johan Demasure
3. Brazil : Lelio Marcos
4. Estonia : Janek Mäggi
5. France : Jean D'Almeida
6. Germany : Jan Zioltkowski
7. Italy : Giorgio Carbonara
8. Kazakhstan : Vladimir Ptitsyn
9. Latvia : Jānis Lelis
10. Lithuania : Edvard Bužinskij -> Danileviciene
11. Mali : Abraham Douah Cissoko
12. Poland : Jacek Pawlicki
13. Russia : Yuriy Chertok

14. Senegal : Mouhamadou M. Diop
15. The Netherlands : Marcel Kusters
16. Ukraine : Anatoli Yatsenko
17. Uzbekistan : Tamara Tansykkuzhina

Welcome by Mr. Ptitsyn : Today we have holiday, we have an anniversary date to celebrate : 60 years of F.M.J.D. Congratulations to you. We're glad to develop further our federation. This morning we had a meeting of the EDC. A new president, Janek Mäggi from Estonia was elected.
Applauded.

Can we have the EGA-meeting ?

It is necessary that 1/3 of the member federations is present or represented.
18 member federations are present or represented (from which 16 with voting rights).
[Italy was not represented at that moment]
OK we can have the meeting
Total agreement.

H. Macaux : We know an assembly is not always easy. It's known that we don't have all the same opinion. Even then we can discuss in a way of understanding, not fighting. Everybody remembers Zwartsluit, we hope it never comes again.
Ptitsyn : thank you for the organiser of this meeting, Mr. Macaux.

2. Changing the Statutes/Bye-Laws

5 main topics are proposed in the new statutes, 4 of them are in order to have IOC recognition:

- a. The first one is to have a more efficient way of working with translations and for the principle of legal certainty:

The proposal is : "French is the official language but if statutes, bye-laws or regulations have changed and no French text is yet available, the English text is legal until a French version is made up and accepted."

Opinions in short are asked.

France : why don't we have a French version ?

Belarus : We have 3 official languages. Belarus Federation gave her opinion about this in her proposal. We need the statutes in 3 languages.

Ptitsyn : I think it's very important. We have 3 legal languages. For IOC-recognition we need statutes in French.

Devroe : there is a conflict between the working language and the legal language.

If the proposal is not accepted, the question is : who will translate ?

Macaux : We ask treasurer to have translated by a bureau.

Devroe : Do we vote about this now ?

Senegal : we have not enough time to discuss this. In Africa we have difficulties to translate English papers.

France : we need the texts in the 3 languages, translated by F.M.J.D.

Ptitsyn : it's better to vote about it now.

Devroe : I propose the withdrawal of the proposal.

The proposal was not voted, so **not accepted**.

b. The instalment of an Ethics commission
voting yes : 16

Accepted.

- c. WADA regulation: the instalment of a Medical commission and implementing the WADA-regulations

Voting NO : 0

Accepted.

- d. F.M.J.D. is a non-profit organisation

Voting NO : 0

Accepted.

Yatsenko : Yesterday we had CD. There is much work to do about International Relations. Only one person is responsible now.

Devroe : following statutes it cannot be discussed on EGA. Only on GA.

Ptitsyn : it's good to talk about in the GA.

- e. some changes about membership and countries:

- IOC-member or UN-member;

- Counting members for EGA: Members are considered to be a member if they have been accepted by the GA and fulfilled their duties.

IOC/UN-member : voting NO : 0. Accepted.

counting members for EGA : withdrawal of the proposal after discussion.

Devroe : In a way the list of members is always arbitrary. For example : members not paying : are they members to take in account for the counting whether an EGA is regular or not ? A country not paying, will they send a representative to an EGA ? I shouldn't think so.

It's not about closing doors, it's only to have an undisputed list of members.

About membership and not paying :

Mali : after 4 years they do not want to be members.

The Netherlands : I ask the members to address the president if you want to talk. Also I ask to listen carefully. The withdrawn proposals will probably come again more elaborated and translated in the 3 languages.

Mali : the method that you are using, they are different of the method we are using.

We like the statutes/proposals in the 3 languages.

The Netherlands : have a little patience. wait till the translation is done.

3. Accepting the Statutes/Bye-Laws as a whole

Asking for acceptance of the whole textual changes in Statutes and Bye-Laws, except about language and counting members.

Voting YES : 10

Voting NO : 0

Accepted.

Saturday 10th of November 17h30-19h

Agenda GA (General Assembly)

1. Accreditation and voting rights: checking: federations have paid their debts, federations have a representative, federations have a mandate for another federation.

see EGA

2. Opening and Welcome

Ptitsyn : Is everybody here ?

We ask to be disciplined and to take part in the discussion.

Only 3 minutes and to the point. We have a big program in limited time, so we want to go on.

This is accepted.

Macaux : we will have time lost because proposals are not translated in French/Russian.

3. asking for approval for the provisional replacement of Jaap Bus as Treasurer by Mr. Gerrit Tigchelaar till the election of the new Treasurer.

general approval.

4. Reports on finances

- a. 2005-2006 (Bus) and discharge

Tigchelaar : I was asked by EVP Pieter Hildering after the withdrawal of the treasurer J. Bus to do the job ad interim till the next GA. I received bookkeeping from J.Bus. Everything was going by bank, so it was very easy.

Does everybody have the financial report ? It was sent. Gerrit Tigchelaar gives reports to everybody. I apologize the report is not in French and Russian.

In the report you'll find an explanation about Stichting Werelddambond and F.M.J.D. The report handles the 2 organisations.

Are there questions on 2005-2006 ?

Italy : members of the Board do they get money from F.M.J.D. ?

Tigchelaar : my experience : only for travel and hotel costs paid by F.M.J.D., sometimes it was paid by own federation. It depends : Hildering did not ask for money and paid it all by himself; other members declare hotelcosts/travelcosts.

Macaux : now F.M.J.D. pays.

Bubbi : FID (Italian federation) paid till now for my travelcosts.

Devroe : in general, Jaap Bus wanted the federations to pay. Only if not possible then F.M.J.D. will pay.

Macaux : we also tried to make the costs low by going together by car (with R. Devroe).

Senegal : The federation of Senegal should pay 180 Euro inscription fee ? Normally we don't have to pay anymore. Ndiaga Samb was not sent by the Senegalese federation. The players come by their own costs and this is a great problem.

Tigchelaar : we can verify if it has to be paid after the meeting or during the break.

Carbonara (Italy) thanks for the replies and states the pleasure of Italian federation that Eleonora Bubbi has prodigiously recovered her memory and in stating that she

has always been paid by Italian federation she withdraws from what she had previously signed in FMJD forum 27 December 2006 hrs 20.11 : "I have always paid for myself the travel to participate to FMJD meetings."

<http://laatste.info/bb/viewtopic.php?p=51557#51557>

Are there more questions ?

No more questions.

i. Report of the Financial Committee (J.Ziolkowski/E.Davelaar)

Ziolkowski : I have got all documents, I could see everything. I have checked all. There was no liquid money, only on the bank. I have controlled 2 times : once alone, the second time with Mr. Davelaar. All was OK, no irregularities were found.

Everybody has got this report.

Only F.M.J.D. was controlled, not EDC, not 64 section or other.

The assembly is asked to accept that there were no problems.

Belarus : we know that Ziolkowski and Gantwarg were sent for this committee. Why is the Gantwarg document hidden ? How come all the sudden Mr. Davelaar comes in the place of Mr. Gantwarg. Why did Gantwarg not receive the documents ?

Ziolkowski : Mr. Gantwarg has never taken any contact with me. Then Mr. Gantwarg attacked CD that Hilderling/Bus took 50 to 100.000 Euro.

CD expelled Gantwarg from his task because he did not do his work.

I was alone and CD asked a second person : Mr. Davelaar, a well known arbiter, to help me.

The Netherlands : CD did not have the right to expel Gantwarg, this could only be done by GA. But when we look at it from a practical point of view : no communication was possible with Gantwarg and he did not want to work together with Mr.

Ziolkowski.

Ptitsyn : He was not excluded from the commission because the CD have not the right to do that. I think it's just Mr. Bus and Gantwarg did not have agreement how to do it. Now we want the principal question : I like to hear the real questions about the financial situation.

Belarus : why are there no financial reports 64 ?

Brazil : ask this to Mr. Lehmann

Senegal : the finance report is OK. the major problem : asking about salaries.

Macaux : the money for the Bureau is not in the F.M.J.D., it's in the WDF (World Draughts Foundation)

Tigchelaar : salary is paid for 2 persons. What we pay, comes back from the city of Amsterdam.

Ptitsyn : ask questions but keep it short so we can translate.

Senegal : we pay from our pocket to come here, we want also to give opinions, not only ask questions.

Macaux : Within 40 minutes we must stop this part of the meeting.
We will talk with Senegal about the details.

ii. Explanation by the former Treasurer (J.Bus)

Because of the absence of Mr. Bus, not handled.

b. 2007 (Tigchelaar) and discharge

i. Income and expenses

See report, not handled.

ii. Debts per country

See report, not handled.

c. Proposals Budget for 2008 and 2009 (Tigchelaar)

Tigchelaar : see last page. I took about the same costs. I made a special line for promotion : 5.000 Euro.

For the moment there is no budget for IMSA.

Proposal Devroe : for countries with a low income index and no government support : participants for Beijing : we can pay travel costs.

Ptitsyn : there can be amendments or changes about this budget.

We should include the main questions from previous years.

Now we have to accept this report.

Senegal : we have to support small countries/federations

Devroe : low income index and no government support is the proposed criterion. I have a list of these countries.

See : http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Development_Index and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_Human_Development_Index

Italy : we can host many big events because of improving situation in Italy. We like information about what is needed to organise. But Italian federation shows its surprise about "Youth Olympiad 3 p/country" that are supposed to be scheduled in Latina (Italy) for 2008, since Italian federation is not informed at all about this event and cannot avail expectations about it.

The Netherlands : amendment about the budget : 5.000 Euro is the maximum for promotion for 'small' countries and Beijing.

Ptitsyn : we should vote :

- acceptance report financial control 2005-2006
- 2007
- projects/budget

3 at once :

acceptance : 14 ?

against : 1 (Belarus)

abstention : 1 (Germany)

So reports are approved and Mr. Bus and Mr. Tigchelaar are discharged.

d. Financial committee for 2008-2009 : asking for 2 candidates postponed for tomorrow

5. asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2005 A'dam
The Netherlands : it is written : Hungary makes a compliment about the 4 new federations. It was Holland who made the compliment.

Only one member did not vote yes.

6. Reports on activities

a. President (Ptitsyn)

I am a president during 2 years. There were no great changes during these 2 years. The number of members went from 42 to 47.

The positive point is that we started with CD meetings abroad. In this way we see the diversity and the open mind of the CD.

We were in St.-Petersburg, Slovenia, Dakar and France. It's not only in Holland that we have meetings.

We want proposals from you, where to hold the next meetings.

We have done big work about intern. relations : Wada, IMSA, IOC, GAISF, ... thanks to (Mr. van Beek and) Mrs. Bubbi.

The greatest achievement is that we will have the first IMSA World Mind Sports Games in Beijing.

IMSA = International Mind Sports Association.

We also saw some weak points within the federations :

- disputes between treasurer and financial committee (no good contact)
- lack of activity of small federations
- not enough connections between federations and F.M.J.D.
- as we are a non-profit organisation it's draughts what is the most important for us
- I work for the federation since 1996 and I have never heard that someone got money for his work
- I want everyone to do his best for draughts

END OF SESSION

Sunday 11th of November, 9.30-12.30h

Ptitsyn : welcome to this next session

b. Report EVP (Hildering)

Not handled.

c. Report General Secretary (Devroe)

In 2005 we had 4 CD's : Maarsbergen (Netherlands), 4th of April Gniezno (Poland), 16 and 17th of September Varazze (Italy), 21st of October Amsterdam (Netherlands) and an (E)GA : 22 and 23rd of October Amsterdam

In 2006 we had 3 CD's : 22nd of April St.-Petersburg (Russia), 9 and 10th of October Bovec (Slovenia), 18 and 19th of December Dakar (Senegal)

In 2007 we had 4 CD's : 18th of January Cannes (France), 14th of April Amsterdam (Netherlands), 28th of July Nijmegen (Netherlands), 9th of November Aix les Bains (France) and a GA : 10 and 11th of November Aix les Bains

My (rather small) dream was to have checkers and 64 people in the Board but maybe the time was not right yet.

Another, but greater, dream is that we can have more personnel and budget.

Hopefully we will obtain this after IOC-recognition.

The Netherlands : I would like that reports are given in before, so we can talk about essential things. What are the problems with translations :

Devroe : all of us do the work in our free time. Some of our members of CD do not know all languages. a translation bureau will cost a lot.

The Netherlands : I don't think it will be so difficult. We see here a good translator.

Can for example the Russian federation give a translator. The only problem is that it has to be coordinated.

Belarus : we'd like to not to waste time to reports and talk about more important questions.

Mali : we ask the reports and all other communication to be translated in the different languages.

d. Tournament Directors (Bubbi & Macaux)

Bubbi : we had a 4 year (Olympic) cycle of male and female championships. We had the match and world championship team and WC blitz.

I want to thank people of the T.C. having worked with me.

Macaux : my report was sent in March but has not been distributed by mail.

I just have to add information about what has happened and what for the future.

Since 2005 all competitions went well, no problems. The only difficulties were the visa-problems. We need to work on the ministries of sport for this.

Ptitsyn : Questions ?

The Netherlands : thanks for the reports. I appreciate the work you've done. I'd like more information about next 2 things :

The match that was not played : Chizhov -Georgiev. How come ?

Bubbi : we had many problems with communication with Russia and Sakha.

The main problem was that there was not enough prize-money. Chizhov did not want to play for this, so the title went to Georgiev.

The Netherlands : for the WC Cadets (2006): dates were very late communicated.

Macaux : only the details were communicated late (1 month). There was a difficult communication. See the report for more information about this.

e. International Relations (Van Beek/Bubbi) : IOC, WADA, IMSA, GAISF

Bubbi : this year we are soliciting for recognition in IOC. For this procedure we need a large file to be constructed.

Now only Chess and Bridge are recognised in IOC.

Conditions : member of GAISF, 50 member countries and present in 3 continents (now we have 56 with the checkers federations), have an administrative record as a responsible sport body, be recognized as a sport in a sufficient number of countries.

Mr. van Beek has worked to enter in GAISF and afterwards in the IMSA.

In IMSA they decided to go for recognition of 'go' and 'draughts' in IOC.

The World Mind Sports Games will be organised in China Beijing.

The exact format for draughts is still under discussion within F.M.J.D.

We decided to have only 70 players because we don't have players from China.

Sakha and Mongolia can provide players.

The main question is : have other national federations the means for providing players to Beijing ?

For IOC we must finish and submit our file. After a first round of appraisal of the file, we can get additional questions from IOC. In total it will take 2 years to have a final decision from IOC.

Yatsenko : since a year the information has been sent to F.M.J.D. Van Beek (it was Mr. Bastiaannet) has sent to national federations the asking for information.

France : we like to be recognised by IOC. But we are not doing good for the moment. We pay every year 4.500 Euro to GAISF, this is more than half of the membership fees. Will GAISF help us ?

Bubbi : without this membership we cannot go for IOC-recognition.

Macaux : I don't think it's like this.

Senegal : the NOC president Senegal, I got acquainted with him. It was him who paid money to have us represented here.

The Netherlands : recognition can be useful for draughts. It is also expensive. Bus already mentioned it in his report. We have to decide in 2 years if we will still pay or not. With all respect for persons. International Relations is not part within the coming elections, I'm worried about this. I see the IMSA games in Beijing. There is no certainty about the format. We like to have candidates who are very good in different languages.

Ukraine : I want to come back to the question I posed. The questions to the national federations, when have they to be answered ? When does the questionnaire has to be ready ?

Bubbi : 15th of December : the questionnaire must be in IOC.

The Netherlands : we need the president or vice-president or the new president to do these things.

Brazil : who will work for this in a professional way ?

Poland : let me show another point of view. We have chosen a president for F.M.J.D. The president has to do this and collaborate with other person(s). He has to chose this person so he can work good with him or her.

Ptitsyn : it's still a long way to go. there are a lot of conditions to fulfil.

1 step we must do is the World Mind Sports Games. they will judge us after our presentation.

I don't like the way I.R. are represented. Maybe not all information is given by Van Beek.

I propose to have a vote on who will do I.R.

No voting was done, because the function is not in Statutes and Bye-Laws.

- f. Confederations: Africa, Asia (Bat-Erdene), Europe (Pawlicki/Danileviciene), PanAm (Alias)

The Asian and European report has been distributed by mail. African and Panam we did not get.

- g. Technical Committee (Teer)

has been given

Teer : The TC has had two meetings but mostly communicated by e-mail.

The TC published regulations of game and competition, annex 1 to 6, on the FMJD website in English and French. For the French text the TC was supported by the secretary of the FFJD Richard Przewozniak.

The TC prepared several technical proposals for this General Assembly.

Each 3 month the rating lists are published by TC member Jacek Pawlicki. Important for the near future is to publish on the FMJD website the rules for rating and titles and world records in French and English.

France (P): Very good work

h. Problemism Committee (Bus)
report was given

i. 64 (Lehman)
a dossier is shown by Mr. Marcos
Brazil : I will give no report, let's go on with the important things.

j. Checkers (Reade)
short report was sent by mail.

Mali : I like to have short reports.

Lithuania : we are delayed very much with our agenda. These items on the agenda had to be done all yesterday. Information will be set on website.

Mali : the reports are not a waste of time. this is essential in the organisation, in the Assembly. I ask the next time the reports are made and presented in advance (in the 3 languages).

Do we accept the reports ?
Reports (as far given) accepted.

7. Checking the list of Candidates for

a. International Relations,
Renzo Tondo (Italy),
Abraham Douah Cissoko (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)
Eleonora Bubbi (CD), coming from Tournament Director Seniors
Anatoliy Yatsenko (Ukraine)

b. Publicity (former « propaganda »),
No candidate.

c. Problemism Committee,
Drissa Coulibaly (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)
Jaap Bus (Netherlands)

d. Medical Commission and
Oumar Thiero (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)

e. Ethics Commission.
Aboubacar Bemba Kante (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)
Moustapha Diop (Senegal)

Belarus : for I.R. I want someone who knows many languages. I propose the maybe new EVP Harry Otten.

The members/presidents of these committees will be nominated by the Board in short time.

8. Accreditation and voting rights: checking: federations have paid their debts, federations have a representative, federations have a mandate for another federation.

9. Election of Candidates for the Board: candidates give in short their aims and federations can ask questions to the candidates.

Forming of a committee of 3 persons for counting the votes

a. EVP (one candidate is proposed by the Board)

Harry Otten (Netherlands), supported by Belgium and the Board

Nana Mory Keita (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)

The Netherlands : about CV Harry Otten. He is a candidate from CD, KNDB and Belgium. He very much regrets he cannot be here today. We asked him and he accepted. He can only work from January on. Now he is busy selling his company. He has a lot of experience abroad with his company, he speaks different languages, he regularly is a chairman in multilingual meetings.

Mali : about CV Nana Mory Keita. He speaks French and Russian. We need the best candidate.

b. General Secretary

Oumar Thiero (Mali), supported by Senegal (?)

Frank Teer (Netherlands), supported by Brazil (not in writing till now).

The Netherlands : Frank Teer has a lot of experience in F.M.J.D. matters, like as the president in T.C. We know as KNDB that we already have 3 candidates. We'd like also other federations to come with valid candidates.

Mali : Oumar Thiero speaks French and his English is OK. He's a doctor.

We like Frank Teer better in this post, so we withdraw his candidature and want him for the Medical Commission.

Ukraine : is it possible for you (addressed to Frank Teer) to have translations in English and French ?

Frank Teer : Statutes, bye-laws and annexes should be in the 3 languages.

I will need support from federations to have translations, especially from a Russian-speaking country. I'm very much experienced talking French in technical commission. I thank Mr. Przewozniak for his help till now. I hope to have his help again in the future.

Przewozniak : I like his work and he will get my help.

c. Treasurer (one candidate is proposed by the Board)
Frits Luteijn (Netherlands), supported by Belgium and the Board

Frits Luteijn : I talked with Belarus about the former problems. I want to work according statutes, and no problems with finances.

Belarus : Belarus federation supports the candidature.

Mali wishes success to the candidate.

Discussion between Ptitsyn and Belarus :

The treasurer is member of the Board.

The financial commission is not member of the Board.

d. Tournament Directors

i. Seniors

Henri Macaux (France), coming from Tournament Director Youth

Henri : you know me, the good and the bad

ii. Youth

Johan Demasure (Belgium), supported by France

Demasure : youth is my thing. as former school director, then giving lessons to players, then organising tournaments and championships.

Macaux : we also form a team, we will help each other.

Support is given by the French federation.

Poland : with this tie he is the best candidate

Demasure : I have 25 ties like this. I'm very calm but I can be very nervous too.

Italy : I want to have a quick intervention about International Relations : we like to explain that for the moment you see there are 2 Italian candidates.

The president of the Italian federation, who is also in the parliament and in the commission of European matters, and also in good understanding with important people within NOC, wants International Relations to be of higher level than secretary-level, meaning presidency-level. He is not a candidate to be alone in this task, but he gives his availability to put his contacts at the service of IOC recognition and to be part of a broader commission.

Italian Federation does not object to the fact that Eleonora Bubbi can be a candidate without supporting letters, but it must be clear to everybody that if she will be nominated this will cause a political problem between FMJD Board and Italian federation, since she has no trust any longer within Italian Federation itself.

Yatsenko : we listened to reports, that's OK. In 2005 we elected our president for 4 years. In 2009 he has to present his report. We propose to have these elections for only 2 years.

Macaux : half of the CD is normally re-elected, so we have continuity in the CD. No turnaround every 4 years.

Yatsenko : If the person is working good we want to re-elect this person.

Pawlicki : a fluctuation of a team is OK, I agree with Henry about this.

Zioltkowski : we still need the financial committee of 2 persons.

Ptitsyn :who wants to be part of ?

Mr. Przewozniak (France) is a candidate,

Iryna Pashkevich (Belarus), Mali

Mali wants to withdraw the candidature from Mali for EVP.

We ask acclamation for the candidates

15/15 votes for Harry Otten as EVP

15/15 for Frank Teer as General Secretary

15/15 for Frits Luteijn as Treasurer

14/15 Director Tournament Seniors Henri Macaux Abstention by 1 federation

15//15 Director Tournament Youth Johan Demasure

Ptitsyn : our congratulations to the new board.

Pawlicki : we forgot to thank the former CD members, I want to thank in particular Mr. Devroe. In some cases it was very difficult working.

End : 13h30

Beginning 15h00

Present

Board (old and new) : Ptitsyn, Demasure, Macaux, Devroe, Danileviciene, Luteijn, Teer, Marcos

Members : Ukraine, Belarus, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Senegal, Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Poland, Mali, Brazil, Lithuania, Italy (coming later)

Welcome :

We would like to have the control commission finances 2007-2008

No-one against, Belarus is thinking.

Candidates :

Zioltkowski, Pashkevich, Rik Devroe.

Pawlicki : in 2 congresses we installed a commission, the first one I saw no result. Last one the result was not good. I like to propose to have a leader within the commission.

I'd like to have Rik Devroe the leader of this group. Zioltkowski was in the earlier commission, there were problems.

13/13 have voted OK about the 3 candidates

counting committee : Marcos, Yatsenko, Ptitsyn

for being the leader of the group :

first voting : Zioltkowski 5, Devroe 5, Pashkevich 3, one blanco

second voting : Zioltkowski 8, Devroe 5, one blanco

Zioltkowski is president of this commission

Ptitsyn : They have to work together and have a meeting with the treasurer. They look at the finances 2007-2008 before the GA of 2009. All financial questions, also for EDC and 64 will be handled by the same commission

Sunday 11th of November, 14.30-16.00

10. Affirming Titles and World Records (since 2005)

a. 100 (Teer)

i. report TC about new titles GA FMJD 2007

Mr. Mackowiak and Mr. Davelaar are now International Arbiters.

Titles will be on the rating-list directly on the website, then CD meeting approves them. Now on the GA we will give these titles.

No questions about titles ?

Belarus : We asked the title of MI for Mr. Tolchikov

Frank Teer : this title has already been published in the October issue of the rating and will be approved in the next CD meeting. After publishing in the rating publication it is already valid..

Devroe : there is also the asking for GMI title to Mr. Oscar Verpoest;

Frank Teer : it has not been discussed in TC or CD.

Italy : Mr. Borghetti played 23 simultaneous games Italian checkers blindfold. How can we ask for this Record ?

Teer : it is discussed in TC and CD We decided to give a special for this special performance. As I understand the diploma has not been given yet.

ii. World Record Alexander Schwarzman : clock simultaneous play against 25 players. 43/50 : 86%

iii. World Record Ton Sijbrands : Blind simultaneous play against 25 players. score of 46/50 : 92%. 70% is enough

iv. World Record Anton van Berkel : simultaneous games against 249 players. former record 225 Jannes van der Wal. Result : 81,3% ; needed 80%

v. Mr. Stefano Iacono for the title of international referee

Teer : I got the Letter of Italian federation for FMJD referee. First it has to be approved by the CT and the CD and it is not yet a point for this GA.

b. 64 (Lehman)

Marcos : Title proposals : I have here the list made up by Mr. Lehmann
We want to talk about Beijing.

Poland : the titles here proposed for 64 need first accepted before CD. Not directly to GA. In order to make no mistakes we have to follow normal procedure. So this list of titles is a point for the next CD.

c. checkers (Reade)

no list

11. Proposals TC (Teer) : see point 3 in EGA

Inserting/changing regulations

a. flexible time schedule (Fischer system)

with a better description of time shortage. Systems 1h20 + 1 min. there is no time shortage.

2h + 30 min. : time need is when only 5 minutes left.

Unanimous agreement

Remark from one of the representatives: it should be better if the qualification tournaments should have the same time schedule as the World championships.

b. "electronic doping"

Teer : TC proposes to forbid : mobile telephones, wireless communication, handheld computers, ... In practice it's best to have these things collected by the referee.

Possible actions by referee : warning or zero for the game of that player.

Poland : the most important is that electronic doping is described, so referee can act.

Chertok : I talked to many players of chess. They use the same device as in the airport. Technology advances, chips in the ears are possible. They have found a device that makes communication is impossible. We also need a punishment to stop electronic doping.

Unanimous agreement.

c. Proposal on moving with one hand

Moving with one hand is more clearly explained. moving, taking and pushing the clock has to be with the one and the same hand.

Unanimous agreement.

d. world record clock simultaneous games

We have made this regulation for the one Shvartsman did. So normally we first had to accept this and then accept the World Record. The minimum rating level of the participants is put into 1900.

Unanimous agreement.

e. special prize for the most aggressive player (Pawlicki)

This list is made up every month by Mr. Pawlicki.

Pawlicki : 1 remark : it's a special ratinglist. Title will be given every year on the 1st of January. Something should be given to the winner.

Unanimous agreement.

Teer : I thank Mr. Pawlicki for this good proposal.

Italy leaves. There is asked where is Eleonora Bubbi. Mr. Macaux has got a telephone call that she has left for Italy.

She has all the documents and we have only one month left for the IOC-file.

What can we do now ?

Macaux thinks most of it is in the Bureau in Amsterdam. The information she gathered herself, that is another problem. Also : who will take over tomorrow ?

The Netherlands : it's a job for the new board, with Harry Otten.

Ptitsyn : now it's too late, she has gone. If anyone has important information, please let us know.

f. distinguished career prize

The purpose is to honour those people (not posthumous) that gave extraordinary efforts to place the game of draughts in the picture, nationally and/or internationally.

The high level contribution could be on technical basis, Public Relations, international prestige, propaganda, performances like many national titles, ...

Unanimously accepted.

12. Problemism proposals (Bus)

Not handled.

Sunday 11th of November, 17.30-19.00h

now 12 federations are present (no Mali, no Senegal)

13. Calendar of main events till 2009:

a. 100 (Bubbi & Macaux),

Macaux : For the Direction of Tournaments I want a group of 3 people to help : Macaux, Demasure and 1 person.

I also want the help from someone from Africa, Asia, Europe and America.

We also need a budget.

In last meeting CD agreed about the fees. Fees were divided in 3 parts :

33% = F.M.J.D. direction of tournaments : to make accommodation is minimal OK (cfr. St.-Peterburg).

33% = F.M.J.D. main referee trip because T.C. decides about who will be main referee.

34% = F.M.J.D.

We want the WC Blitz only every 2 years, the other year semi-rapid. These have not to be connected with normal WC because it could be other players (other national champions).

It was a rule to divide the WC's over the different confederations. We will try to not always to organise them in Europe.

2009 : 40 players – groups of 10 – Brazil October 2009 (America)

2011 : 20 players - - Africa

2013 : 40 players - - Europe

2015 : 20 players - - Asia

For women : we don't know yet

We first like Asia to do it.

Blitz :

2007 : Israel Blitz : 4 days (2 or 3 days of play)

2009 :

2011 :

Lithuania : for 2008 can blitz women be organised in Israel ?

Rapid (20 min + 10 sec.; 5 or 6 days of play): 2008 – 2010 – 2012

Team competitions : 2008 (? not in Beijing) - 2010 – 2012 (London ?)

Veteran championships : we want to organise next competition in 2008

2008 : women 13 – 30 of June : match Tansykkuzhina – Tkatchenko : 1 set in Ukraine, 2 sets will be played in Russia (Ufa).

2008 : Match Shvartsman – Georgiev : problem is prize-money. Minimum needed for the both players is a total of 40.000 dollar.

20 days necessary, only 6 persons for hospitality.

Marcos will try to organise. Maybe connected with 64 championship.

Competition in Beijing : it's not clear yet. I will contact with 64 and checkers what to do.

Marcos : 64 will play Russian and Brazil version, for women and men.

WC Youth

Needs on hospitality	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cadet 1 p/country	Tournefeuille	Ufa in June	?			
Junior 1 p/country	Anduze	Gniezno in December, before Xmas.	Minsk Belarus ?			
Girls 1 p/country	Anduze	? in combination with students ?	Minsk Belarus ?			
Olympiad 3 p/country	Not possible any more	Italy ? not official yet See previous Italy statement				
Students	Not possible any more	? in combination with girls?				

Demasure : I like also Africa, Asia and America to be active in this.

b. 64 (Lehman),

Yatsenko : 2008 : 8 WCs, 6 European Championships, 3 Asian championships and 8 international tournaments

c. checkers (Reade)

What we got in a file in advance :

Events 2008

1. Men's GAYP Challenge Match between Ron King and Lubabalo Kondlo.
2. Women's GAYP Challenge Match between Amangul Durdyeva and Jan Mortimer.
3. 3 Move Qualifiers.

Bids are invited to host these events by 1 December 2007.

Ptitsyn : about the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, we have a proposal from Mr. Yuriy Chertok.

Chertok : For this important question, unfortunately many people have left the meeting. The situation is near to a catastrophe. Therefore I try to explain in short what I will say. I got exclusive information from Bat-Erdene 1 month ago about Beijing. We can take part in IOC. A set of medals is there for every mind sport : go, bridge, chess, draughts and Chinese chess. It's a great honour to participate in these World Mind Sports Games. Chess and Bridge are already in IOC, 'draughts' and 'go' are working on this. That's why I propose to the GA to make up the committee that will resolve this problem.

Yatsenko : I will try to explain the problem : it's very simple. F.M.J.D. has done nothing this year. If within 3 weeks we will not work, we lose this chance to obtain membership in IOC. We will not have again this opportunity.

Application forms have to be filled, but we did not do this.

Pawlicki : Let's look to the future.

Yatsenko : The forms have to be filled before 15 of December, otherwise we miss the train.

Macaux : now we are to organise IMSA games in Beijing. IOC is another thing.

Devroe : We need a CD directly after GA to work on these 2 problems :

- the file for IOC (before 15th of December)
- the format for IMSA (before 1st of December)

Macaux : The tournament in Beijing is organised by IMSA under the umbrella IOC.

If we succeed it will maybe be a plus to be member in IOC. First thing to do : organising the tournament IMSA Beijing

What is sure : 3rd of October : opening and then 14 days of games.

We have to play 3 versions of draughts : 100, 64 (R&B) and checkers.

According to last contact we could expect per day 70 players, 10 referees and 8 officials. what is not clear is : will local organisation pay for hospitality.

18th of October is closing day

I would like answers for this :

- 70 players per day or 70 average per day ?
- is it possible to get more players ?
- we get 5 sets of medals: 2 complete with 3 (gold, silver, bronze) and 3 incomplete sets of 2 medals (only gold and silver). question : is it possible to get 5 sets complete ?

Senegal : I thank you, I will leave in 5 minutes. What is said here convinced me.

I will try in my country to promote draughts and want to work together.

We need a clear project. Then I think they will say yes. IMSA needs certainty.

The financial question is not answered and is important. Federations should look for sponsors.

It's not possible to organise in the same room blitz and normal games.

We need to contact Mr. Reade : what does he want regarding IMSA games.

What are the needs for 64 ?

Marcos : 6 days

day 4-9 : 1 tournament

day 12-17 : 1 tournament

tournament 100 : how many countries ?

tournament 64 : 25 countries

16 days, 70 players or more,

70-100 players, in final only 8 players.

My proposal is that all versions are there the same time.

Frank Teer : CD asked Macaux to prepare. We should listen Macaux.

Macaux : without the opinion of the sections it will not work.

for 100 I propose Men and Women : normal, rapid and blitz.

this means :

proposal 1 => number of players

if not enough players

proposal 2 ...

proposal :

4-9th day : 64 R&B + checkers
10 to 17 : 100 men and women

How many countries ?
maximum is preferable. so better not the same countries in the different versions and no team competition.

normal or rapid games ? rapid is more spectacular.

tournament men and women together

Pawlicki : what kind of medal do we give ? federations need information to search money.

Now we need to ask federations if they can play, whether there is sponsoring or not (by IMSA or from their own government).

A **committee** will be formed : **Bat-Erdene** (president), Macaux (organises 100), Marcos (organises 64), checkers (asking John Reade, is OK in the meantime), Chertok (infrastructure, trip, ...), Frits Luteijn (finances).

Pashkevich : proposal to accept all countries who want to play, even countries that did not pay their membership fees.

Chertok : we want as many countries possible, on the other hand, the number of players is restricted. Bat-Erdene wanted to hold a big tournament in Mongolia before IMSA tournament.

Macaux : different French mind sportfederations have talked about going together to Beijing.

14. Web-issues (Presman)

Not handled.

15. How to keep good communication and contact between the Board, the Confederations and the Sections ?

CD Akersloot (Amsterdam) April 2007 :

minutes GA will be on website and sent to National Federations

shortlist CD will be sent to National Federations

EVP gives final permission

Translations in Russian (by Rima) and French (by Henri and/or Jean-Marc Ndjofang)

very important decisions to players go on website (changing of rules, dates of championships, ...); as a general guideline individuals have to be informed by their own national federation.

The TC communicates with the referees directly (this does not work via federations)

There is a question if minutes could be ready in 1 week.

Frank Teer : I will do my best within 1 week, but translating in Russian I cannot promise.

Pawlicki : the General Secretary makes general conclusions at the end of the meeting. So no misunderstandings and with inserting the names of the decisionmakers the short minutes are ready.

16. The World Mind Sports Games in Beijing 2008 (Bat-Erdene)

3-18 of October 2008

See before

17. Acceptance IMSA statutes
not handled, the statutes were not sent to the federations.

18. Points on the agenda from National Federations
- a. Proposals BDF on Statutes and Bye-Laws

Devroe : We are very pleased with the proposals on democratization of the F.M.J.D. from the Belarus Federation. It shows some positive thinking.
My proposal is to install a commission to fully prepare a next EGA.
This commission has to report to the CD and CD has to communicate with the federations about this matter, so that statutes and Bye-laws indeed can last for at least 6 years.

Belarus : I agree.

Ptitsyn : there is an agreement on making a commission about the statutes.

- b. Proposals from Latvian Draughts Union in the matter of 'Beijing 2008' young players (girls and youth) till 23 years of age from various countries who have proved their level in various European and World Youth Championships, should be granted the right to take part in the Beijing venue

Conclusion : Olympic games are always for adults, so it is not possible.

- c. Proposals Distinguished Career Prize

- i. Raymond Saint-Fort (USA, formerly Haiti, proposal CD) : very long career, 15 times Haiti, many times champion of the USA, ...

was accepted.

- ii. Hugo Verpoest (official request from Belgium) : very long career, 18 times Belgian Champion, 25 years in the Flemish Draughts Federations Board,

there is discussion about. has he done enough for International draughts ?
Accepted with 2 abstentions.

- d. KNDB asks to give the title of Member of Honour to Mr. Henk Boers

Teer : it's a proposal from Mr. Hildering and me.

Mr. Boers was organising 2 World Championships (2003 and 2007). He also organised two world records blind simultaneous by Sijbrands.

On the basis of article 6.12 of the Bye-Laws we ask agreement. It is written there: member of honour for any other person who has achieved an outstanding contribution and has actively taken part to the action of the FMJD.

Agreement.

- e. The name of the game...

Chertok : I propose something about the name of our game. I propose : International Draughts (instead of 100).

Teer : the name is already used in our regulations.

Pawlicki : it's a very simple question : rating 100. I put from January 2008 on first page : International Draughts.
Chertok : also for titles it's important.
Decision of 9 countries, unanimous agreement.

f. Results for ratinglist.

Pawlicki : maybe it's my hobby, but I like the results of national championships.
National championships : 16 countries in Europe, 3 in America , 0 in Africa, 0 in Asia
I've got results from only 1 tournament (Thailand Open) in Asia, 2 tournaments in Africa, 17 tournaments in America, 64 tournaments in Europe
National championships are the basis of F.M.J.D. We should talk about this, this is the most important !!!
Kosters : we have to talk of this on the next GA as a main topic !!

Ziolkowski : thank you to Mr. Pawlicki for all he did.

Yatsenko : I want to give an official statement from Ukraine.
We are all personally responsible that we didn't decide in the main question in the life of F.M.J.D.
Yesterday I was talking about the necessity for IOC-recognition. Today I talked again about this. We need a commission for International Relations.
We had 1 year to do this work. CD did nothing.
Mr. Macaux called the go-federation with his mobile.
We should do 2 things :

- we created commission for IMSA games, that is OK
- we also need commission for the IOC-questionnaire

This has not been done. We have to do this right now.

Ptitsyn : CD will decide about this.
The Netherlands : Board needs to decide who will care for this matter. It's also good Yatsenko puts this question. 15 December is a very hard deadline. Can we conclude that Mrs. Bubbi is excluded from CD ?

Ptitsyn : we can create the commission international relations or there will be a new CD meeting and the members will form a new committee from the proposed candidates.
Pawlicki : please make a reflection what happened with F.M.J.D. We have changed : president did everything. We divided : the sense of the split was to give International Affairs to President.
Yatsenko : it is not because we have a president that he has to do foreign affairs, that he has to do all. I have created sport programs for Ukraine. Only for this, there is the need for a commission. To develop a program in 1 month you have to work hard, very hard.
Information has to come from who has it : if G.S. has information about how many members have national federations, he has to give this information.
The Netherlands : the board needs to find the necessary information before 15th of December. Someone has to contact Mrs. Bubbi to have the information.
Yatsenko : my proposal : we create immediately a commission.

Macaux : I phoned van Beek. he will call me back. The information of Mr. Bastiaannet also has to be in the file. For the moment it's the problem of the CD Bureau.

Ptitsyn : we don't have a plan : who can write a plan ?

Pawlicki : the file is not too impressive, only 40 or 50 pages. The plan from the president was written in the book of Mr. Ptitsyn.

Ptitsyn : we need 1 person to do the job. I will be on the head of this commission. CD meeting will handle further the question.

There were four names : Eleonora can't it be. Nor the Mali man. Yatsenko and Italy-man are OK.

Teer : you expect Mrs. Eleonora Bubbi not to be a member of this commission. We should not drop her like this. Eleonora has done already a lot of work for these files. She has made a fine presentation with photos and so on for this. This took a month work. She does not deserve this treatment.

Demasure : this task should be CD-task. we decided this with 16. So let it be.

Macaux : somebody takes contact with Eleonora and ask her what to do. For the job of the file we do not need Eleonora out, on the contrary, we need her in the job.

We must find who will do what and help her.

19. Closing

Ptitsyn : For me it was difficult to communicate but a big role was there with our very good interpreter Elena.

Thanks also to Anatoly Yatsenko because the interpreter is his daughter.

It was the first meeting I lead. It was difficult. Rima helped me a lot.

Rik Devroe – (former) General Secretary