

WORLD CHECKERS/DRAUGHTS FEDERATION
FINAL AGENDA / MINUTES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 3 OCTOBER 2018

1. Present -- 11 associations present, BDA, BCDF, BNDA, Lodge Road, Mayers Road, Eastern Cape, Canada, Italy, Ukraine, Charles Walker (ICHF), Richard Beckwith (President)

2. Apologies for Absence -- Ian Caws

3. Opening of Meeting -- Opened 7:32 pm

4. Minutes of General Assembly 2017 -- Read and motion to accept (Walker),
2nd – Barnett. Approved

5. Matters Arising -- Tournament group photo scheduled tomorrow.

6. Secretary's Report -- Read

7. Treasurer's Report -- Distributed on back of agenda and read

8. President's Report -- read

9. Resolutions See below.

10. Proposals See below. Both were carried unanimously, reducing 3-move World title matches from 40 games to 32 games.

11. Election of Officers Charles Walker made motion to nominate Alex Moiseyev for WCDF Secretary and retain all other officers (2nd Neverson). Motion carried.

12. World Cup - Sergio Scarpetta and Wynnell Neverson (for women) are currently leading through 4 of 8 stages.

13. European Championship - Alona Maksymova informed Assembly that she and David Kotin may organize in Odessa, Ukraine in June 2019

14. IMSA Elite Mind Games – FMJD response read to Assembly that 2019 participation by Checkers is uncertain, as number of draughts places are being reduced in 2018.

15. General Assembly 2019 -- to be determined; call for bids made for 2019 WCDF event, where GA Assembly will likely be held.

16. Any Other Business – Alex Moiseyev proposed to update 5.7.5 that first-round pairings for World Qualifier (men only) be paired randomly rather than by Association, as rule has a track record of creating skewed 1st round pairings that favor some players. 2nd – Walker. Motion carried. Alex also suggested a greeting card be sent to Michele Borghetti signed by the players.

Alona Maksymova expressed concern the women's world championship concept is dying (only 2 countries represented here in Barbados). She would like to see the host organization or Sponsors offer food and accommodations to each National Champion in women for countries who send women players. Secondly, Alona would like organizers to give their "Calendar of Events" (even if information is tentative) for 2019 to WCDF so that final calendar can be distributed no later than December 15, 2018 to help travel funding with Ukrainian authorities.

During meeting, there were two suggestions to extend WCDF executive board to include position for Eastern Cape player, and for Woman's Championship representative. (I pointed out Kim Willis was already on the Executive board, but in a different P.R.O. role.) It was recommended that topic should be tabled for now to discussed in more

detail among Executive committee and/or a new proposal should be drafted with detailed description of position(s).

17. Closing of Meeting – 9:30 pm

Resolutions / Proposals

27 March 2018 (Proposed Alex Moiseyev or Richard Beckwith, seconded Ian Caws) That the Three-Move World Title Match schedule be reduced from 40 games to 32 games.

16 September 2018 (Proposed Alex Moiseyev / Sergio Scarpetta or Richard Beckwith, seconded Carlo Bordini) Resolution: That 3-move world title matches be reduced from 40 games to 32 games. The time control for all World Title Matches will be played at 24 moves per hour with 30-second increment, if possible.