

WORLD CHECKERS/DRAUGHTS FEDERATION
FINAL AGENDA FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 1 AUGUST 2017

1. Present : Charles Walker, Sergio Scarpetta, Alex Moiseyev, Alan Millhone, Kim Willis, Nichola Katamba, Lubabalo Kondlo, Wynnell Neverson, Colin Price, Ron King, Vadym Lapin, Melikaya Nonyukela, Maxwell Luntonti, Elia Cantatore (and father), Tetiana, Zaitseva

2. Apologies for Absence (John Reade)

3. Opening of Meeting -- 7:20 pm

4. Minutes of General Assembly 2016 (distributed, motion to approve by C. Walker, 2nd - Kim Willis, approved)

5. Matters Arising

a) Start time for tomorrow's afternoon round adjusted from 2:00 pm to 1:00 pm to accommodate a 5:30 group dinner outing

b) General Assembly was informed that issue of match fixing and fair play will be studied.

c) As 2017 youth world championship section was canceled (fewer than 2 entries), the GAYP Youth title became vacant (and previous winner Alex Holmes turned 18). WCDF Youth age limit (previously under 18) voted and approved to match age cutoff used by FMJD, which reads that youth competitor shall be age 19 (or younger) on December 31 of the year for which they compete in a youth championship.

d) A 10-game GAYP match was arranged between Elia Cantatore (Italy) and Tetiana Zaitseva (Ukraine) for 4 August 2017 with Alex Moiseyev as referee. Alex Holmes was invited but could not come. \$400 of week's \$4100 prize fund was allocated to youth match with 60/40 split.

6. Secretary's Report -- non received; content added to President's report

7. Treasurer's Report -- distributed, no comments from GA (*see third page*)

8. President's Report -- read (*at end of minutes document*)

9. Resolutions -- See section below. All approved by GA

10. Ratings processor (Joe Moore) and new formula/title system -- Joe Moore and Alex Moiseyev recently prepared and adopted new title system for use by American Checker Federation (ACF). Discussed that Joe Moore is processing ratings for ACF and is agreeable to rate international tournaments for WCDF ratings using same data. Similarly, the same ACF data can be used for WCDF titles, where the concept logically extends. Some title criteria will still need to be formulated for women's titles, etc.

11. Proposals - Carlo Bordini proposed on June 14 (seconded R. Beckwith, July 28) that World Qualifier event recognizes a virtual podium (in name only). The runner-up of qualifier is like World Bronze medalist, and top finisher and defending world match champion are gold and silver medalists (order determined by future match outcome). Actual medals may be, but are not necessarily awarded by host. Motion carried.

12. Election of Officers -- Special election held due to John Reade's resignation. Ingo Zachos elected as new Secretary. Kim Willis elected as new Public Relations Officer.

13. General Assembly 2018 -- to be determined

14. Any Other Business -- Alex Moiseyev wanted recognition (such as adding to calendar of events) for prospective 3-Move USA-Italy International Match in 2018,

which is in need of further Sponsorship. For World Qualifiers, Sergio Scarpetta wanted more clarity on time controls and whether players have to record in time trouble (where our prior statutes said a player was excused from recording). He liked 45 minutes + 20 seconds increment used in this tournament, and feels that is enough time for players to record all their moves. Kim Willis raised the issue about whether the internet site could be updated better.

15. Closing of Meeting -- 8:20 pm

Resolutions Agreed by the WCDF Executive Board 2017

1. 9 February 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade) That the WCDF should accept Charles Walker's ICHF bid to host the World GAYP Qualifier & Women/Youth World Championship in Petal, Mississippi (USA) from 31 July to 4 August 2017.

2. 9 February 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade) That the 3-Move Challenge Match 2017 between Sergio Scarpetta and Michele Borghetti should be played in Italy from 9 to 23 September.

3. 10 May 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded Carlo Bordini, Ezio Valentini) That Alan Millhone be appointed as main referee for the 2017 Borghetti v Scarpetta match to be held in Italy. And that second appointed referee be an Italian referee, also different people, alternating in periods, according to their availability.

4. 10 June 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade) That the referees for the World GAYP Qualifier & Women/Youth World Championship be Richard Beckwith and Charles Walker.

5. 10 June 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade) That the GA 2017 of the WCDF should be held at the International Checker Hall of Fame on 1 August.

Proposals There were no proposals.

John Reade, WCDF Secretary, 12 June 2017.

WORLD CHECKERS DRAUGHTS FEDERATION

TRANSACTIONS 11.5.2016 - 30.6.2017

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
	£	p	£	p	
7Affiliations2016	501.	39	Rome Prizes	2,019.	00
9Affiliations2017	560.	01	Web Site Fee	106.	85
Bank Interest (2a/c £2.28) (GLa/c£0.69)	2.	97			
Dividends	2,913.	02	Excess of Income	1,851.	54
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	3,977.	39		3,977.	39
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Bal. at 10.5.2016	7,988.	66	Lloyds Bank Accounts		
Excess of Income	1,851.	54	Treasurers (current) a/c	2,701.	39
			No.2 (Business 30 day) a/c	4,263.	54
			G.Lindsay Legacy & H. Devlin Donation a/c (Business 30 day)	2,875.	27
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	9,840.	20		9,840.	20
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Valuation of shares held by the WCDF @ 30.6.2017 was £71,500

Ian Caws, Treasurer, World Checkers Draughts Federation, 30.6.2017

President's Report

by Richard Beckwith, 1 August 2017

The 2016 World Qualifier was played in Rome, Italy from June 8-11 and was won by Sergio Scarpetta of Italy. The 2016 Women's World Championship in 3-move was won by Amangul Berdiyeva of Turkmenistan. The 2016 World Youth Championship in 3-Move was won by Penagylych Ezizgylyrov of Turkmenistan.

The GAYP World Title Match was held 8-15 July in Italy and was won by Michele Borghetti of Italy by a score of 1-0 with 23 draws over defending champion Sergio Scarpetta.

The 2016 11-man ballot world title match was won by Alex Moiseyev by a score of 3-1 with 11 draws over challenger Jim Morrison.

The 2016 World Cup was won by Shane McCosker of Ireland. The 2016 World Cup in women was won by Nadiya Chyzhevskaya of Ukraine.

The inaugural European Championship in checkers was held as part of 2017 Italian Open and was won by Michele Borghetti of Italy

The 2017 World title Match in 3-Move will take place on 9-23 September in Italy between current champion Michele Borghetti (Italy) and challenger Sergio Scarpetta (Italy)

Besides the usual day-to-day Presidential duties, I attended the FMJD Executive meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, in October 2016. FMJD-Section Checkers assisted FMJD with their application to IOC for Olympic recognition for draughts. FMJD also announced tentative plans for checkers to participate in the IMSA Elite Mind Games in China in 2019. FMJD also recommended Checkers initiate a European Championship, which FID has already acted upon.

I wish to recognize all checkers promoters, including hosts for World Cup stages. I especially want to thank FID for hosting numerous events in checkers in the past 14 months. Lastly, I thank Charles Walker and company for their hospitality in hosting us this week.