

WORLD CHECKERS/DRAUGHTS FEDERATION
FINAL AGENDA FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 15 OCTOBER 2025

1. Present (R. Beckwith, President, Carlo Bordini, Vice Pres., Nadiya Chyzhevska, Player Rep), Donald Oliphant (SCO), Anastasiia Glushko (UKR), Igor Martynov (GER), Filip Kareta (CZE), Junior Walrond, Wynnell Neverson (BDA), Eric Strange (ACF), Rashid Md Tahsinur (technical), other guests (e.g., spouses)

2. Apologies for Absence – Alex Moiseyev (excursion), Carlo Bordini (late arriving)

3. Opening of Meeting – Opened at 17:14

4. Minutes of General Assembly 2024 read; D. Oliphant asked (1) WCDF to review whether N. Chyzhevska's appointment as WCDF Player Rep (new Exec position) was constitutional, and (2) Add to 2024 minutes that D. Oliphant asked WCDF to look into staging another Zoom tournament as a low-cost concept (Motion to accept with changes, D. Oliphant, 2nd W. Neverson; minutes were then approved).

5. Matters Arising - none

6. Secretary's Report – read, agreed to add “World Championship” language to 2024 Blitz results

7. Treasurer's Report -- read

8. President's Report -- read

9. Rules and Referee Training – need updated bye-laws document, updated WCDF rule booklet and all other current regulations on tournament wall board, better match contracts, and attestation of referees. Pre-registration forms can help planning.

10. Resolutions -- See below. There was much discussion, particularly between D. Oliphant and C. Bordini, regarding the appropriateness of WCDF Executive Committee resolutions to the events of the Scarpetta-Nonyukela world title match. -- Motion to accept all resolutions E. Strange, 2nd F. Kareta, approved.

11. Proposals – see below

12. World Cup – brief update of 2024 and 2025 seasons given

13. Call for bids / General Assembly 2026 -- N. Chyzhevska reminded us that call for bids should take place publicly earlier in calendar year. Scotland may bid in 2026.

14. Address from WCDF Vice President / FID President, Carlo Bordini – Carlo mentioned possibility of staging 2026 Bernini GAYP match and European Championship together in Foggia. Carlo and William are trying to promote checkers within FMJD.

15. Any Other Business -- Igor Martynov raised “for discussion” a suggestion for a modified GAYP tournament to run as follows: If first person opens the game with 11-15 (or it could be 9-13), then the second game (after exchanging colors) must open with the same first move. N. Chyzhevska thought this gave the first player power to decide the opening move for two games. D. Oliphant suggested simply doing “one-move restriction.” R. Beckwith said organizers are welcome to organize any such novel formats in their areas.

16. Closing of Meeting -- adjourned at 19:12 pm.

Resolutions

4 December 2024 (Proposed Moiseyev, 2nd Beckwith) That Italy host 2025 GAYP WQT, WWC, WYC and Blitz.

2 February 2025 (Proposed Beckwith, 2nd Moiseyev) That the 3-move World Title Match between Sergio Scarpetta and Melikaya Nonyukela be held in Foggia, Italy on June 13-22

2 June 2025 (Proposed Docherty, 2nd Moiseyev) To take the closed "Keystone fund" and transfer this amount (more precisely £5400) into our Hargreaves & Landsdown fund management account to purchase Henderson High Income (HHI) with this sum.

16 June 2025 (Proposed Bordini, 2nd Moiseyev) “For the future, I think it will be necessary to make evaluations and special rules that avoid speculation on serious issues like this and protect sportsmanship. On this match, now, I ask you to authorize the advancement of the break to this afternoon evaluating in the next hours other actions after we know the conditions of Sergio's mother and what this entails for the match.”

17 June 2025 (Proposed Moiseyev, 2nd Docherty) That a WCDF statement be prepared with a four-point proposal to address the current 3-move World Title Match games 9-10, the current match score, and the remaining reduced match schedule, along with a WCDF statement regarding negative behavior and conduct toward referee and player.

Proposal

27 September 2025 (Proposed Moiseyev, 2nd Beckwith) To raise WCDF annual membership fees from \$100 to €150. Motion FAILED 3-3 vote (needed 2/3 majority). C. Bordini suggested a small player entry fee (10 or 15 euro) could help bridge the gap.