

The Executive Vice President Mr. Otten opens the meeting at 10.55

The General Secretary Mr. Teer announces the list of persons present in the meeting: the members of the Executive Board and candidates for the Executive Board, members of committees of the FMJD, the official representatives of federations and others present at the meeting like assistants, press.

Members of the Executive Board:

Harry Otten Executive Vice President, **Johan Demasure** Tournament Director youth, also representing Belgium, **Henri Macaux** Tournament Director, **Frits Luteijn** treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Leszek Petlicki** president section 64 also representing Poland, **Janek Mäggi** president European Draughts Confederation, **Malick Kamara Ndiaye** president of the African confederation

Candidates for the Executive Board:

Anatolii Yatsenko, candidate for President, **Ibrahima M'Bouillé Fofana**, candidate for the Executive Board, **Jacek Pawlicki** candidate for the Executive Board

Members of committees:

Mouhamadou Moustapha Diop, president of the Ethics Committee, **Adama Gueye and Daan van Os** representing the Medical Committee, **Jaap Bus** representing the Composers committee CPI, **Vladimir Langin** section 64

Representatives of federations:

Janek Mäggi and Viktoria Leht mets for Estonia with a mandate from Hungary with assistant **Maia Pajula, Ndongo** Fall tournament director CAJD representing Gambia, **Anatoli Yatsenko and Ivan Shovkopljas** for Ukraine with assistant **Elena Yatsenko, Abraham Douah Cissoko** for Mali with Mr. **Gaoussou Maiga** from the embassy of Mali, **Iryna Pashkevich** and **Anatoli Gantwarg** for Belarus, **Vaclav Krista** for Czech Republic, **Richard Przewozniak** for France, **Jan Zioltkowski** for Germany, **Yury Goldshtein** for Israel, **Edgars Ratnieks** for Latvia, **Algimantas Kaciуска** for Lithuania, **Marcel Kusters and Johan Haytink** for the Netherlands, **Alexander Yurgenson and Roman Klimashev** for Russia, **Alexander Kandaurov** representing Brazil, **Mouhamadou Moustapha Diop** for Senegal, **Frederick Kolson Kamara** for Uganda, **Harm Wiersma** honorary member of the FMJD, 6 times World Champion representing the players organization WDC and a newspaper in the Netherlands.

A total of 19 federations who fulfilled their financial obligations are represented.

The First discussion is about the language in which the General Assembly has to be held. The Executive vice President mentions that it will be in English and that all federations may translate for themselves to their own language. A number of federations (Belarus, Russia, Ukraine) claim that it is the responsibility of the FMJD executive board to organize translations during the meeting. The Russian delegation threatens to leave the meeting and go to court if this is not arranged.

The meeting is suspended for some time for a coffee break and to discuss this problem.

During this break It is agreed between the Executive Board and two persons present in the meeting to have translations to and from French and Russian language wherever necessary.

The meeting continues.

Harry Otten: we organised the translation now and I hope you are pleased; Elena Yatsenko will translate to and from Russian language and Marcel Kusters will translate between English and French.

Discussion about accreditation and voting rights:

Russia does not agree with the representation of Brazil by Mr. Kandaurov.

Mr. Kandaurov asks how Russia can be represented here in the GA because the Russian Draughts Federation has been withdrawn from the register of legal entities in Russia as said in an official publication

of the Multi Sport Organisation of Russia AMSR. He claims that the Russian federation does not exist anymore.

Discussion about Brazil:

Mr. Yacenko: only a national federation can be represented at the general assembly ; that is why a federation can give a mandate to another federation, not to a person. This is against the statutes and bye laws. The secretary explains that the Brazilian federation has written a letter authorizing Mr. Kandaurov to represent the Brazilian confederation. In the bye laws article 4.3 it is written that the accredited representatives of the national member federations may attend the meeting and that there is voting right for national member federations who have fulfilled their financial obligations and are correctly represented at the General Assembly. The Executive Board considers the representation of Brazil correct. The French federation, Mr. Przewozniak agrees that the Brazil federation is correctly represented, given the letter of Brazil and the president of the CAJD, Mr. Kamara Ndiaye supports this view.

Discussion about Russia.

In a publication of the Multisport Association of Russia AMSR Mr. Kylasov tells that: "The Office of Federal tax service across Moscow has made a record of the termination of all-Russia public organization "Federation drafts of Russia", by deleting it from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities (USRLE)". Mr. Yurgenson (Russia) claims that this cannot be proven. Belarus is not interested in this news; maybe there are also other federations here who are not legal in their own country. Also Poland considers it to be internal problems in Russia.

Marcel Kosters (KNDB) proposes to end this discussion and to accept both Brazil and Russia. Belarus finds this unacceptable.

After some more discussion however it is agreed that the General Assembly in large majority wants to accept both federations as being correctly represented. The federations of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine are against.

The number of federations correctly represented with voting rights is thus 19.

Opening and welcome

The EVP Harry Otten thanks the federations who organised the World Championships international draughts and section 64 since the previous General Assembly:

International draughts: World Championship juniors boys and girls 2007 **France**, World Championship Cadets 2008 UFA **Russia**, World Championship juniors boys and girls 2008 Nidzica **Poland**, Match women **Ukraine** 2008, World Mind sports Games 2008 Beijing **China**, World Championship match 2008 Georgiev – Schwarzman Enschede **Netherlands** 2009, World Championship juniors boys and girls 2009 Vitebsk **Belarus**, World Championship Cadets 2009 Korbach **Germany**

For the section 64 these are the 2007 World championship men in **Germany**, in 2008 the World championship youths 1985- in Berlin, **Germany**, the World championship juniors, cadets, minicadets, girls 1989 in Novoyavorovsk, **Ukraine** and the World championship men in **Brazil**. In 2009 the world Championship men R Chelyabinsk, **Russia**, the world championship youth under 23 B Warszawa-Marki, **Poland**, the world Championship women B Morog, **Poland**, the world championship visually handicapped B Morog, **Poland**, and the World Championship teams R Novoyavorivsk, **Ukraine**.

Mr. Cissoko (Mali) : we have had a lot of problems because of visa the last years.

Henri Macaux explains that the FMJD sends only the invitations for participation and is not responsible for the invitations for visa.

Mr. Cissoko asks to send invitations also to the embassies and consulate to speed up the process of receiving visas.

Harry Otten: the fmjd will try to send the invitations earlier and send them also to the embassies and consulates.

3. Protests of federations:

Yatsenko: I have been president of the UDF since 1993 and elected 4 times. During this period I have seen a lot of problems. The most difficult problems came from when the statutes were violated. The most important rule: the violation of the statutes can never be done, nor by the president, nor by the EVP nor by the other members of the board. When we have the law we have to follow the law. That are the problems which we have now with the World Championship in Brazil and the Youth Olympiad in Ukraine. At all points in the agenda I will come back to this.

4. new federations are welcomed as FMJD members: Bulgaria, China, Japan.

New points on the agenda, or replacing points on the agenda:

- Cancellation of Youth Olympiad, to be added as point 6e after World Championship.
- Ugandas recommendations to be added at point various questions
- Point finances budget coming years to be replaced after elections because the newly elected Executive Board is responsible for the budget.

5. Aix-les-Bains minutes of the General Assembly 2007.

Belarus: This is much too late to make remarks about this report.

Harry Otten: the minutes have to be formally approved in this meeting. All federations have received these minutes two years ago and could make remarks. Some federations did make remarks and those are present in this report. Belarus could also make remarks two years ago but did not do that.

Belarus wants to make remarks about the finances of 2003 and 2005. The EVP answers that these are not on the agenda and have been approved in 2007. Still Belarus wants to talk about money paid in that period by the FMJD which should have been paid by a federation.

Mr. Kamara Ndiaye, president of CAJD: I take part in the General Assembly for the first time and I am surprised; we did not yet talk about any important point. The EVP must take his responsibility to end this discussion.

The minutes are approved without further remarks. Marcel Kosters asks to give a big compliment about the minutes for our former General Secretary Rik de Vroe who made these minutes.

6. World Championships in Brazil

6a. Cancellation of the world Championship

Harry Otten gives an introduction about what happened in the contacts with Brazil and what happened in the last week of September with the cancellation of the World Championship:

In April 2009 the tournament Director Macaux visited Brazil to talk with main organizer Lélío Marcos about the World Championship; In May 2009 Lélío Marcos visited Amsterdam where he had a meeting with Harry Otten and Frank Teer to explain about his plans for the special building to be put on the Copacabana Beach and about sponsoring for the World Championship. In the period between May and the end of September there were regular contacts about the practical sides of the World Championships. From nothing it became clear that there were problems in the organization. However, on September 26 Lélío Marcos sent a confidential message to EVP Harry Otten that there were problems with the Ministry of the Environment of the Brazilian government that did not want to accept the Aquarium on the beach because it had too much glass. Lélío Marcos stated that one month earlier they were still positive and that they believed it should be OK.

On September 28 Lélío Marcos sent an official message, distributed by the FMJD to all federations, about the problems with the environment departure. He explained that all sponsorships depended on the possibility to have the tournament in this aquarium on the Copacabana Beach. In that letter Mr. Marcos explained that it would cost more than 20.000 euro extra to adapt the Aquarium and he had a lot of documents to fill in for that. EVP Harry Otten answered on September 28 that the FMJD had found sponsoring to pay the 20.000 euro mentioned by Lélío Marcos to adapt the aquarium building. EVP Harry Otten contacted Sport Accord (GAISF) and IMSA for help.

Sport Accord and IMSA helped us to get in contact with several persons from the Brazilian Mind sports organization and the Brazilian Olympic committee who might be able to help us in this. Harry Otten explained to the Brazilian contact persons that the FMJD has an amount of 20.000 – 30.000 loss in the most optimistic scenario and that we will claim this from the Brazilian draughts confederation. The FMJD does not have this money. However, the time was too short for finding solutions and despite this effort Mr. Marcos sent an official message to the FMJD On October 1, 2009, distributed by the FMJD to all federations, that the World Championships were cancelled by the Brazilian confederation and that the Brazilian confederation takes all responsibilities.

6b. Financial consequences for FMJD and federations

Ratnieks, Latvia: who is responsible for costs?

Harry Otten: Brazil has declared in their official letter that it is their fault and that they are responsible. They write: *“the regrettable cancellation is a total responsibility of the Brazilian Draughts confederation”* also they wrote: *“We wish to thank Mr. Harry Otten, Mr. Frank Teer, Mr. Henri Macaux and Johan Bastiaannet for their great support which they gave to us. They at all times, worked intensively so this would turn out in the best way possible”* . The General Secretary has asked information from all participating federation and the total costs paid for tickets and visa by the federations and the FMJD will be somewhere between 20.000 euro and 25.000 euro.

Ratnieks: The Executive Board should be responsible for the tournament. It is not the responsibility of Brazil, but of the executive board. The FMJD has to check everything.

Yacenko: this is the first time in the history of the FMJD that such a thing happens in the 120 years. The lawyers of the Ukraine have investigated the responsibility for the annulations and they came to the conclusion that the members of the executive board are personally responsible.

Otten: how can you make us responsible if you, the federations, do not give the money needed for travelling to the organizing federations. If the CD has to control everything they need to have the money to do it, and the federations do not pay this.

Yacenko: We receive the official invitations from the fmjd, so it is part of the contract between the national federations and the FMJD. So it is the personal responsibility of the members of the board.

A. Yatsenko: "Lawyers from Ukraine examined the violation of the Charter FMJD executive vice president FMJD Mr. Harry Otten. Established by Mr. Otten" small council ("small board") is not a governing body FMJD and illegal group of persons.

Adoption of this group ("small board") decision dated August 1, 2009 contrary to the Charter FMJD. Therefore, the responsibility for the failure in the Brazilian World Championships draughts-100 among men and women, as well as the General Assembly has not FMJD FMJD, and illegal organized group of individuals ("small board"). These persons are personally, including financial responsibility to the players and national federations. They must compensate the material and moral damage to the players and national federations.

Similarly, some decisions taken by the "small board" on Oct. 18 also contrary to the Charter and Rules FMJD. Members of the "small board" are also required to personally pay damages for these illegal decisions.

The total damage is estimated as ranging from 500 thousand to 1 million euros. Federation drafts of Ukraine is considering filing a lawsuit in the International Court of Arbitration for Sport. "

Harry Otten: In our view it was the responsibility of Board Members both in financial as in moral sense to act quickly and find out whether there are other possibilities on the short term. They can then also prepare statements to the General Assembly which is where things are decided. So we acted quickly and pro actively. So I totally disagree with the position of the Ukraine. if the General assembly does not want to have good candidates any more, then that is what the federation of the Ukraine should do.

Mr. Kamara Ndiaye: all federations have the right to express their opinion. But to be effective we have to continue about the possibilities of the next championship

6c. Plans for a new world Championship

In the past months there have been contacts with Brazil who state that the problems are now solved and Brazil wants to be candidate anew to hold the World Championship in 2010. Harry Otten has had contacts with a rich sponsor in Europe who also has agreed to help and maybe there is a possibility in the Czech Republic.

Vaclav Krista explains about this possibility: this sponsor has agreed to let someone in the Czech Republic search for possibilities in the next three month to see if there is a possibility for a World Championship in Prague. This person is paid by the sponsor. Mr. Krista proposes that Czech Republic wants to be official candidate now and needs time to do a final offer until April.

Both options, Brazil and Czech Republic, would lead to a world Championship to be held in October or November 2010. However Prague is only talking about the world Championship men, not women.

Harry Otten: Brazil suggests that if they have the World Championship anew that they will pay for the air tickets for this World Championship and they have invited me to come to Brazil in January to have contacts with sponsors and government officials.

Harry Otten asks for the mandate to talk with Prague and Brazil about the organization in 2010 with the condition that the championships are organized in such a way that the costs in visa and tickets are paid by the organization or that at least there will be compensation for the costs the federations have had now because of the cancellation in Brazil.

Irina: what happens with players who cannot come to the next World Championship will someone pay their costs.

Richard Przewozniak: I understand the questions of Belarus. It is clear that the FMJD is fragile and we have to move forward. The EVP asks for your trust. He has searched for the possibilities in Brazil and Czech. His proposal is constructive. We propose confidence in our next president.

Harry Otten: I will investigate and present the results to the federations. We need guarantees and I will try to get them as much as possible.

If it will be in Prague there will also be a suggestion where to have the World Championship women.

Fofana: the president of Mali has direct contacts with the president Lula of Brazil, and may it would be good to use this contact

Vaclav Krista: things are too vague to have further discussion about it now., Mr Otten makes a clear proposal to get a mandate or not.

The GA gives the mandate for Mr. Otten, if elected as new president.

6d. Organization of world Championships in the future

Yacenko: you should have a contract with the organizing federation. This always happens in the section 64. It should have all questions about financial responsibility.

Harry: you can sign all kind of contracts, but if you have no financial guarantee you have nothing.

Yacenko: you can ask the guarantee of the government or the guarantee of the sponsor.

Harry: you should have as much guarantees as possible; be sure we had lengthy discussions with Mr. Marcos and asked the assurance of the government .

Harry: following the statutes, the organizing federation only has to pay a guarantee of 250 euro, and that is not enough. We need a guarantee which covers at least the costs for the federations.

Fofana: the section 64 can help us and give us all their good ideas about contracts to make with federations.

6e. Cancellation of the Youth Olympiad in the Ukraine

Yacenko: this is all a violation of the statutes. The decision of the FMJD to cancel the youth Olympiad is against the statutes.

Demasure: about one month before the Youth Olympiad there was alarming news in the press in Europe about the epidemic of the Mexican flue in the Ukraine. Also only 4 teams were participating. Several federations and parents asked questions whether it was not too dangerous to travel to the Ukraine for the Youth Olympiad. The main referee received an advice from his doctor not to go to the Ukraine because of this epidemic. So the FMJD wrote a letter to the organization committee with a suggestion to delay the championship to somewhere in 2010, somewhere in the month of June 02- July 7. The organization in the Ukraine agreed to do this. So why is the Ukraine talking about illegal decisions of the FMJD board?

Yacenko: again the same problems with the statutes of the FMJD: violation of the rules of the statutes. How did you decide to organize the championship in Ukraine? Did you write any letter to the national federation?

Demasure and Macaux: the first contacts with the organizers Broytman and Anikeev were at the WMSG in Beijing in 2008. The FMJD received a letter from Mr. Broytman with the support of the city and it was clear for the FMJD that the federation of the Ukraine was informed about it, because the name of the president of the Ukraine was on the letter, so we supposed that the federation was informed. **Yacenko** does not believe that the FMJD has received such a letter and asks to see this letter as he was not informed about this by the Ukrainian organization.

Demasure: I did not cancel the tournament, but the organization accepted the proposal to delay the tournament. I am sorry that you say that Mr. Demasure has cancelled the tournament because this is not true. I acted in the interest of the Youth players. I suggested for their safety to play the tournament later. The organization agreed with this.

Yacenko: First I want to see the letter where my name, and why did you not contact me and please tell me: who is Broytman?

Macaux: In Beijing I have talked with Broytman and Anikeev. I wanted to talk to mr Yatsenko and Mr Broytman together but they did not want to be together: I concluded that the president of the UDF is not interested in the tournaments for draughts for the young. I am sorry that I did not succeed to get together with intelligent persons like Mr. Yatsenko and Mr. Broytman. Did I not try to have a reunion with you together mr. Yatsenko?

Yatsenko: I did not speak with you in Beijing

Macaux: you say I am a liar. I do not accept this. We talked together with Elena as translator and you say this never happened: you need to go to a doctor to ask for Alzheimer.

Demasure: Mr Yatsenko, please answer my question: do you want to be contacted about the youth Olympiad or do you not accept to have a youth Olympiad in your country at all? May I contact the Ukrainian organization committee?

Yatsenko: it is against statutes that members of the board communicate with others than the president of the federation

Harry Otten:we stop this discussion.

Yurgenson: I agree with mr yatsenko that the fmjd should communicate with the national federation.

Yatsenko: mr Broytman called me: the government does not pay any more, but can the federation find money. We will try.

15:40 A number of players and referees participating in the World Championship blitz enter:

Bogdan Yanev for Bulgaria and **Bart Stegeman** from Slovenia both with voting rights,, which brings the number of voting rights on 21. Also **Jean Marc Ndjofang**, member of the ethics committee FMJD and **Thomy Mbongo** for Cameroon, but without voting rights because Cameroon did not pay the membership fee. Furthermore **Rima Danileviciene** for EDC and member of the Technical Committee, **Oscar Logon**, France, **Marek Mackowiak and Leszek Lysakowski**, both referees from Poland .

7. Reports on finances

7a. reports 2007-2008, Luteyn.

Report 2007:

Pashkevitch (Belarus): did the FMJD pay an amount for the costs of the GA 2007? Following statutes these costs must be paid by the organizing federation. Who paid for the travelling costs of the members of the board and the costs of hotel?

Luteyn: the principle is that the organisation pays for the costs for the amounts that they should pay for the GA. Also here the amount is paid by the organizer of this tournament not by the FMJD.

In the past sometimes some money was paid by the FMJD where the choice was to have no GA or with payment from the FMJD to have a GA. The FMJD board decided that it was necessary for the well-being of the Federation to pay costs in such a case.

Pashkevitch: When the GA will be in Belarus then all travel costs will be paid by the Belarus federation.

Who paid the travel costs for the GA 2007 board members?

Luteijn A lot of Costs which have to be paid by the fmjd have not been paid by the fmjd but by the board members themselves.

Mrs Pashkevitch says that the Executive board acts against the statutes because their costs have to be paid by the organizing federation and not by the members themselves.

Report 2008 no questions.

Question of the EVP Mr. Otten: do we need to discuss the confederation finances in the GA or is it the responsibility of the confederations? This proposal not to have the financial reports of the confederations in the GA of the FMJD is accepted.

Report of the members of the financial committee Zioltkowski, de Vroe, Pashkevitch.

Jan Zioltkowski

Mr. Luteyn showed me all the documents about 2007,2008, Peking included; he made a huge work, very good. We have had a lot of discussions about the finances of Beijing. I made the report in German and Russian and there have been made French and English translations.

We also received the reports of 64, EDC and CAJD; we did not get a report from the Checkers federation.

Me, Irina and Devroe wrote the report. We thank Mr Luteijn very much for this work.

Pashkevitch: the financial situation is much more open than before. The treasurer gives us all the information about the finances in an open way. Still I have some questions about Beijing, but I will ask them later.

Ndongo: in Africa we have an expert in finances at the head of the financial activities of the CAJD. We would appreciate to see an expert on finances in the financial committee.

7b. Report 2009

Luteijn: the report 2009 is preliminary. An important point is the financing of the fmjd office which has been changed. In the past the city of Amsterdam paid all costs, but now in 2009: 10 % is for us, and next year 20 %.

Financial report WMSG.

Luteijn: In 2009 an amount of 11.300 euro air taxes had to be paid for the "free tickets" for the mind sport games. This money was promised by a Russian person as sponsoring for IMSA and the WMSG. He signed a contract with IMSA for an amount of sponsoring for the mind sports federations of 3 million dollar, but this money never came.

Pashkevitch: was there a budget for the WMSG.

Luteijn: No, at the time of the GA 2007 the WMSG did not yet exist. Only during that GA we heard for the first time about the possibility of the WMSG

Belarus: we sent 11 players to Beijing and proposed to send a referee on our own costs. The FMJD did not accept this. Most of the money was paid for 13 referees and this amount was much too high. Some countries received free tickets and other federations did not receive free tickets, why?

Henri Macaux answers about for Beijing: There were 50 free tickets for the FMJD plus 25 extra free tickets for African federations, because the other mind sports did not have African countries in their participants. We are unique in this and the IMSA wanted to help us getting more players from Africa in the WMSG. In different meetings I succeeded to get these 50 tickets. These tickets had to be distributed among 100, 64, checkers. Checkers received 10 free tickets.

The Executive Board discussed in CD meetings about which federations would get these tickets. After discussing the rules in the CD in Salou to give these tickets to the referees, to the technical assistants, , and there were 11 free tickets for some federations, We decided to give these tickets to small federations, who

had answered that they could not come without support, as example cuba, Curacao, Haiti, Armenie, Canada, Belgique, Bulgaria.

Pashkievitch: Belarus pays a membership fee of 390 euro; we participate in all tournaments, but did not even get 1 free ticket.

Macaux : The Executive Board found it to be important to have many federations present in cooperation with the other mind sports. As an example Bulgaria did come thanks to this ticket, also others could come thanks to this ticket. We had 44 federations which was a big success, also if we compare it with Chess which had 46 federations..

Pashkievitch: why did you pay the taxes of 11.500 euro.

Macaux: we should pay 15,000 but we agreed with the IMSA president Mr. Damiani to pay 11.500.

Fofana supports the view of the CD of making criteria for giving the free tickets.

Otten: in this way we had many countries present and the WMSG were a big success for draughts. I feel we took the right decisions in dividing these free tickets. It is dangerous to accept to help federations because other federations will not like it. But we accepted to do this work and have made choices. If we did not accept the free tickets, there would be other problems.

Krista: I ask the right to speak for a small federation. Our federation sends players to many competitions but we know how difficult it is to work with a small federation. This sport is not about making money; the most important is about enthusiasm.

Otten: One of the main goals for Beijing was to present the FMJD with many countries to the IMSA, Sport Accord and the IOC. We did succeed in this.

Otten proposes to discharge the treasurer which is accepted by the General assembly with applause for the work of the treasurer.

8. reports on activities

8a report president Ptitsyn

Kosters, Netherlands can the executive board comment on the report of the president?

Harry Otten: I saw Mr. Ptitsyn two times, in Beijing and in Denver at the IMSA meetings. Formally Ptitsyn was representative of the FMJD in IMSA but he asked me to do the work with IMSA. So I have had all the contacts with people of IMSA with president Damiani, and Mr. Verbruggen, the president of Sport Accord and we met one time in the CD meeting in Tallinn.

8b report EVP no remarks.

8c report General Secretary:

Harry Otten: fantastic secretary, the reports are very timely, with the short reports in three languages; it is good to work together in such a way.

8d. reports of the Tournament directors

Johan Demasure thanks the meeting for the applause but asks the federations present in the meeting for a candidate for the World Championship cadets 2010. Please if you want to be candidate contact me.

8e Report section 64 Petlicki has been received two days ago and not been distributed any more.

8f Report checkers: no representative of the Checkers section, no questions

8g Reports of international relations

8g1 medical committee

The president of the Medical committee, mr Oumar thiero, is not present but the committee is represented by its members **Van Os and Gueye:** in general the report is clear; we thank the members of the board , especially, the vice president Harry Otten and the General Secretary for the cooperation in sending all

documents from WADA with doping issues. The program has been done in 2008 and 2009 and we hope to be able to realize the program for 2010.

For 2010 we will try to make some out of competition tests, in line with the IMSA; if they say that this is not necessary any more for the mind games then we will not do it too.

Remark of Mr. **Van Os**: Mr. Thiero would like to have some more members from other continents.

Remark of Mr. **Gueye**: the doping test are very important in the light of a possible recognition by the IOC.

Applaus for the work of Mr. Thiero who did a very great job.

Marcel Kusters: We agree with the positive remark about Mr. Thiero. A question of the KNDB: what are the costs of doping tests? **Luteijn**: this costs about 2000 euro each year. This is necessary to be recognized by IMSA, Sport Accord and for the IOC you need the agreement of the WADA.

Harry Otten: I hope that we can cut some of these costs, but it is nothing related to the total costs for all sports organizations which are about 500 Million euro.

8h reports of the confederations

8h1 Africa In the report of Africa there are a lot of proposals and suggestions which will be dealt with later in the meeting

8h2 Europe

Viktorija Lehtmets gives some information from the EDC report: in the General Assembly of the EDC in Hijken, Netherlands, the activities of the EDC were reported and discussed with the European federations.

There are no report from Asia and the Pan-American confederation.

8i Report Technical committee.

Pashkevitch asks why the case Tanssykkuzhina-Litvnenko in Beijing, where the result was changed after the game is not present in the Report.

Teer: not all special cases are presented in the report of the Technical committee, but I will say something about it: It was a difficult situation where the Tournament Director who had the task of Jury d'Appel had to choose between accepting an error of the referee by which the result of the game was wrong or changing the result with the possible negative consequences for the pairing in the next round. My opinion is that correction is better with corresponding problems then leaving an error unnoticed. A second remark is that the Technical committee has made a proposal to make it more clear to all referees what are the rights and duties of the referee to end the game in such a situation. This proposal will be treated later in the meeting.

Stegeman Slovenia: how long after an error can a tournament organization come back on the result?

Teer: this question is too detailed and too technical to discuss it in the General assembly.

8j problemist committee

Mr. Jaap Bus, former president of the CPI represents the CPI, on invitation by the current president Mr. Matus who could not be present at this meeting.

Kaciuska: What did the committee do, which activities and which federations were communicated with.

Bus: what the committee did is written in the report; the main activity was the organization of World Championship miniatures and the world Championship endgames. A second activity was the further development of the International rules (RI) . Mr Matus has had contacts with several experts, not with national federations, but with specialists. The CPI is a very small group and the work is not easy because the composers world does not like changes very much.

One of the new aspects in the international rules is the rule that the jury should be fully in harmony with eliminations of compositions, which should be based on objective criteria.

Kaciuska: question for the new members of the CPI; who is member and who is not.

Teer: in the committees of the FMJD the president has the task of finding new members with the necessary technical knowledge. This is not a task of the General Assembly.

Bus: at the moment the members are Matus and Shulga and new candidates are Behrenstein, Germany and Ivacko, Ukraine. Mr. Bus hopes that there will not be problems from the German and Ukraine federations for this candidates.

Kaciuska I thank Mr. Bus for the organisation of these World Championships but why are there not good prizes in money? The total of 600 dollar is the same as for a national contest in Lithuania. We ask the support of the FMJD for a better prize money.

Bus : In Holland en France there is no prize money at all for national contests and the prize money was given by Mr. Matus because the FMJD has no money for this.

Kaciuska: the CPI never communicated with the experts of Lithuania about the work of the CPI.

Bus: the work of the CPI is not to have technical discussions with all federations but to have technical discussions with experts whatever is their federation.

Otten asks for the discharge of the members of the Executive Board. The General assembly agrees with applause for the work of the members of the Executive Board.

9. Elections of candidates for the Executive Board,

First the proposal of Ukraine is discussed

Yacenko: I propose to have a term for the members of the board now elected for only 2 years instead of 4 years, so that we can have a totally new team in 2011. ,

Harry Otten: it is better to have continuity in an organization, it is much better to have elections every General Assembly for 3 of the 6 elected members of the Executive Board.

After some discussion there is a vote about this proposal Yacenko : term for 2 years for all new cd members.

In favour 2 federations (Russia, Ukraine), against: 14 federations. The proposal is not accepted

Elections for president

Otten proposes that for the time of the election for President another member of the Executive Board leads the meeting because he himself is one of the candidates for president.

Yacenko: this is totally against the statutes; I do not accept this.

The meeting asks Mr. Kamara Ndiaye, president of the African confederation to chair the meeting for the time of the election for President.

Mr. Kamara Ndiaye accepts the request and thanks the General assembly AG for the trust in him and says that he is proud to be for some moments the president of the FMJD.

Mr. Kamara Ndiaye proposes for the candidates to present themselves for some time so that everyone knows who it is and what are their plans for the development of the FMJD.

Candidate Otten, Netherlands

Mr. Otten states that he has given his ideas very clear in his election document, but he does believe what is extremely important are our memberships of IMSA and Sport Accord. I am in close touch with mr Damiani president of IMSA about the next World Mind sports Games which have to be held with good prize money, and I want to stimulate important tournaments for our top players. They have the charisma and can be an example for other people for our game and for youth players. I will do my very best using my contacts with China and with important possible sponsors and Prague in getting important tournaments where our top players can gain good money.

I will go to Africa to see if we can have an important tournament there.

One more point for the MJD is that we are more than 60 years old and I believe we need new statutes and may use what other federations have and mind sport federations have. I want to ask someone to assist us to get statutes that are more in line with modern times.

Przewozniak, FFJD: Can you give some concrete point about modernization of statutes?

Otten: To use more possibilities of the modern times. To use techniques for sending formal documents by mail. Also articles of the bye laws are somewhat in contradiction with articles in the statutes or with each other.

Otten: I very much want to improve the financial situation of the FMJD by various means, talk with important people and find means outside of the draughts community.

Mr. Diop Senegal I have high hopes in you and what are your ideas for Africa; we have big difficulties in Africa with our organization in contact with sponsors

Otten: I want to go to Africa and have discussions with ministers and perhaps the presidents because support of the government is very important for the African federations. Especially in Senegal where the draughts federation is an important federation, the 6-th sport federation of the country.

Yacenko: what are the main tasks that you want to achieve?

My most important goal is to have a good WMSG with a high level to support our top players which can lead to good propaganda for our game and also because it can lead also to better finances for the FMJD.

Pashkevitch: are you going to ask higher fees for the national federations?

Otten: It is not my decision, but the contributions have not been changed for 10 years so an inflation correction, or even more looks logical.

Goldshstein, Israel: how do you see the diversification of the fees?

Otten: I believe all federation should pay a normal fee and only new federations should pay a smaller membership fee. It is very critical that we improve the financial possibilities of the FMJD and I will help with it.

Candidate Yacenko, Ukraine:

I have decided to pose my candidature 15 seconds before the deadline on September 22.

I posed my candidature as a protest against all violations of the statutes in the organization of the World Championship in Brazil.

I think the draughts is a wonderful game and deserves a better place in the world of sports.

Why such a wonderful game does has such great difficulties in finding finances; I agree with Mr. Pawlicki who said the same thing on the assembly of 2007.

I think we lose too much time on unimportant subjects and we have no time to talk about the development of draughts. This is the first thing about which we have to talk. We need to have a program for the longer term for 4, 8 or 12 years for the draughts. I never have seen such a plan. Every country should have to make its own long term program.

The first thing we must do is: two years ago the IOC has indicated that the FMJD was about to have IOC recognition we only had to fill in some form but the Executive Board did not do it.

We have lost two years

Teer: this is not true, the FMJD did apply for recognition in 2007; but : why are you only talking about problems, the candidate must present his ideas for a new president.

Mr. Yacenko is pointing to the visa problems, in this World Championship blitz 14 Russian players could not come because of visa problems. A solution of this is to register for all federations all candidates for international tournaments so that this information can be made available faster to get visas and then to apply for year visa for all these players.

We have to try another system of World Championships so that all countries can participate. We see only 8 or 10 federations present.

There should be a World Championship tournament of 30 or more federations in the men's championship and 20 or more federations in women tournaments. It is very simple and it costs not much money.

Another question is about membership fees even if we augment the fees twice it will not help.

Kamara Ndiaye: You have 7 minutes to finish.

Yacenko: This will not give the necessary money so it will not be the direction in which we have to go because we will lose the federations.

We have lost Turkmenistan which have a champion in checkers, it is not the right policy.

I have talked with Mr. Otten and he understood the errors of the FMJD and I withdraw my candidature.

Candidate Zakoptelov, Russia

Kamara Ndiaye: this candidate is not present in the meeting. Is there anyone in the Russian Delegation who wants to present him?

Yurgenson: The Russian federation withdraws the candidature.

Kamara Ndiaye: this means we have only one candidate left, Mr. Otten, the candidate of the Netherlands; We will vote to see if the General assembly accepts this candidate as president of the FMJD.

A voting committee is proposed of persons present who do not have the right to vote: Rima Danileviciene, Technical committee FMJD, Jean Marc Ndjofang, ethics committee FMJD and Maja Pajula assistant from Estonia.

The General Secretary explains the procedure: a vote of Yes means the acceptance of the candidate president Otten, a vote of No means rejecting his candidature. The voting is done by majority of the votes. The General Secretary calls the federations with voting rights and gives them a voting form and the votes are put in the box made by Mr. <Petlicki.

The committee counts the votes and gives the results to the president of the meeting.

Kamara Ndiaye: I thank the meeting for the calm way in which this election has been done, for the respect of the statutes and for the disciplined way of the elections, in good transparency.

Mr. Kamara Ndiaye announces the results: 15 Yes, 3 No, 3 abstentions as mentioned by the voting committee because there was no vote for yes and no vote for no, or because both Yes and no were voted. Conforming to the statutes, Mr. Otten former EVP has been elected president of the FMJD for the coming 4 years.

Otten: I have decided to start my presidency by transferring 15,000 euro to the FMJD within a very short time.

Otten: I thank Mr. Kamara Ndiaye for his work to preside our meeting during the elections for president. Formally the EVP has to lead the meeting, but there is no EVP at the moment. I propose I will lead the meeting for now. This is accepted by the meeting.

We will continue with the other elections because now it is 20.15 and 21.00 is dinner time.

Macaux: i have agreed that the Executive Board of the FMJD posed my candidature for Tournament Director. However, some developments in my professional life and my health have led to the withdrawal of my candidature for personal reasons. I will remain available as referee and as member of the technical committee.

Otten: We are facing a difficult situation here. We have no candidate for Tournament director and 2 candidates for Executive /vice President. The Executive Board would like very much to be able to continue after this meeting with 6 elected members not with 5. Mr. Pawlicki declares that he is prepared to withdraw his candidature for EVP in favour of Mr. Fofana, and be candidate for Tournament director. Does the meeting agree with this proposal that we vote about these candidatures?

There is agreement to vote for these candidatures.

Otten: we will make three votes for 3 elections, EVP, General Secretary and tournament director.

You will get 3 voting forms and you can vote yes if you accept the candidate and no if you do not accept the candidates. The candidate for EVP is Mr. Fofana proposed by the federation of Mali, the candidate for General Secretary is the candidate from the executive board Mr. Teer and the candidate for tournament director is the candidate from the Executive Board Mr. Pawlicki.

The voting forms have different colours and all carry the name of one of these three candidates.

The General Secretary calls the 21 federations with voting rights to receive the 3 voting forms and the voting forms are put in the box.

The voting committee counts the votes and gives the results to the president Mr. Otten.

Vote for Fofana: 15 votes in favour, 6 against

Vote for Teer 18 in favour, 3 against

Vote for Pawlicki 17 in favour, 4 against

The president Harry Otten concludes that all three candidates have been elected as member of the Executive Board and closes the meeting for today.

End of the session on December 28.

Session of the General Assembly on December 29

Start at 9.20

Present:

Members of the Executive Board:

Harry Otten President, **Ibrahima M'Bouillé Fofana** Executive Vice President, **Johan Demasure** Tournament Director youth, also representing Belgium, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director, **Frits Luteijn** treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Leszek Petlicki** president section 64 also representing Poland, **Malick Kamara Ndiaye** president of the African confederation

Members of committees:

Mouhamadou Moustapha Diop, president of the Ethics Committee, **Daan van Os** representing the Medical Committee, **Jaap Bus** representing the Composers committee CPI

Representatives of federations:

Ndongo Fall tournament director CAJD representing Gambia, **Anatoli Yatsenko and Ivan Shovkoplias** for Ukraine with assistant **Elena Yatsenko**, **Abraham Douah Cissoko** for Mali, **Iryna Pashkevich** for Belarus, **Vaclav Krista** for Czech Republic, **Richard Przewozniak** for France, **Jan Zioltkowski** for Germany, **Yury Goldshtein** for Israel, **Algimantas Kaciuska** for Lithuania, **Marcel Kusters and Johan Haytink** for the Netherlands, **Roman Klimashev** now and then for Russia, **Alexander Kandaurov** representing Brazil, **Mouhamadou Moustapha Diop** for Senegal, **Frederick Kolson Kamara** for Uganda,
A total of 15 federations who fulfilled their financial obligations are represented and have voting rights.

Harry Otten tells that formally the EVP leads the meeting but Mr. Fofana has asked to have some learning experience and asks if Mr. Otten can lead. The assembly agrees with this proposal.

Otten: there is one point about the election which we missed yesterday : the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Matus as the new president of the Composers committee CPI. The meeting agrees to confirm that Mr. Matus will be president CPI.

10 proposals of the board.

Proposal Fixed organization fees:

The Executive Board proposes to use fixed organisation fees for world Championship instead of the 5 % of the budget which leads to too much practical problems

Otten: basically fmjd already works with these amounts already since 2006. Working with an organization fee of 5 % of the tournament budget proved to be impractical.

Demasure, TD youth: asks that 500 for World Championship youth together is also zero.

Otten proposes to agree with this.

Krista: how does this effect on the fees?

Teer: We had a problem with the method of 5 % of the budget because it was not possible to know the budget. Sometimes hotel costs were in the budget, sometimes not because they were part of the sponsoring. We think that there will not be large differences in tournament fees with these new rules. With the adaptation of the youth world Championship the proposal now is:

| FMJD Event | Fixed amount in Euro |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WC Individual (Senior) | 5000 |
| WC Women | 2500 |
| WC Teams | 3000 |

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| WC Match Men | 1000 |
| WC Match Women | 1000 |
| WC Junior | 0 |
| WC Girls | 0 |
| WC Cadets | 0 |

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without explicit vote.

Youth calendar of FMJD

Pashkevitch starts a discussion which is not about this proposal but about agenda point 15: This year we had the World Championship youth boys and girls and some countries did not come. Let's go back to previous situation where we all played in December. It is easier then to put the competition in December on a fixed time and every year at the same time.

Harry Otten : good proposition: we suggest to accept this proposal.

Johan Demasure: I agree to do it together, but it may prove to be difficult. If it does not work out I need to have the possibilities to change. I am still looking for World Championship cadet 2010, it costs about 5000 euro but it proves to be difficult.

Otten: we will try to do this and if it is not possible we will keep separate tournaments. Agreement?

Pawlicki: most important is: you know the dates when you have fixed dates.

Johan Demasure: we need to have it in a holiday period and at Christmas it is more difficult to find a period in which a lot of countries can come because they have the same holiday period.

It is my goal to have the best possibilities for youth. If you don't organize tournaments for youth then in 20 years you only have veterans tournaments.

Otten repeats that we accept this as good suggestion and that the TD Youth will try to do it this way but if it seems to be impossible, then he should have the freedom to act in the interest of the youth players.

10 b Proposal recognition fees:

The recognition of international tournaments will be done in the following way:

- before the tournament is played the organization of the tournament or the national federation asks for recognition by the FMJD, informing the FMJD about the important data of the tournament like the dates, the name of the tournament t, the form of the tournament, contact person, website etc.
- The FMJD will publish on its website if the tournament is recognized
- Tournaments not officially recognized do not count for title norms from 1-1-2010
- Tournaments not officially recognized do not count for rating as from 1-1-2011
- Tournaments have to pay a recognition fee as described in the Bye Laws of the FMJD; they have to agree to do so before the tournament is held to be able to get recognition on the official fmjd website.
- Tournaments using the Swiss system on rating have to use the FMJD ratings to be officially recognized by the FMJD
- national championships and official fmjd tournaments are automatically recognized and do not pay a recognition fee.
- tournaments from which the recognition fee was paid over 2008 are directly recognized for 2010 without recognition fee after they inform the FMJD about the data of the tournament: Cannes, Guadeloupe, Parthenay, Avignon, Golden Prague, Surinam open. Other federations like Netherlands, Belarus did not accept to pay the recognition fees for 2008 as they are present in the FMJD bye laws since many years..

At the moment tournaments have to pay 50 euro to be recognized by the FMJD to be calculated for ratings and titles; but most times the tournament organizations and federations do not do it.

Otten proposes as part of the improvement of the finances that this will be augmented to 5 euro per player in a tournament to have official recognition and he says it is almost nothing.

Question: How about National Championships.? They are free. Also the official fmjd tournaments like World Championships and continental championships.

Pashkievitch: This is impossible for us.

Otten / Pawlicki: Of course you can have your tournaments, but if there is no fee paid the fmjd will not work for the tournament for calculating ratings and giving titles. We have nothing to work for federations and tournaments. It is nothing new in FMJD, these regulations are there a long time. Lets imagine tournament in Stockholm. FMJD gives to the tournament service, titles, norms. For a round robin tournament of 10 players it costs only 5 times 10 is 50.

We give service to all open tournaments, rating, titles, but the tournaments do not do anything back.

Kosters: Is the idea of this 5 euro per player the new fee or above 50 euro

Otten: instead of the 50 euro

Pashkevitch: we agree but then for all federations the same conditions.

Kandaurov: is this also valid for the section 64?

Otten:no, they may do it but may decide for themselves, they have their own financial regulations

Kandaurov asks for the same rules for 64 as for 100, also for titles and rating

Jacek Pawlicki: I am open for any cooperation with the section 64. I really need cooperation from sections 64 and checkers to reach a situation with one fmjd database with all players.

Kosters: Can we not start with the new 5 euro rule at the first of January 2011 for titles and rating and homologation, because now the tournaments are already announced and did not know about the 5 euro per player.

Harry Otten ask for agreement, accepted.

Otten accepts the suggestion of the KNDB to start with the new 5 euro rule in 2011 and asks for acceptance.

The proposal on recognition fees is accepted with the given adaptation without voting.

Yacenko starts another discussion about the problems in getting visas: maybe the national federations should make a list of the data of all important players, officials, referees, who may be candidate to participate in a world Championship and give the list to the FMJD so that the FMJD can assist to get visa for all these players for a year or a year in advance.

Otten: this is very difficult; in my experience with contacts with embassies and consulates they will not do it. The only thing which worked this year is that I wrote a special letter to the consulate in St Petersburg. It was accepted for one player, Georgiev, ex World Champion. But if I would write a letter for 10 players I am sure that it would not be accepted.

May be I can give you an advice for visa applications: make sure that it is clear that they are draughts players, example they are on the rating list or present the results of national championships in which they participated.

Ndongo: this visa problem is a special problem for continents; I will give an example in Africa, in Senegal there is no embassy for Poland, you have to go to Morocco, to go there and apply for a visa. Many African countries do not have the embassies for all European countries.

Krista: in my experience you can go to any embassy of a Schengen country and ask for a visa there..

Ndongo: this is not possible: the president of CAJD is an important person in Senegal but could not get a visa on the embassy in Dakar.

A long discussion about the problems to get visa, and also about the problems for fmjd officials if they are writing invitation letters and the person proves not to be a draughts player but an illegal immigrant then the FMJD official can held to be responsible.

Yacenko: the new situation is much better because the office is in Holland and the president is from Holland. With Wouter van Beek there was never a problem with visa, He was only asking the Ukrainian federation to write a letter that the national federation is responsible for all the act of the person, and if there are problems then the national federation shall be responsible for this person.

In such a situation it was only necessary for Mr. Bastiaannet to write a letter and it would be possible to get the visa

Otten: I agree, it cannot be so that if a visa is misused from a person presented by a national federations, then it should not be the fmjd president who is responsible, but it should be the national federation. But the situation in Africa is much different from the Ukraine, the attitude of the embassies is much different.

10c proposal planning schedule for the World Championship

Because many times the FMJD is late with preparations for the World championship the board proposes the following planning schedule for the general world Championship and the World Championship women.

- The qualification rules must be ready at the General Assembly 2 years before the tournament. (see separate proposal)
- The qualification tournaments have to be finished 6 months before the World Championship
- Publication of the participant list: 6 months before the tournament
- Publication of the regulations for the tournament: 3 months before the tournament
- Publication of the reserve list: 5 months before the tournament

Teer explains that this proposal is made to make sure that there is enough time in the planning of the world Championship and that things are not done at the last moment. This also gives more possibilities to arrange visas in time.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

10d1 Proposal qualification for the World Championship men 2011

1-2 the two players qualified to play the title match in 2010

3. A third player from the WC 2009 (number 2 or 3)

4. Sponsor place

5. Organisation place

For the following players a maximum of 2 players per country:

Places 6-7 Panamerican zone: 2 places, organisation PADCF

Places 8-11 African zone : 4 places, organisation CAJD

Places 12-13 Asian zone: 2 places, organisation Asian confederation

Place 14 Russia: direct place

Place 15 Netherlands: direct place

Place 16-20 Players Europe, Organisation EDC: 5 places

Teer explains that this proposal is based on the qualification for the World Championship in 2007. Only for men there is one place more for Asia given the developments with new members China, Japan.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

10d2 Proposal qualification for the World Championship women 2011

1-2 the two players qualified to play the title match in 2010

3. Sponsor place

4. Organization place

5. FMJD wild card

6-8 direct place for 3 countries on top of the FMJD rating list a on the date of January 1, 2010. (the average rating of the best 4 players on the a list). At the moment these are Russia, Ukraine, Netherlands, far above the other federations.

9-14 places divided over continents: Asia 1, America 1, Africa 1, Europe 3 (from this 3 maximum one place per country)

Most reserve places for Europe, but depending also on the developments of Draughts in other continents.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

10e Proposal appeal against a decision of the Ethical committee

At the moment appeal to a decision of the Ethics Committee is only possible by going directly to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne. This may be a big financial risk for the FMJD and the person who wants to appeal to a decision. That is why the board proposes first to have a possibility of appeal to the General Assembly, and only after that if necessary at the CAS in Lausanne. For this the bye laws article 9.4.5 will be changed.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting

10f Budget for coming period, replaced point from 7c.

Luteijn: we have a big problem with the budget. The income is about half of what is spent. Half of the budget is paid by the members of the board themselves.

Przewozniak: is this especially because of Beijing or is it a structural problem ?

Luteijn: it is a structural problem; we will have the same problem for the coming years, there is a big hole in the budget. I put an amount of donations but I do not know if we will have them.

The FMJD which is an organisation with the federations as members should pay the money which is needed for the work of the board.

But the membership fee is less than 10.000 euro per year which is much too less

Otten: there has not been an increase in the membership fees for 10 years. It is necessary to correct, if only for inflation. The Chess federation FIDE and the Bridge federation WBF have membership fees that are 10 times higher . It is impossible to have these kind of fees for the FMJD

I propose an increase from 390 to 490 euro which will have to be paid by all federations; new countries pay 50 % of the fees for two years, and after that full amount.

The FMJD president is willing to write a letter to all federations who have financial problems to pay this fee, to write to the national Olympic committee to ask for support of the national federation.

Kaciuska asks not to raise the fees, if we vote for this, we vote against it

Otten: do you know a solution

Kaciuska: more commercial activities; the raising of the fees will not help that much and the members will have too much problems with this.

Goldstein: what is the income of the fmjd, it will not help if the fees for small countries will be increased.

Otten: roughly speaking the income of the FMJD is about 10.000 membership fee and 10.000 tournament fees and participation fees.

Goldstein: what with the participation fees?

Demasure (speaking for Belgium): is it the meaning that also all small federations, pay 500

What are you going to do with federations who are not paying at all?

Writing to the NOC will not help because we have not any kind of recognition as sport from the NOC.

It is not possible for Belgium, we have to thank for the membership, we will have less members than now and it will be bad for the game of draughts.

Diop: adaptation from 160 to 490 will give many problems. There may be other ways to find money from sponsors. I propose to study this problem with a committee which has to find possibilities for more income for the FMJD.

Kosters: the proposal seems reasonable. The president says he wants to help, with the help with IMSA and SportAccord to help it may be possible for many federations to get support from their governments. This proposal is not for new activities, but to keep the fmjd afloat. The members of the board pay a large part from their own pockets to keep fmjd alive. If we ask all day for activities then we should also give the money necessary

Otten: all day we are hearing what we have to do and what we are doing wrong, accusations etc, but the federations do not want to pay.

Kosters: it is a good idea to have a committee to study the possibilities for better finances.

Cissoko: increase of the fee will not see any African countries anymore. You will only lose money because the small federations will not pay anymore.

Krista: the fmjd should also be more cautious in the expenses , like 1600 euro for suits for referees in Beijing is too much. I think sponsoring has better possibilities. Organisation fees should may be higher; there we talk about sponsored events and they can be asked to pay. May be it is possible to get grants from EU, we work with many young people and keeping them from the street.

Otten: we together are responsible for keeping the FMJD alive.

Krista: I think it should stay as it is. Inflation correction on the small and big fees is acceptable.

Przewozniak: no organization can live above its means; we understand the worries from the board, but I think that the FMJD can only increase in a reasonable way.

Otten: The Executive Board agrees with the suggestions of Mr. Krista and Mr. Przewozniak and will search for all possibilities to make less costs

Belarus: we propose to raise the membership fees and the participation fees by 15 %

Kacisuka there is still a crisis and the budget for the sports is reduced for a large part.

Kamara Ndiaye: it is a difficult subject but we have to speak about it. The federations cannot be member and pay nothing. We understand that the FMJD which have to do promotion of draughts around the world. The fee cannot be fixed for ever and has to be increased in a normal way.

The proposal of Belarus is voted for: increasing of the membership fees and the participation fees with 15 %.

The proposal is accepted with one vote against (Lithuania) and 11 in favour.

Kandaurov: will part of this membership fee also go to the section 64.

Otten: there is nothing to divide; the section 64 has its own income from fees and does not pay part of these to the FMJD.

Daan van Os: big organizations are always busy to keep themselves alive and small organizations not.

Otten: there cannot be endless demands of the federations who do not pay for it.

11. proposal to promote the URSS championships of the past to World Championships

Teer asks if this is still a valid proposal because Mr. Nikiforov of the section 64 has written that the section 64 does not support this proposal.

Petlicki: it is still valid

Yacenko: In the sovjet championships 17 countries participated. That is why the section 64 and Marcos propose to promote these championships to World Championships. The opposition within the section 64 comes from the illegal World Championship from Marsh because then their world titles will be of less importance.

Kaciuska: Lithuania is against it; we cannot change the championship from the history.

The proposal is voted and rejected with 3 federations in favour (Brazil, Belarus, Poland) and 7 against.

12. Proposals of the Technical committee.

12a. Rights and duties of referees:

the referee ends the game if he notices that the game has ended for regulatory reasons, such as: 16 moves in 3-1, 25 moves only with kings, 3 times the same position with the same player to move or the flag falls before enough moves have been played. This will be his duty even in the absence of claims of the players. The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

12b proposal for automatic titles from World Mind Sports Games.

The proposal is to have the same rules for automatic titles from the world Mind sports Games as for the World Championships.

Teer explains that this proposal is a suggestion of the Moldova federation.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

12c Proposal referees and language.

The proposal is that new international referees need to speak two international languages of the FMJD.

France proposes to add: at least two, because they would like to see that international referees speak all three languages of the FMJD, English, French and Russian.

The proposal is accepted with the remark of France and without further remarks and without voting.

12d proposal endgame with a fixed time schedule

This annex about rapid and blitz games has some special rules for the end of the game when there is played with a fixed time schedule (without Fischer system). The Technical Committee proposes that these rules also hold for normal games with a fixed time schedule, like the official FMJD time schedule of 2 hours for 50 moves and 30 minutes for the rest of the game.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

12e. Proposal pairing in last 3 rounds of a Swiss system tournament.

In a Swiss system tournament, especially in an official title tournament, it is not good if players from the same country meet in the last round of the tournament. If this possibility can be avoided by pairing these players in the two rounds before the last round then the referee may decide to do so. Also to assist players who have the possibility to get an international title-norm the referee may adjust the pairing in the last two rounds. A player may be paired with a player of another nationality to achieve the minimum number of players from another nationality needed for an international norm. Also the referee may pair a player to a player with a title to achieve the minimum number of opponents with an international title.

All these adjustments of the pairing in these rounds may only be done in the pairing of the players with one score group. It may not lead to more players who will play against a player with another score. It will only be done if in the opinion of the referee the changed pairings will not influence the tournament too much.

The changing of the pairings is not a right for a player but a right for a referee to consider such a change.

Belarus does not agree to give the referee the possibility to change things.

Pawlicki: of course it should be put in the regulations before the tournament that such a regulation exists and which possibilities there may be.

Pashkevitch: there must not be a suspicion towards the referee of making arrangements

Demasure explains about players of another country. To have a norm for a title a player has to play against a certain number of players from another country. The players have to ask for this possibility.

I only do it when it is not negative for another player.

Otten: the federations ask much from the fmjd but they have not prepared an answer

Przewozniak: I propose to vote for all proposals without further discussion; if the federations have wanted to they could have prepared for these proposals and know what to vote.

The proposal of Przewozniak is accepted and the technical proposals are voted for one by one:

Proposal pairing in the last three rounds is accepted with 1 vote against and 7 votes in favour.

12f Proposal Tie breaks in a Swiss system tournament on rating.

Teer explains that this is a technical proposal because the current regulations can give rise to problems which make it impossible to use the current regulation.

Proposal is accepted with 6 in favour and no votes against

12g proposals for using formulas for calculating fmjd ratings from national ratings

The proposal is accepted with 9 votes in favour and no votes against.

12h new minimum average rating for World Records: 1950 instead of 1900

The proposal is accepted with 7 votes in favour and no votes against.

12i proposal about two pieces difference in clock simultaneous games: the opponent who has two pieces less must abandon the game if he cannot prove positional compensation.

The proposal is accepted with 6 votes in favour and no votes against.

12j Proposal tie breaks in official FMJD competitions:

In all official FMJD tournaments tie breaks have to be played for the first place and for places with rights for qualification when players end with the same score and all tie break criteria in the FMJD regulations annex 3, article 5.11 are equal. These tie breaks will be played with sudden death games with the “Georgiev system”.

The proposal is accepted with 7 votes in favour and 1 vote against (Belarus).

13. proposals of federations is skipped for the moment. First some points are discussed which can be finished in a relatively short time.

14. Titles and world records.

All new world records are confirmed by the General Assembly: The blind simultaneous World Records by Erno Prosman in 2008 (27 players, 70,4 %) and Ton Sijbrands in 2009 (28 players and 77 %) and the world Records clock simultaneous games, all in 2008, by Jeroen van den Akker (30 games, 75 %), Anton van Berkel (32 games, 70 %) and Jean Marc Ndjofang (33 games, 88 % !!). The players will receive a diploma from the General Assembly and will be congratulated by the General Secretary in the name of the General Assembly. The new titles are confirmed by acclamation. These are the new titles confirmed:

1. Titles international draughts 100

a. Titles 100

October 2007, January 2008 and CD february 2008

MI [10112] NICAULT Laurent (France)

MI [12504] Andrei TOLCHYKAU (Belarus)

MI [11232] Boudewijn DERKX (Netherlands)

MI [10249] Sharunas MARDOSA (Lithuania)

MI [14086] GULYAEV Nikolai (Russia)

MF [15903] GANBOLD Gerelbold (Mongolia)

MF [13726] MALAFEEVSKYI Olexandr (Ukraine)

MF [14153] BOOMSTRA Roel (Netherlands)

MF [13863] MBONGO Thomy lucien (Cameroon)

MF [13748] STEIJLEN Pieter (Netherlands)

MF [12511] ZADOROZHNIY Vasiliy (Ukraine)

MF [11610] ISHMURATOV Fidan (Russia)

MF [11451] NAPREENKOV Andrey (Russia)

April 2008 and CD May 2008

MI [13187] SECK Modou (Senegal)

MF [13333] IVENS Fred (Netherlands)

MF [11042] TOMASS Viesturs (Latvia)

MF [10575] DIJKSTRA Theo (Portugal)

MF [10286] DOUMESH Vitalia (Netherlands)

July 2008 and CD August 2008

MI [14153] Roel BOOMSTRA (Netherlands)

MF [12777] Sergey BONADIKOV (Russia)

MF [13972] Sergey FEDIN (Russia)

MF [10268] Frits LUTEYN (Netherlands)

MF [10642] Eduard RABINOVITCH (Israel)

MF [10504] Martijn VISSERS (Netherlands)

October 2008 and CD December 2008

MI [10899] Benno BUTULIS (Latvia)

MI [10427] Martin DOLFING (Netherlands)
MF [16260] Allan SILVA (Brasil)
MF [15265] Nikolai NIKANOROV (Russia)
MF [13533] Bartosz GOLINSKI (Poland)
MF [11007] Anatoly PETUKHOV (Russia)
MF [10319] Argo UNNUK (Estonia)
MF [10275] Friso FENNEMA (Netherlands)

January, April 2009, CD May 2009

MF [15328] FOPA Bruno (Cameroon)
MF [13087] MANLAI Ravjir (Mongolia)
MF [11346] LUDWIG Wouter (Netherlands)
MF [10312] ZDOROVIAK Raphael (Germany)
MF [10289] VAN DER STAP Peter (Netherlands)
MF [10148] BERTE' Daniele (Italy)
GMI [10124] DOMCHEV Aleksej (Lithuania)
MI [10450] LOGNON Oscar (France)
MF [15318] BAYA Luc (Cameroon)
MF [13688] GERMOGENOV Nicolay (Russia)

July 2009 and CD August 2009

GMI [13901] Pierre Ricardo (Haiti) auto title – PanAmerican Champion
MF [11342] Viveiros Brandao Jogao Batista (Brazil)
auto title – #3 in PanAmerican Championship
MF [12154] Vladislav SPLENDER (Belarus)
MF [13291] Ivan TROFIMOV (Russia)
MF [13536] Sharief RODJAN (Surinam)

b. Titles 100 women

October 2007, January 2008 and CD February 2008

MIF [13035] ABDULLINA Olesia (Russia)
MFF [13882] ALIA AMINOWA (Russia)
MFF [14934] FEDAROVICH Volga (Belarus)
MFF [14130] SADOWSKA Natalia (Poland)

October 2008 and CD December 2008

MFF [16474] JACOBS Annelaine (Aruba) AUTO
MFF [13741] MOTRICHKO Viktoriya (Ukraine) AUTO

April 2009, CD May 2009

MFF [10339] AZOJAN Marika (Estonia)
MFF [13200] VESKI Kadi (Estonia)

July 2009 and CD August 2009

MFF [13977] VALEEVA Julia (Russia)

2. Titles section 64

a. Titles 64

CD February 2008

- GMI Tashtemirov Abdirkadir, Kazakhstan
- GMI Ivanov Artem, Ukraine

- MI Shubich Sergej, Russia
- MI Makarov Nikolay, Russia
- MI Skrabov Vladimir, Russia
- MF Savvinov Nikolay, Russia
- MF Yusupov Shamil, Russia
- MF Sarshaev Machit, Russia
- MF Ivanov Kirill, Ukraine
- MF Usenov Nurbol, Kazakhstan
- MF Dchambetalin Irian, Kazakhstan
- MF Byashimov Achmat, country ??

CD August 2008

GMI Dashkov Oleg (Дашков Олег), 1976, Russia, 2 place WC-2007

GMI Chernyshov Petr (Чернышев Петр), 1980, Russia, 3 place EC - 2008

MI Bruslanov, Mihail (Брусанов Михаил), 1976, Russia, 5 place WC - 2007

CD May 2009

GMI. Ivanov, Artem (Иванов Артем), 1988, Ukraine, MI-2007, R=2365

MI. Shubich, Sergej (Шубич Сергей), 1988, Russia, MF-2006, R=2218

MI Makarov, Nikolay (Макаров Николай), 1982, Russia, MF-2007, R=2292

MI Belikov, Anton (Беликов Антон), 1983, Russia, MF-2003, R=2310

MI Ivashko, Eugenie (Ивашко Евгений), 1974, Ukraine, MF-2006, R=2261

MI Skrabov, Vladimir (Скрабов Владимир), 1975, Russia, MF-2007, R=2378

MF Ivanov, Kirill (Иванов Кирилл), 1985, Ukraine, R=2251

MF Ganopolski, Dmitriy (Ганопольский Дмитрий), 1965, Israel, R=2140

MF Shkatula, Denis (Шкатула Денис), 1992, Ukraine, R=2260

MF Burko, Sergey (Бурко Сергей), 1971, Belarus, R=2160

MF Dudko, Denis (Дудко Денис), 1990, Moldova, R=2197

b. Titles 64 women

CD February 2008GMIF Sarshaeva Zhanna, Russia

- MFF Dchumagaldieva Altynay, Kazakhstan
- MFF Morozova Sofiya, Russia
- MFF Galyaga Alina, Ukraine
- MFF Fedorovich Daria, Belarus

CD August 2008

GMIF Kuzina Yulia (Кузина Юлия), 1989, Russia, 2-d place EC women 2008

MIF Fedorovich, Darja (Федорович Дарья), 1992, Belarus, 3 place EC women – 2008

CD May 2009 (titles already agreed in 2008)

MFF Morozova, Sofiya (Морозова София), 1990, Russia, R=2209

MFF Galyaga, Alina (Галяга Алина), 1990, Ukraine, R=2184

MFF Sarshaeva, Zhanna (Саршаева Жанна), 1993, Russia, R=2257

GMIF Sarshaeva, Zhanna (Саршаева Жанна), 1993, Russia, R=2257

3. Referee titles

a. Referee titles 100

CD february 2008

FMJD referee Stefano Iacono from Italy

CD December 2008

International referee Yuri Lipnitsky (Belarus)

International referee Jacek Pawlicki (Poland)

b. Referee titles 64

CD february 2008

o FMJD referee 64 Anatoly Yaroslavtsev, Russia

o FMJD referee 64 Boris Musjailov, Azerbaijan

CD August 2008

FMJD referee 64 for Leszek Petlicki, Poland

CD May 2009

Technical FMJD referee 64 for Mischa Romhild (Germany)

CD August 2009

International Referee 64: Igor Elvov (Germany)

4. Titles for problem composers

FMJD master for draughts composition (MFP):

1. M. Levandovsky (Ukraine) – 90 points.
2. B. Ivanov (Belarus) – 50 points,
3. A. Moiseyev (USA) – 90 points.

International master for draughts composition (MIP):

1. M. Fedorov (Ukraine) – 130 points,
2. V. Bieliauskas (Lithuania) – 105 points.

15. Calendar of main events till 2013

Ratification of the decision of the vote by correspondence to let the KNDB organise the world Championship 2011 as part of the festivities for the 100 years celebration of the KNDB.

The decision is confirmed by the General Assembly.

13. Proposals of the federations.

Otten: because we have not much time anymore I propose that each federation, Belarus, Senegal, Netherlands and Uganda presents their most important proposals.

Pashkevitch: In the last GA our proposals were not accepted, so I gave them anew for this meeting.

Otten: there are many good proposals, but you cannot do it all in one time.

Pashkevitch: proposal for better statutes: The FMJD statutes should be carefully reconsidered and edited in an open discussion in 3 FMJD languages considering the experience of others international federations (for example, FIDE) and requirements of NOC`s of the countries, members of FMJD.

The statutes should be accepted with observance of all procedures, the Statutes should be accepted for long term (6-8 years).

Otten: I promise that I will have the proposal for new statutes at the GA in 2011

Pashkevitch : Proposal to have the short report of the Executive board meeting in three languages within 1 week

Otten: the short report is already published in 3 languages so why the proposal? The Executive Board promises to do it as soon as possible but it will not always be possible in 1 week.

Pashkevitch: 2 representatives for CD: There no more than 2 representatives from the country who can be elected in CD. This proposal is only about the 6 members of the board who are elected at the General Assembly, not about the presidents of confederations and committees and world champions.

Otten: this is a good principle; the Executive board will work in this direction and proposes this to be valid from 4 years from now. Then this should be normal.

Przewozniak: I agree it is a good principle but we should take care that it is more important that we can find people who are willing to do the work.

Pashkevitch: proposal of Belarus on tasks of president and EVP: Articles of the Statutes allocating executive vice-president many functions normally belonging the President is not logical and should be eliminated.

Otten: we agree to work in this direction and also use this principle for new statutes; at the moment we cannot change the statutes about this division of tasks but we will change the bye laws where necessary on the basis of this proposal.

Belarus proposal about rules for world Championship: Decisions about changes of the rules, formation of World Championships among men and women are accepting by the GA only.

The Executive Board agrees with this and has already worked along these lines by proposing the rules for the WC 2011 to this General Assembly

Belarus proposal: The Revision of the FMJD membership should be done. All federations should present the Statutes, with translation into one of FMJD languages, (when required registered by authorities of their countries)

The comment:

It will eliminate many questions on FMJD members and will clear up the membership of the Russian Federation.

Teer: We will ask all federations for their statutes

Proposals of KNDB and Belarus about plus/minus remise in the World Championships men and women when played in a round tournament.

Teer explains: the KNDB proposal is to make the plus remise a more important criterion in deciding about the order of players ending with the same score. Now the order is decided by first looking at the number of victories, then the plus/minus remises. The KNDB proposes to first use the plus/minus remises. Belarus proposes to cancel the plus minus remise criterion "as the KNDB only use it in their championships."

Teer. The history about this plus/minus remise is more or less like this:

During the years 2000-2004 there were experiments in counting systems, especially in Holland, where advantage at the end of the game was counted in some way. Many international grandmasters were in favor of using such a system for the top level tournaments such as the world Championships, although almost all of them had different views about how to do this. In 2004 a letter was sent in the name of 10 international top grandmasters asking the FMJD to do something in this direction. The Executive Board and the Technical committee discussed this question in the start of 2005 and a proposal was sent to all federation for a vote by correspondence about introducing the plus remise as a criterion for tie breaking in the world Championships. The proposal was accepted and the plus remise was used in the world Championships 2005 and 2007 and also in a world Championship women. In Holland the KNDB accepted to use this system also starting in their national championship 2007, because they wanted to use the same rules for their national championship as the FMJD rules for the world Championship.

Now we have two opposing proposals and what to do with it?

For this meeting I have asked by e-mail to the top players of the world, men and women, about their opinion on this subject. Of course the decision is up to the federations, but I give their opinion as they answered it to me: about 1/3 was in favor of the KNDB proposal, 1/3 was in favor of leaving it as it is and 1/3 was in favor of the Belarus proposal.

So: what to do?

Otten: given the different opinions among the federations Belarus and Holland and given the different opinion of the top players I think we should not change this now. I ask the Technical committee to again discuss this problem and come with an advice.

Both proposals are not voted for, so both proposals have not been accepted.

Proposal of the KNDB about the formal definition of a completed move.

Teer: the definition of a completed move is present in the rules of the game (Annex 1) and again in the competition regulations (in annex 3). This is not logical and can lead to misunderstanding. The KNDB proposes to make a change in the description in annex 3.

As president of the Technical committee and expert in rules and regulations I advise to accept this proposal. It is a proposal of a technical nature which should not be discussed here. I have discussed the proposal with our new tournament director Jacek Pawlicki and we will add some article in annex 3.

The proposal is accepted without further remarks and without voting.

Proposals from Senegal and Gambia:

As regards the financial system, put in the texts fmjd a contribution that the members of the office and the members of the cd pay to the fmjd every year, like it is in senegal.

Ndongo Fall explains: the members of the Executive Board do not have to be persons only doing a job but they are leaders who have to have the possibility to pour contribution into the FMJD. They have to be real personalities who lead the federation. I give the example of Senegal where we have 33 members of the Executive Board who make a yearly contribution to the national federation. The members of the Executive Board have to work and help intellectually and financially.

Johan Demasure gives his opinion by giving 2 euro to Mr. Fall as his payment to the FMJD.

Otten: The greatest work and support which is done by the members of the Executive Board is to spend all their time without being paid, not even for the costs they have to make for the FMJD. Starting now as president I will only work three days a week in my company to be able to do the work as president FMJD. This of course already costs me a lot of money.

The Executive Board does not agree with an obligation for the members of the Executive Board to pay money to the FMJD. As I promised already I will try to find financial means from outside the FMJD to support the financial situation of the FMJD.

Proposal of Senegal and Gambia about the world Championships with 40 players:

an individual world championship of 40 players must be organized to classify all participants from the first place on to the fortieth place and do not organize a championship by eliminating and by returning a part of the players at home before the end of the championship like it is in a cup tournament

Przewozniak: this suggestion for the world Championship with 40 players is very reasonable. Do not eliminate part of the participants from the playing field.

Otten: we need a solution for the players not qualifying for the finals, but this can also be that the players take a ticket for the semi finals and for the players qualifying for the final it is the responsibility of the organisation to get new tickets for the final dates.

Uganda ask IMSA for support for from Africa to come to international tournaments.

Otten: we will try to find possibilities with IMSA for support of all players to come to the next WMSG.

Uganda proposes pool checkers to be member of the FMJD. The executive board will study the possibilities.

Harry Otten likes to close the meeting with a question to 64 and Brazilian 64.: Do you see possibilities to have one set of rules for the game on 64 board, because it would make the position of the 64 game much stronger in the international arena.

Belarus: this is impossible

The president Otten closes the meeting at 14:25

Ukraine opens a new meeting

This meeting is formally not part of the General Assembly any more

Given the statutes this meeting does not have the possibilities and rights of a General Assembly: Article 4.1 of the bye laws states this: the President, if present, has to open and close the General Assembly himself.

After his closure, the General Assembly is ended and all subsequent meetings cannot be considered as General Assembly nor having the power of decision of a General Assembly.

Yacenko demands that the federations listen to a request for assistance for the federation of the Ukraine.

Yacenko: A big company has serious possibilities for sponsoring in the Ukraine. Ukraine needs the help of the FMJD. It is completely illegal; we have to pay to someone so that the company can be a sponsor.

Otten To give any help in this it has to be clear to the FMJD that it is not a request for bribery.

Petlicki: The 64 section also supports this request to the GA to write a letter to the prime minister to send all these documents and if the documents are not appropriate then we ask nothing from the General Assembly.

Przewozniak: it is impossible to write a letter about documents without knowing what it is about.

It is a question for the Executive Board of the FMJD, not for the General Assembly.

Harry Otten proposes that the fmjd board sees the document

Yacenko: we are asking for help.

The second, informal, meeting is closed

Mr Yacenko asks to talk 5 minutes with the Executive Board, which is done for 15 minutes.