

Minutes General Assembly 2005

Dates: **Saturday 22 October 2005 – Sunday 23 October 2005**

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Present:

EVP Pieter Hildering ; G.S. Rik Devroe; Treasurer Jaap Bus; Tournament Director Eleonora Bubbi (Italy); Tournament Director Youth Henri Macaux; Jacek Pawlicki (EDC); Wouter van Beek (CAJD); Henk Fokkink (Technical Committee); Alexander Lehmann (Section 64); Leo Springer (Propaganda); Johan Bastiaannet (Bureau FMJD); Tamara Tansykkuzhina (Representant female players) Anatoli Gantvarg (Belarus); Johan Demasure (Belgium); Jean D'Almeida (France); Yuri Chertok (Russia); Issa Mbaye (Senegal) ; Idama Gueye (Senegal); Sinkoun Kaba (Guinea); Sylwester Flisikowski (Poland); Viktor Penkalo (Hungary); Daouda Diakite (Mali); Viktoria Lehtnets, Merike Värík (Estonia); Michael Römhild ; Jan Ziolkowski (Germany); Marcel Kusters (The Netherlands); Edvard Bužinskij (Lithuania); Marc Mbolo (Cameroon + mandate for Uganda); Farhad Huseynov (Azerbaijan); Guntis Valneris (Latvia); Achfaaq Mohamedjoesoef (PADCF and mandate for Brazil).

Vladimir Ptitsyn, Innokentiy Androsov, Mikhail Gulyaev, Tuyara Gavril'eva (delegation Yakutia); **(underlined = with voting right)**

Absent with knowledge: President Ivan Shovkoplyas (Ukraine), John Reade (Section 64 checkers / England) Bharpur Singh (India), Chimeddorj Bat-Erdene (Mongolia), Anatoli Yatsenko (Section 64/Ukraine)

Saturday 22 October 10.00 h

1. General Assembly

1.1. Opening & welcome

I welcome Mr. Ptitsyn, other people who are not representing a country-federation, I ask to leave the room. I ask the GA to accept we were late with papers. A GA has to be convened 2 months in advance. Because of lots of work and other reasons we could not do this on time.

Is anyone against the fact we want to work further ?

Belarus is against.

Is anyone accepting ? **all other federations accept.**

Hildering: There is a request of Guadeloupe to be a member.

I received letters from Mrs. Pashkevich, but the problem with Pashkevich is that she is for the second time not on the GA.

Mongolia could not come, they propose to organise WC Youth 2006.

Letter from Belgian federation : 2 things : fee for small countries and cost of being here on GA.

Czech federation of draughts : there is a tournament December 2005 that is not conform the regulations of Czech Dama.

Mrs. Bubbi: Mr. Raoul Bubbi has a protest on the Africa-Europe match, being annulled 2 times and the costs for the players on this.

There is a letter of Mr. Shovkoplyas, sent by e-mail.

“...I have prepared a report, I've bought a ticket to Amsterdam but now I'm hospitalized because of a kidney-attack. I hand over the powers of president to EVP Pieter Hildering.

I think to make the re-elections now, it would be an infringement of statutes in many ways.

Financial obligations (to FID and FMJD) I promised on CD in Varazze will be OK....”

I also have a signed letter from Mr. Shovkoplyas, asking the following : “... in connection with the present-day situation in Ukraine I could not fulfil my promises... I would like to ask for retirement in the next GA....”

The promises made were decisive for his election. In Berlin, we 'picked up the pieces', we brought FMJD together.

In Berlin, myself and Mr. Shovkoplyas were elected unanimous. After a year in CD we were discussing if he would have the luck of fulfilling his promises.

We gave time and asked him to resign if he could not fulfil his promises in January 2005; he agreed on that.

He refused to resign, despite his agreement. From that moment on, it was clear for me that the position of Mr. Shovkoplyas was not possible anymore. Then I looked for a new candidate for FMJD. With the support of his government, Mr. V. Ptitsyn was found ready.

The CD agrees unanimously with this proposal.

Under 3.1. I ask for accepting retirement of Mr. Shovkoplyas and under 3.2. I ask for election of Mr. Ptitsyn. So there is only one candidate.

1.2. Accreditation & voting rights

See list of present members.

1.3. New federations and federations in debt

4 federations asked to be member : **Slovenia, Somalia, Hungary and Uganda**

Are they accepted ?

Mr. Gantvarg: did the countries give all documents necessary to be a member ?

After accepting by GA all documents will be asked.

Van Beek: Somalia and Uganda : I have seen all documents necessary

Gantvarg: these are infringements on statutes

Hildering: If we are infringing statutes, that has to be proven. Besides Mrs. Pashkevich, for the second time, is not present on the GA. We need the new members for IOC-recognition, GA is asked to mandate CD that new members will be accepted after examination.

Gantvarg: you have to answer, not attacking absent persons.

Hildering: the way I see it, you're the only one, making protest. We will continue.

Cameroon (Mbolo): I'm sorry that only Belarus is having a voice, others are silenced. First of all we first listen to propositions and then debate on the issue. So I want the GA to work : hearing the proposals and then we discuss and then we make decisions.

Hildering: So, are **these 4 countries accepted** ?

1 against

Hungary: My compliments to CD to have 4 members in plus.

Germany: We should be very pleased with countries like Hungary, it's good to work together with. Welcome applause to Mr. Penkalo from Hungary.

Federations in debt

Bus: First of all I want to say clearly: we never received any money at all from Mr. Shovkoplyas. The Dutch Government grants were menaced, but for the moment we are in a solid position for the Bureau.

The grant for International Board members: Government is reducing to half of it : which means a less income of 3.400 Euro.

Hildering: *Now we are working on 1.3 and 1.6. at once.*

Bus: The FMJD-financial position now is OK, but next year there will be less income : less competitions and the 3.400 Euro (this amount is more than the membership-fees of 20 countries).

Part 2 of my financial statement.

Financial figures next page:

Proposals it's better to discuss later on.

The income-side is fully described, we have no other income, no sponsoring

Last part of nr. 3: I make a proposal about membership fees.

Leave system membership fees 390-160 and inscription-fees like they are.

This is unanimously accepted by the Assembly.

Demasure: I don't have a problem with the price of membership fees but for the small countries it's important that the sum of inscription fee and membership fee becomes not more than that for 'big countries'. The announcement for Italy (team championship) was made very late, so we could not

choose on basis of known facts, when we paid small membership fee. It makes a lot of difference. So my proposition is to make a sort of 'maximum' to small countries.

Bus: after initiative of the country I will reconsider the paying. There was also an asking of Latvia.

Macaux: I don't agree with Mr. Demasure. A federation has to decide whether it pays a small or big membership fee. They have to calculate in advance.

Demasure: it was not announced in advance about World Team Championship. Besides - off the record - I apologise that Belgian team was not there, because of illness of driver-player. Belgium has no Government-support. Paying 390 is OK, but more is impossible for us.

Bus: the argument about the late communication on WTC is valid for me, so for me it's only in these exceptional cases, we can talk.

Senegal: can FMJD survive with membership fees like this ? In the long term : do we need more money ? From where can come the money : publicity, commercialisation... ? There is the need of a financial committee to look for this. It's a task of the Board to look after that, not only the treasurer. Sponsors are interested if their team has a good chance to win the championship or tournament. They are not always interested in draughts.

The Treasurer has the task, not only taking inscription money but also to make sure that announced prices are there, and not that prizes are changed at the last moment.

Mbolo Cameroon: the work of the treasurer and the Bureau is very good with little money. I do not agree that draughts is not interesting for television. Organising a competition you have to sell an image, better than we are used to.

We are a sport that is interesting for artificial intelligence, computers and computer programs.

Draughts is a game: man is equal to woman, young is equal to old,... Unesco can give us money to work on equality of gender, age, ...

It looks like we are a federation with money in his pocket, looking for money elsewhere.

We need money, or we go down.

Now there is nothing to sell: pins, flags, t-shirts...

Do we use our resources ? People like to buy these things.

We have seen problems in organisation.

Visa is always a problem for African people. Why is that ?

The prize-money WTC: 250 Euro : it's even not pocket-money for 1 player.

Hungary: let's work now on the agenda. About the inscription fees I propose : the more players a country has in the championship, the less inscription fee they have to pay.

In Hungary there are not enough players, so we want to participate in international competitions. I'd like to ask also that one speaker only gets 5 minutes.

Hildering: Money will always be a problem. The money promised by Mr. Shovkoplyas is not there, so we have to look further. We are looking to work for tournaments and championships for the next 2 to 4 years, so we're looking to the future. This makes it easier to look for sponsorship, one of our main goals. We finish sponsoring-discussion and go on with the report of Mr. Bus.

Bus: We have a lot of difficulties to get the membership-fees. I want to introduce a penalty in case the countries do not pay in time. In January we send invoice to be paid 1st of April. If there is a problem, it can be discussed. 160 to 200 and 390 to 400.

Gantvarg: first the report, then proposition/discussion.

Hildering: We will not await the end of the report, so can we agree on the penalties ?

Macaux: we like to have more countries ? Penalties are a good way to have more countries ?

Hildering: if there are problems, the country itself has to contact treasurer to solve the problem.

So, who agrees with the proposal ? 2.

Against it ? 4

So, **the penalty-system is not accepted.**

Debts per country:

Gantvarg: Only 2005 is in the report of the treasurer.

Bus: financial report between General Assemblies is given in Executive Board meetings and it is in the minutes.

Gantvarg: I like to see these figures.

Hildering: Pashkevich is asked to check finances, she never showed up. So your question is answered.

Gantvarg: this question is not concerning Belarus Federation. All members of Assembly should have report 2004.

Hildering: we are a Holland based organisation. We have an accountancy-report, available to everyone who desires.

Gantvarg: other federations have a special institute that is responsible of correctness of federation. For example this institute is called revision commission. Expenses should be conform budget. All Federations should approve this budget in advance.

Article 6.11 last paragraphe. For it's own finances, the continental confederation may impose its own subscription fees.... In that case, it has to submit its financial report to the FMJD treasurer, for approval by the General Assembly.

We don't have revenues of European tournaments in the financial report.

Van Beek: since the congress of Huissen (August 2001) Mrs. Irina Pashkevich was president of that commission. She has never controlled any paper.

Gantvarg: a representative of European Confederation cannot be in that commission.

Hildering: I don't understand what Mr. Gantvarg wants with all this.

Gantvarg: we, representatives of Belarus, asked many times for this commission. We never received any answer. (note from the secretary: this is about EDC). This commission was established for 2 years. Now we should have a new one, without the director of EDC.

That is why Belarus cannot accept financial report.

Pawlucki: It's important to have control on the finances. Problem: after creating the commission, it never worked. So we have to make a new commission.

END (13.00). Hildering : First thing to do after the pause is making commission.

SECOND PART (14.00):

We are starting 2nd part: 2 topics : installation new commission to check finances and I also make a remark about time-limit per point on the agenda: 2 minutes per country.

Let's be realistic, this GA must end tomorrow.

Financial committee for checking treasure.

Hildering : Old commission - since 2001 - did not give report, so we ask who wants to be in the commission. The scope of the investigation by the committee is the period between 2 GA's (2005 and 2007). This means the full accounting years of 2005 and 2006.

I like to inform that for Holland it is not allowed to have a representative.

Are you willing to be a member, Mr. Gantvarg ?

Germany: Mr. Zioltkowski is the proposal. He can count very good.

Diakite: why not a Dutchman if a Dutchman can do it.

Hildering: There are many Dutchmen in the board, so it's better not to have a Dutchman. It's also to avoid questions afterwards. Now I'm looking for a second candidate.

Gantvarg: I want to be a member.

Hildering: this commission has to give report 3 months before next GA. So 28th of February of 2007, I want the report.

Second point: acceptance of the **financial report of the Treasurer** now.
No objections, accepted.

1.4. Minutes of GA Berlin

Comments please in 2 minutes.

No questions.

We go to 3.1. retirement of Mr. Shovkopyas.

Sunday 10.30

1.5. Reports of President, Executive Vice-President, General Secretary and tournament directors

No report of President.

Hildering: nothing additional, with the election of the new president, we have more time to work on a new approach of draughts. I also want to make a statement of Belarus. We had the resigning of the president, elected a new president and we had EGA. Belarus was not present. So I do not want to receive remarks about these topics, I will not accept them.

No report of the secretary because he had too much work on the statutes.

Tournament Director seniors : my report is the report of TC. Problems can be reported to Mr.

Hildering. My task, the goal of my federation that I enter CD, is to obtain recognition in IOC.

I want the FMJD, the (con)Federations and the players to follow the rules. We, as FMJD, should be an example in this.

Tournament Director youth: it's difficult to organise the many youth championships. WC girls could not happen the past year (2004). On the other hand championships have many players, so players are interested. I hope the working together with federations will be good in the future. A new championship next year will be a students championship.

I want to thank one federation: Polish federation helped several times to organise youth championships at the last moment, when other federation could not do the job.

Applause for the Polish federation.

Cameroon: We want to thank Mr. Macaux for his work. His report is very convincing. The students championship, we like. We want to have a more detailed report also on what went wrong in competitions. For example Tallinn and WC for Teams.

Senegal: In the future we need written reports. The CD has to take care of that and discuss them in advance. We want to see if we are going ahead or not, using the reports as managing documents.

Diakite: when Africa organises tournaments, we take care for hospitality. When we come in Europe, we have to pay food, lodging, ... Also visa-problems have sometimes hard consequences. (Ndjofang in Moscow, on his way to Challenge Mondial -Yakutsk, stayed in airport without food for 2 days).

Macaux: Youth players are quite easy to lead. Adults (for Eleonora) it's more difficult. Eleonora did a very good job. Lots of mails I can show you on my computer.

Senegal: with a report we can see if we are going better. So we don't know what really happened and what people do. We can only address us to FMJD, not to organising committee. It was very difficult to contact Eleonora, not by e-mail, not by phone.

Hildering: It's good to understand that we have been working from Berlin. It's difficult to find organisers. We were late for visa, dates, format.... We want to work more in advance : minimum two years in advance. That gives us the possibility to work on details.

Indeed, we need analysing reports.

About Amsterdam : Mrs. Bubbi was badly informed.

WCT: the problem of transport was a key-problem there.

We are not perfect but we try to be, in working together.

Cameroon: we like to ask questions. We talk about problems not to criticize but to make things better in the future. We know Mrs. Bubbi has got lots of problems.

Gantvarg: Bubbi organised very good and important competitions. She worked very hard in difficult circumstances. It's strange we are not speaking about this championship – for me it's my 25th - here now. We stayed in double rooms, played 2 games per day; this is for the first time it's like that. Who decided on these things ?

Mrs. Bubbi asks to read the letter from FID.

Gantvarg: Now some technical remarks.

+ - remise: main arbiter did not know how to work with it. Majority of players are against it. Players had many questions. No answers were given.

Ratings is the past, so it cannot be used to make end-table. When Thijssen wins today it will be Baljakin who is before Thijssen, because of a better rating...

Players did not get games during the tournament. No reaction.

FMJD should defend players but instead defended KNDB.

Also for the first time federations have to pay to be on GA. We need to say this, so it will not be accepted like this in the future.

Hildering: there is a law about work, for instance pilots can work a maximum of 15 hours. In other sports also it takes time, like in triathlon.

Double rooms: players who had problems with that, players could go to Bijlmer.

+ - is discussed in TC; all federations have been informed. Only 2 reactions : Belarus stated it's against statutes, another one was a technical reaction.

Rating system is the 6th criterion, last one in the row.

Not receiving games: the organisation printed out the games in the evening. You should contact not KNDB, but organisation.

Organising committee Amsterdam could not pay, FMJD cannot pay lodging. In the future we want to avoid this but now we needed this GA more than ever.

Hildering: 5 minutes for this topic.

Demasure: The gate is now open that organisers will always say: we have no money.

Macaux: I want to talk about the function of tournament director. We need means : decisions, we need power, we need money. Organisers dictate how it will be. What can we do ?

We have the dilemma of accepting what organiser says or the championship is cancelled.

They know there is no other candidate, so where is the power ?

Senegal: there is a problem: cultural or functional. If I have to organise for Senegal. President of Federation is president of organising committee. He looks for everything and is responsible.

Lodging is necessary for federations, it has to be taken care for.

Hildering: I like to have a 10 minutes break.

1.6. Report of Treasurer & Finances

See file.

REOPENING 12.30 Sunday

Hildering: financial situation. We came from a very low end. Today it's OK. Next year, we will not have much revenue because of fewer championships, but we will spend some money in different activities for draughts players. Activities for new federations, promotion of present federations, draughts by internet, training material for federations to be taken from internet. We will think about how to spend money for promotion. The budget is still small but we will not sit on the budget.

We also are looking for a structural sponsor for FMJD.

I hope GA sees we had problems, most cases were solved in a way the majority could live with. So we can now work to the future.

I had to learn to work with statutes and bye-laws what is completely new for me but I learn and I learn fast.

If you have a problem, I try to answer by mail within 2 days.

1.7. the presentation of reports of the presidents of the confederations, the representative of the FMJD sponsor bureau, the representatives of players, the commissions and sections.

Confederation Africa (Van Beek): excuse me, it's not written. Next time, my secretary will make a beautiful report. We have been busy, we augmented from 8 to 10 countries and are looking for another 2 countries. We had a lot of countries in WTC. Mali could not come but Guinea was happy to be there.

I visited several countries in order to stimulate. Some are countries doing well. Others we have to work on.

Ivory Coast it's difficult because of the war. We hope next year they will participate and pay their debts.

We have to work on reporting tournament-results.

Obtaining visa is still a problem. We realised it in most cases, but not all. The only solution is that we have good personal contacts with embassies, like Dutch embassy in Cameroon, Senegal,

In the future we plan to have several competitions :

1. African Championship in Cameroon in June. Maybe we will have new (and paying) members.

We count on Nigeria, Gabon, ...

2. December 2006: Dakar: World Team Championship for 3 men. The hotels are absolutely top class. All teams will be playing in the same hotel. In one of the hotels there is an Olympic swimming pool. Transport costs are cheapest from Amsterdam : 460 Euro. We can lower the price when we travel in group.

3. Cameroon wants to organise in 2011 the 20 player individual championship.

Senegal: we have to excuse to all federations for ...

WCT is with a budget from Ministry of sports. It's accepted by the First Minister. To invite foreign guests, we need the government. Now we are talking with principal sponsor. In January the budget will be known and covered. We like to do it well, or not doing it.

The initiative is from the Senegal Federation.

Mali: there is an invitation tournament in December : the President's tournament. When the budget is covered, we will inform you.

Cameroon: we had a long lethargic period in Cameroon. We wanted new impulses and that debts were paid. With African Championship we will try to interest first president by calling Cameroon championship "Championship Madame la Presidente Bia". A Cameroonian website is in construction.

Ptitsyn: How is going draughts in Angola ?

Van Beek: they play but there is not a good information/communication (Portuguese language).

Ptitsyn: my company has good contacts with Angola. Report of Mr. Van Beek is excellent. Africa becomes stronger and stronger, so in future the report will be better and better.

Guinea: Guinea was a founding member of CAJD, but we had a bad period. A new board has taken over and works very well, thanks to Mr. Van Beek. I promise Guinea will be there on the international tournaments. Draughts is popular and strong in Guinea. Formation of players, referees and material, that is what is needed for the moment in Guinea.

I want to thank Mrs. Bubbi of the Italian federation for the draughts material we got.

Mali: the main club in Bamako is called Club Van Beek for a certain reason. A jumelage with the club of Mr. Hildering is asked for.

Mr. Hildering will think about it.

Macaux: I challenge CAJD to organise youth competitions.

Van Beek: challenge accepted.

After lunch we start with European confederation.

Sunday 14.00

Report EDC

Pawlicki: in Kluczbork: we had a good GA-meeting. A report will be sent to Mr. Hildering and Mr. Bus.

Hildering: Other reports we did not get and they are not here (sponsor, players,...)

Cameroon: we got 200 kg of draughts material from Pieter Hildering. Another thing that has been done: an SOS-committee has been founded here in Amsterdam to help Cameroon youth.

Hildering: it's a funny story. Marcos contacted me : look I have here these beautiful boards and stones. I bought them. He took them with him on an assembly. Ndjofang asked for it. We bought train ticket to Paris. He took 100 kg with him. The other half was taken care for by me. I still wonder how they got 200 kg from Paris to Cameroon.

We go to 3.6.

2. EGA (changing statutes and bye-laws) : quorum and asking for legitimacy

Hildering: The statutes were for 90 % ready in Berlin. Some changes have been made in between. We need a quorum now to have EGA, which is 1/3 of the members. We have 48 members, so we need 16 voting countries.

We want not to await another 2 years to handle this.

We have to close now GA and open EGA.

Macaux: I want to know if changing the language is on the agenda. If so, I ask French speaking countries to leave the room, so you don't have quorum anymore.

Van Beek: the legal language is French, but the working language is English.

Bubbi: It's not normal FMJD to change language.

Macaux: any change is just the opinion of part of the CD. If we work in English that is OK, but the legal language has to be French.

Hildering: If the EVP is not in statutes, I'm not supposed to be here.

France (d'Almeida): we want to work together. In a democratic way. Not to say yes to all the points. The election of the president was in a way not correct, because the assembly was not asked, before applauding, to ask questions to the candidate.

Hildering: it was not a threat, it's just I cannot work when my function is not in statutes or bye-laws.

Senegal: let language as it is and go on with the rest.

Bubbi: nobody has asked text is in French. For French speaking countries it's normal they want French to stay. It's mainly a matter of tradition.

Hildering: we need an agreement of majority to have this EGA.

Cameroon: every proposition has to be heard.

Devroe: working language is English. When EGA decides about changing statutes and we agree, then the text has to be translated into French language. We need then another EGA to have this text again, because it's the legal language.

Senegal: let's not change language

Hungary: working language is English : it's very important for new Asian countries. A Polish man has invented the game 100, so why not speak Polish ?

Macaux: FMJD was founded by France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. 14 countries are French speaking.

Let us start the EGA.

Devroe:

We have 36 countries that are active and have paid their debts. These are members with voting rights. (We cannot expect federations without voting rights to have their representative here.)

We have 17 represented federations on the EGA (not there : the representatives from Belarus and Latvia).

2.1. See: CHANGING STATUTES AND BYE-LAWS ON THE EGA of 22-23 October 2005

Every point has been accepted by unanimous decision.

During the Extraordinary General Assembly, some changes have been made to certain articles (changes are in bold):

2.9 General Assembly Elections

The General Assembly elects the President, the Executive Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer **and the Tournament Director(s)** of the Executive Board following the rules and procedures of Chapter 4 of the Bye-Laws.

3.1. Finance

Federation finances are taken care of by the Treasurer, who is accountable to the General Assembly. The expenses have to be approved by the President or by the Executive Vice-President

or by the majority of the Board members. The **President or, if he is not available**, the Executive Vice-President represents the FMJD in all civil and juridical matters.

5.1 In the three months after the General Assembly, the President or, **if he is not available**, the Executive Vice-President of the FMJD, informs the authorities of its social seat of all modifications in the administration of the FMJD.

Article 6.5. Duties of the President and the Executive Vice-President

... The President, the Executive Vice-President and the General Secretary **or the Treasurer** sign all important documents.....

Article 8.2. Duties of the Committees.

The Executive Board **nominates** the members of each Committee from the candidates. **The Executive Board appoints a chairman.** The chairman of each Committee is responsible for the work of that committee and reports to the Executive Board on the conclusions arrived at by the Committee majority. In case of a tie, the chairman takes a provisional decision and consults the Executive Board.

Annex IB Official FMJD regulations for Problemism.

This will not be inserted, until the new document is ready.

Article 1.6. The FMJD and its official competitions

The FMJD has to respect its own regulations relating to prizes, medals, diplomas etc, in accordance with the regulations for each official FMJD competition.

~~The Tournament Director is responsible for that.~~

~~It's up to the Executive Board to fix the amount of prizes there will be for each competition.~~

A new text has to be made up.

Article 2.1. Admission and refusal.

The FMJD accepts the membership of all national federations complying with Article 1.3 of the Statutes. Any national federation applying for membership, sends a written request to the Executive Board, with the signatures of its president and general secretary, and two copies of the statutes of the federation. The General Assembly will decide on the membership. Excluded are alternative or dissident national federations; secondary organisations who represent a fraction of the nation, without national coverage; federations outside their proper territory.

There should be only one (umbrella) Draughts federation per country. **The Checkers section can have its own rules for admission of federations.**

Federations whose application has not yet been approved can participate in the FMJD competitions as organised by national federations or continental confederations, but cannot obtain individual or team qualifications. This status of provisional membership can last only two years.

Article 4.4. Voting rights.

Only those national member federations who have fulfilled their financial obligations and are correctly represented at the General Assembly may vote. Votes per delegation are possible in that one Federation present can be mandated by one absent federation to vote on behalf and in delegation of that absent federation. This mandate has to be in writing, by letter or by fax. Each member country, whatever its importance, through its proper representative, **has one vote.** The General Secretary organises the voting, counts the votes, ascertains the results, which are publicly announced by the President.

Article 7.2. Rights

Each federation has the right:

- To participate in official tournaments
- To vote in the General Assembly
- To nominate candidate members to represent it in the General Assembly, independently of the various federation members serving already in the Executive Board,
- To opt for the organisation of future competitions of the FMJD
- To nominate a candidate for a vacancy in the Executive Board
- To demand recognition of the international tournaments that it organises.

There is no right to participate in official competitions for the federation that has not paid the subscriptions for the last two years. **Exceptions can be made by the Executive Board for youth players.**

Article 1.3. Members

The Executive Board of the FMJD officially only deals with national federations, continental confederations, and official representatives of the players organisations. The FMJD only incidentally deals with players who are member of a national federation, as well as with immigrants, refugees or players without nationality.

A player can belong to only one national federation. Exception can be made for a player who moves to another country and becomes a member of a new federation. In that case, whenever such a player wants to participate in an official FMJD competition, the latter federation has to prove that the player has lived for over one year in the new country of residence.

A player who possesses the double nationality must choose once for all the federation he or she wishes to represent without being allowed to be selected by both of them.

For national team championships, the player must have the nationality of the country he plays for.

2.2. Text as a whole

The text as a whole has been accepted by unanimous decision.

END OF LATE AFTERNOON SESSION (Saturday);

After dinner we go to point of CPI.

3. General Assembly

3.1. Retirement of President

Meanwhile Mr. Gantvarg left the meeting

Hildering: As I said this morning, it is the request to resign if the GA wishes him to do so. I also have a personal opinion about it. In the period from Berlin till today, I had a very limited conversation with Mr. Shovkopyas. In the period of more than 2 years, I have received no more than 10 e-mails. E-mail was the only way to communicate between CD's. I have protected his fundraising for more than 1 year. In my patience I have found out that none of his promises has been kept. I had the feeling that I had to do the job for both in many occasions. So I ask the GA to release me of at least one of these positions. It is my desire that we should be unanimous in this. So I don't like to have a secret vote.

So I wish to ask he who does not agree, he raises his voice.

Hungary: how many times in his e-mails, he indicated that he was in hospital and that he has got any money from FMJD.

Hildering: we did not discuss finances, he did not get money from FMJD.

Unanimous decision applauded.

3.2. Election of new President Mr. Ptitsyn

Hildering: In our way finding a new candidate it is the absolute wish of the Board we have a representative of former Eastern Europe. That is the reason we looked for a candidate from that area.

Mr. Ptitsyn: I like to thank you to have my own presentation. The players of draught are worried about some things, I'd like to work on. The Board and the representatives of the Russian Federation have proposed me as their candidate and I thank them for that.

Since 1996 I was vice-president of FMJD

I know the problems with the Federations (national and FMJD).

In 2002 I have asked to resign because of changing of work.

My activities during my work as vice-president of Russian Federation and FMJD is written in the booklet diffused amongst the delegates. So I don't want to repeat this.

Being president is a considerable job. I like to examine some points : propaganda, more federation, promotion, finding sponsoring...

I like to tell you about championships in Republic of Sakha. We organised International sports for children of Asia. 2008 Yakutsk is the next. IOC-president Jacques Rogge will support this event. It's a great possibility to promote draughts in Asia.

During these international games 24 countries participated. International draughts had only 6 countries. We have to do a lot to promote draughts in our region.

In my opinion the draughts for junior is only good developed in European countries.

So, we can learn from European way.

The children are our future.

The next question is the high level of organisation of championships, finding sponsors, fund for prizes to have more attractive competitions, ...

For example I promise to find good prizes, financing... for championship 64 in December this year.

I'd like to ask the GA that when the agenda of competitions is there : WC 100 in 2007 maybe in Yakutsk.

In 2 years, if championship is in Yakutsk. You will see if I have kept my promises.

The next problem is to help new federations and federations with small experience.

In my opinion these problems can be solved with the help of grandmasters. Our Jakut sportsmen are very strong. With the help of Gantvarg we organised master class school. I propose to organise these master classes in new federations.

In countries where draughts is not popular yet it's a good thing to organise high level competitions to stimulate the draughts.

I can tell you examples in our republic, where several competitions of high level are organised.

Draughts became very popular in our republic.

In conclusion if any country likes high competition or grandmasters in his country, I promise to support these ideas.

I thank you for your attention. I'd like to introduce the minister of sports Gulyaev.

Minister of Sports, Mr. Gulyaev: I'm very happy to participate GA of FMJD. I'd like to say that the government of our republic supports Mr. Ptitsyn. If you choose him, our government will make all measures possible to support Mr. Ptitsyn to fulfil his promises. Mr. Ptitsyn is very respected for promoting draughts in our country. Many years ago he created a school for draughts sport. Today in the State University Sports Faculty: draughts is official sport.

By the proposal of Mr. Ptitsyn international games since 1996 is official sport.

As minister of sport of our republic, the responsibility of Mr. Ptitsyn is chaired with offices, with the government of our republic. This is a post of high level. 6 times we organised open tournament Mr. Ptitsyn. It's a guarantee for other organisations.

Hildering: only one candidate. So we ask for unanimity.

Applauded on all benches.

SMALL RECES (there was a little celebrating)

Hildering: I like to restart the GA again.

I'd like to thank you for the election of Mr. Ptitsyn.

It's up to Mr. Ptitsyn where he wants to sit for the moment: in front or in the room.

Mr. Ptitsyn thinks GA should be held by EVP as GA was written before. Mr. Hildering should keep his position.

3.3. Report on situation in Checkers

A report is received. We have 2 things.

Checkers statutes.

Statement: GA in Las Vegas, early October. The Checkers will be part of the FMJD as a different section. This is worth an applause.

Applauded.

In the coming months we will finalise this. With Mr. Devlin and Reade we work out a definite solution for the small problems that still exist. I will keep you informed.

No questions posed.

3.4. Section Checkers: Calendar & proposals

No calendar is here.

John Reade is on holiday, so it's understandable, we don't have a calendar.

3.5. Ratification of titles in the sections

3.5.1. 100

Titles are already published (on website). No new for the moment.
Any questions ?

Diakite (Mali): Tournaments in Africa, sometimes no norms are applied.
Championship of Africa : was it taken in ?

Also because of few tournaments in Africa, we cannot grow.

Fokkink: Tables and results have to receive us. National championships sometimes are not communicated. The 2003 African championship was counted.

Cameroon: I want to say the same for Ndonzi Flaubert. The Open Tournament is not counted.

Fokkink: our system is very clear. List is on the website and in annex. Open and Swiss tournaments are not Title-tournaments. On the website you can find one table with clear explanations.

Jacek P. : For all players: before you participate in a tournament, ask organiser if he will send results to FMJD (Jacek Pawlicki).

Senegal: I have a remark. We (Africa) like to have a presentation in the T.C.

Other remark: the criteria to participate in the World Championship. We have 6 GMI's. We only get 1 participant.

Hildering: now we talk about titles, not tournaments or championships.

In respect of Diakite and Ndonzi. I would say participate in the Hiltex-tournament.

Fokkink: Main groups are only counting when 7 games and enough GMI-masters. The Brunssum result is not received yet.

Lehmann: first question: the quality of the competitions when you are making your rating ?

To solve these problems it's good to have automatic titles. This proposal was supported by African countries in Moscow.

Fokkink: confederations have title-tournaments with automatic titles.

Hildering: we are not discussing structure of 100 because that is clear.

I want 100 not to discuss 64. Neither the opposite. Opinions are too far away.

Cameroon: titles : there is some work with CAJD.

Van Beek: we will have a recalculation.

3.5.2. 64 Russian/Brazilian

Hildering: I received title proposal 64.

I also received it from CPI (problemism).

The proposals are accepted.

3.5.3. Checkers (Anglo/American)

Hildering: For the moment no title-demands.

We go to point 2 of the agenda : a very crucial point in my opinion.

3.6. Proposed general calendar in the sections for 2005, 2006, 2007

Hildering: Mr. Ptitsyn proposes to organise WC 2007 in Yakutsk. We are since more than half a year working with Dutch organizer Hardenberg, we gave authority and the budget should not be a problem. It's for May 2007. So we cannot give this to Mr. Ptitsyn.

Ptitsyn: It was just a proposal, I was not aware of the authorisation to KNDB.

We got challenge tournament in 2002. Yakutsk is ready to participate in that. We want a good quality tournament in Yakutsk. For travel, if GA would be held in Yakutsk, we can pay Moscow-Yakutsk.

Tournament with prizes Mr. Ptitsyn have been organised with good players. I like to put this tournament in official calendar of FMJD.

Mali: it was a wonderful tournament, we liked it very much, we hope we will be invited again.

Ptitsyn: it was not my mistake about Ndjofang in Moscow, but fault of embassy.

Van Beek: Hardenberg is an offer by KNDB; Are costs for GA in the budget ?

Hardenberg-representative: I don't know.

Hildering: I will talk with Hardenberg-representative and KNDB about this.

Hildering: I want the agreement for KNDB with Hardenberg to organise WC 2007.
Proposal accepted by applause.

Hildering: We are still looking for WC women 2007 and WC senior-matches 2006

Ptitsyn: WC Women is not big enough to combine with GA.

Chertok: 2007 could be the World Team championship and GA.

Hildering: normally it's with the WC men.

For youth: maybe India (girls and cadets) and Mongolia (juniors) next year.

For 2008:

Matches 2006: for Russia no problem

WC 2005 juniors: 15-23 December cadets, juniors and girls (Dnyeprodyerzhinsk)

We start Monday the final talking with organisation.

Macaux: normally with WC there is a tradition that it goes through other continents. Cameroon 2011 is OK. Maybe we have to look for another non-European continent.

So, we ask to federations: look to the calendar and take decision if you want to organise anything: we like 2 years in advance to know if you want to organise.

Ptitsyn: I like a strong tournament to have in Yakutsk 2007.

There is a discussion about WCT if 7 months is OK or not between 2 team championships.

Ptitsyn: WC Women and Team Championship and GA is OK for me.

Hildering: 7 months is seen from cost to federations too early for Team Championship. About GA, I want to keep it open for the moment.

I can image that we make an agreement. GA in Yakutsk during WC Women, maybe it's OK and World Team Championship in 2008. We should keep all options open.

Ptitsyn: being president FMJD is meaningful in Yakutsk, so I need concrete plans for the moment.

GA can be with Junior Olympiad like in Tallinn (1998).

France: GA: maximum of countries is needed. So it's ok to organise it with a championship with players from many countries.

Mali: Senegal gives proposal to ...

Senegal: the new president wants an important tournament. World Team Championship 2007 can be organised by Yakutsk, we propose then to organise team championship Senegal – Russia in 2006.

Russia accepts and Ptitsyn accepts.

Ptitsyn: Please support my point of view: I like to go back to Yakutia with following proposal. Match seniors 2006 Chizhov-Georgiev. 2007: GA in Yakutia and WC Women. Continental Cup Teams (like 1990) in 2007; 6 to 8 teams (Holland and Russia, Yakutia could be 'continents').

Hildering: so World teams' championship 2006 can be held in Senegal. I advise to accept this proposal.

GA in 2007 will be in Yakutia.

3.7. International draughts (100 sq.): *CD proposals:*

Fokkink : see Report Technical Committee FMJD (October 2005)

see Rating list

WTC Italy is very difficult to calculate.

From 1st of January on, the Federation has to ask for tournaments that count for titles.

We will have 3 kinds of referees. If you have a problem, send an e-mail to CD.

Hildering: Comments will be taken care of in the next CD. Things cannot wait from one to another GA. We want as CD that decisions can be made between two GA's. It's not about Statutes or Bye-Laws, only minor changes. What has been decided in between will be ratified in next GA.

Cameroon : thank you Mr. Fokkink with his report. We are glad we have the document so we could study it. I have some remarks.

Senegal: FMJD rating list point h. Results must be given on time. Otherwise 25 Euro to pay. Does this regard the federations ?

Fokkink: Yes, if federation is organiser or if federation announces the tournament.

Senegal: The penalty is not good for federations. We will be punished already by our players. It's a bad gesture, it's a little insult, so it works the other way.

When report is not sent, arbiter is suspended for one year. We don't have enough arbiters.

Fokkink: in my opinion arbiter and federation have to be active.

Hildering: arbiters FMJD have to be instructed correctly.

Macaux: I was arbiter in Zoutelande. Organisation does not provide means (computer, ...), what can I do ?

Hildering: referee FMJD must give results.

Fokkink: you have 1 month the time.

Hildering: it's not to FMJD to punish national arbiter in national tournament.

Pawlicki: I am FMJD calculator. I need one paper of result because we need a good rating. Some federations or organisers - after knowing result - don't like to publish results because somebody would go lower in the rating.

France: I understand the report is needed. But I cannot defend the arbiter or the federation would be punished.

Hildering: we bar k. and l.

Pawlicki: we want a good rating. The Hague arbiter answered I'm in holiday I have no time to give results. So, we ask you give proposal how we can put pressure.

Hildering: we can refuse to homologate tournaments without results. Also we have to communicate this to players. So they will put pressure on tournament-organisers.

Cameroon: results are published on internet, how is it possible that committee has no results ?

Macaux: Stimulating is better than punishment

Pawlicki: I am just a simple person. I cannot use internet only for this report. I need time limit of the games, just which player played (same names of players Schwarzman A. Russian or Israel), were there incidents/problems, ...

Ptitsyn: be short

Cameroon: why not put a fill-in formular on website FMJD ?

Mali: why not ask the advise of the players ?

Pawlicki: on first page of FMJD you can e-mail me if there are problems. Let's work together.

Hildering: to finalise, federations have one month time to give reactions about this report/proposals. Send reactions to FMJD-bureau Johan Bastiaannet.

WC matches 2006 and 2008 Men and women

Players concerned are already asked their opinion. They accepted the format of the match.

Hildering: WC Men 20 participants and Women 14 participants

See Proposals for 2006/2008 (TC/CD) :

...

3. World Championship men 2007:

- A. This WC will be played with 20 players.
- B. The CD proposes next dividing for places:
 - a. Three places out of WCS40 (Amsterdam): World champion, Challenger and next best player.
 - b. Organization place.
 - c. Sponsor place.
 - d. Asian Confederation: 1 place.
 - e. Panam Confederation: 2 places.
 - f. African Confederation: 3 places.
 - g. European Confederation: 9 places (6 after qualification tournaments with the possibility of participating limited players out of other Confederations)
- C. Each Confederation (or country) gives the name of their representative player and also the name of the reserve player.
- D. When the Confederation (or country) has not mentioned a reservist, the FMJD decides about this place.
- E. The maximum number of players out of one country is fixed on three. (The World champion doesn't count as player of a country)

4. World Championship women 2007:

- A. This tournament will be played with 14 players.
- B. The CD proposes next dividing for places:
 - a. World Champion 2005.
 - b. Challenger 2005.
 - c. Sponsor place.
 - d. Organization place.
 - e. European Confederation: 7 places.
 - f. FMJD: 1 place.
 - g. Qualification tournament: 2 places.
- C. When the Confederation (or country) has not mentioned a reservist, the FMJD decides about this place.

- D. The maximum number of players out of one country is fixed on three. (The World champion doesn't count as player of a country)

Point 3.B.G. for the Men : there is a possibility for other confederations to participate.

Cameroon : f. and g. we want to comment. In Africa there are 52 countries, most of them could become member, we want to go forward. In Europe you are about saturated.

Hildering: 17h : there will be the presentation of the book of Roozenburg.

So the moment has come to close. In this Championship: Africa had 7 players with 40 players. With 20 players, half is 3,5 players.

Try to bring in not only disagreement, but bring in, in what way we could agree.

Senegal: in Zwartsluis with 20 players, there were 4 places for Africa. Please recalculate the situation.

The Report Technical Committee FMJD (October 2005) is **accepted**.

Only about **number of places** for Africa (WC men) and **penalties** (for not sending the results – task of main referee - for rating), there is no agreement.

Hildering: I'd like a pause of silence for those people that have left us.

Hildering : I'd like to say something in advance of closing by the President.

It was a pleasure, we had some constructive discussions. We are not perfect, we probably will never be perfect but we do our best.

Ptitsyn: thank you very much for choosing me for this important position. We have no time to talk about 64, the board of control is not chosen fully. I'm going to organise my bureau in Yakutsk. I will inform all federations. I would like to have contacts of every federation.

My contacts are :

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An e-mail address will be given as soon my bureau is there.

3.8. Distinctions

Not treated

3.9. Technical proposals:

3.10. Section 64: Proposals & calendar

Section 64 : Calendar 2006

World Championship	City	From	To
World Championship Veteran (+50)	?	02-03	
World Championship Juniors, Cadets, Mini-cadets and Girls (1987-)	St.-Petersburg	16/4	27/4
Olympic childish, Team (1990-)	St.-Petersburg	25/9	5/10
World Championship Men	Aktobe (Kaz.) ? Tasjkent (Uzb.) ?	Oktober	
European Championship Women	Saarbrücken	4/3	11/3
European Team Championship	Evpatoria (Uk)	13/9	21/6
European Championship Juniors, Cadets, Mini-cadets and Girls	Bobruysk (Bela)	20/8	28/8
European Championship Veterans (+50)	Evpatoria (Uk)	6/9	16/9
European Championship	Evpatoria (Uk)	6/9	16/9
International Tournament FMJD			
Int. Childish Team "Golden Dame"	Slonim (Bela)	3/1	8/1
Int. tournament in memory of I. Urikh	Dnyepropetrovsk	20/5	29/5
Int. tourn. in memory of M.R. Kontrobarskiy	Herson (Uk)	22/6	30/6
Int. tourn. "White Nights"	St.-Petersburg	16/7	25/7

Int. tourn. in memory of Y. Chapichev	Simferopol (Uk)	4/8	13/8
Int. tourn. in memory of V. Sokov	St.-Petersburg	8/12	15/12

Saturday-night

3.11. Problemism proposals

PM : the following problemists are nominated for the titles:

Grand Master International Problemism (GMIP): B. Fedorov (Ukraine), D. de Ruiter (Holland).

Master International Problemism (MIP): A.-J. de Jong (Holland), A. Rom (USA).

Master FMJD Problemism (MFP): G. Dumas (France), V. Bieliauskas (Lithuania), V. Shulga (Belarus), S. Ustianov (Ukraine).

And following the CPI decision, Mr J. Ceron (France) for his very important contribution for the problemism development for many years is nominated to be awarded by the FMJD diploma.

Hildering : In the CPI we have in the 2 years I was EVP, a non-workable situation. Discussions by e-mail were in an aggressive mood. I also realised that one could say, we have 2 parties in the commission, so we always got split decisions. In order to try to understand the positions, I invited the commission first Warschau, then Amsterdam, a week before the GA.

I never got answers from the president Yushkevich. I regret that.

A few days before the GA, he sent an e-mail he resigned from being president of CPI.

It is my belief when 2 fight, 2 people are guilty.

So I think a completely new team has to be formed.

With the remaining members I want to discuss the problems and see which members could work to a new CPI.

Obviously we have a more than normal problem. 2 members of CPI are here now.

I'd like to have some response of these 2 members in order to solve the problem.

First of all I ask Mr. Bus.

Bus : Mr. Bužinskij, representing the Lithuanian federation, will be here in a few minutes. I'm interested in what he has to say.

My problem with the CPI is that it costs too much time, with too little progress. Another thing is that I am worried about that the FMJD has not enough interest in problemism and the composers do not see enough advantages from the CPI and the FMJD.

In my view the cooperation and the mutual respect between the FMJD and the CPI should be strengthened and not weakened.

It is important that we in spite of the crisis keep the current competitions running as well as the preparation of new ones.

It is also important that we do not jump to conclusions about the structure and membership of the CPI before the planned meeting with Mr. Matus, Mr. Kačiuška and Mr. Bastiaannet.

Both Mr. Matus and Mr. Kačiuška have sent letters to the FMJD. Mr. Kačiuška states that three members of the CPI do no longer have trust in Mr. Yushkevitch and that the majority opinion of the CPI concerning the result of Lithuania 2003 is cynically left behind.

Mr. Bužinskij confirms the letter of Mr. Kačiuška and says that nothing more is to add. Mr. Yushkevitch is no good president and things are going wrong.

Lehmann: who knows Mr. Yushkevich by person ?

Answer: nobody.

Lehmann says: he is difficult to act in a team, so accept his resignation and talk about the future.

Bastiaannet: 3 were against Lietuva (Bastiaannet, Bus and Yushkevitch), but afterwards Bus changed his mind. This is not legal.

Bus: I had two reasons for changing my mind, good reasons in my view, but the real problem was that things could not be properly discussed in the CPI. I am also surprised by the remark of Johan calling things illegal because he never discussed it with me.

Hildering: Accepting the resignation of Mr. Yushkevitch, I like to have a meeting with the members in Warsaw or Vilnius. I like to close the meeting for tonight, enjoy your evening.

Tomorrow we see us at 9.45 a presentation of Bovec and Tallin, just before the GA that will take place at 10.00.

2 minutes for our new chairman.

As we all remember when Walter van Beek was president, Mr. Zubov was consulted to be president. I expected with Yushkevich there would be problems.

Bus could be a good president but with his function as treasurer it would be difficult.

So consider Mr. Matus for president.

END AT 22.10

Sunday 10.30 :

So let's start again, we go to 1.5.

3.12. Sponsoring
absent

3.13. Web-issues
absent

3.14. Propaganda

3.15. Miscellanea

4. Closing (*Sunday 23 October 17.00 h*)