Present: EVP **Harry Otten**, tournament Director **Henri Macaux,** Treasurer **Frits Luteijn;** General Secretary **Frank Teer**, tournament director youth **Johan Demasure**

1. World Championship international draughts in Rio de Janeiro

a. Cancellation of the World Championships and General Assembly in Brazil

In April 2009 the tournament Director Macaux visited Brazil to talk with main organizer Lélio Marcos about the World Championship; In May 2009 Lélio 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.
On September 26 Lélio 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. Lélio Marcos stated that one month earlier they were still positive and believed it should be OK.
On September 28 Lélio 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 Lélio Marcos to adapt the aquarium building.
EVP Harry Otten contacted Sport Accord (GAISF) and IMSA for help.
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.
There have not been further messages from Mr. Marcos until the day of the meeting of the Executive Board.

b. Responsibility for financial problems

It is the opinion of the Executive Board of the FMJD that the responsibility for costs made by the federations for tickets and visa lies with the Brazilian confederation, as it is formulated in the official letter from the Brazilian confederation of October 1. Some sentences from this letter::

- But we committed a great mistake
- The mistake was totally our blame
- The regrettable cancelling of the World Championship in Brazil is a flaw and total responsibility of the Brazilian Draughts Confederation
- From now on the Brazilian confederation will be concentrating upon curing their compromises taken or assumed.

The FMJD has asked all federations to inform the FMJD about their costs and has asked them to cancel their tickets before the flight date because most times there will be a refund of airport taxes, even if the tickets themselves are non-refundable.

c. Letter to the Brazilian confederation

EVP Harry Otten will write a letter to the president of the Brazilian Confederation Mr. Ferrero, asking him about this question of responsibility.
Treasurer Frits Luteijn will visit Rio de Janeiro in the coming week and will try to have meetings with Mr. Marcos and Mr. Ferrero. (on October 20 Mr. Marcos agreed by mail to have a meeting with Mr. Luteijn)

d. Possibilities for World Championship 2009 (2010?)
Several contacts were made with several federations, but at the moment there is not yet a clear possibility to have a World Championship within the coming 6 months.

e. Participant lists same as for Brazil?
It is the opinion of the board that some players will have to be taken off the participants list: the places assigned by the Brazilian confederation for organization place and sponsor place and the players who entered the World Championship as reserves because other federations or confederations could not send their player to Brazil. This has to be checked anew when there is a new World Championship.

f. What to do better next time?
The board has received several suggestions from federations, negative and positive.
Given the low budget of the FMJD the board believes it is not possible to visit an organizing federation regularly to check all organizational details for all World Championships.
The board will come with proposals for more communication between the FMJD and an organizing federation of a World Championship, to be discussed at the General Assembly.

2. General Assembly

For the moment there are two possibilities to have a General Assembly within the coming months:
- The federation of Ukraine has offered to keep the General Assembly in Ukraine during the Olympiad for youth, on December 19 and 20,2009
- The EVP has found some sponsoring for organizing the General Assembly in Berlin somewhere in January.

Both possibilities have problems:
- At the moment there are still no teams registered for the Olympiad youth, so it is not yet clear if there will be a World Championship in Ukraine. Also the time from now till December 19 is very short to arrange all invitations for the General Assembly.
- A General Assembly in Berlin will not be together with an official tournament as it is defined in the statutes and bye laws of the FMJD. However in the past in special circumstances the General Assembly was also organized outside of an official tournament. (2003 Berlin,2001 Huissen)

The FMJD will send a message to all federations asking them to choose between these two options.
The president of the section 64 proposed to have the elections for the section 64 together with the elections for the FMJD board on the General Assembly. The Board agrees that this would be a good idea and will put these elections also on the agenda of the General Assembly.

3. **Report of the meeting of August 2009** accepted without remarks.

4. **New titles international draughts** accepted as published in the October rating issue.

5. **Recognition World Record blind simultaneous games**: the world Record set by Ton Sijbrands on September 24,25 and 26 in the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam with 28 games and 77 % result was recognized by the Executive Board. The Executive Board congratulates Sijbrands with this new World Record.