Present:
Members of the Executive Board:
Harry Otten President, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director also representing Poland and a mandate for Czech Republic, **Frits Luteijn** Treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Johan Demasure** Tournament Director Youth also representing Belgium with a mandate from France, **Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj**, president of the Asian Draughts confederation, also representing Mongolia, with a mandate from Japan, Viktoria Lehtmets, representing the European Draughts Confederation, **Ndongo Fall** representing the African Draughts Confederation,**Vitalia Dumesh**, representing the women players

Members of committees and sections:
Lelio Marcos, contact person of the section 64 Brazilian (international rules), also representing Brazil, with a mandate from Trinidad and Tobago, **Ali Kadir Benzer**, president of the section Turkish Draughts **Anatoli Yacenko**, President of the Ethical Committee, also representing Ukraine, **Adama Gueye** representing the Medical Committee and representing Senegal , **Aare Harak,** President of the Financial Committee**, Milena Szatkowska,** member of the financial committee, **Xia Lu**, member of the financial committee , also representing China

Translators:
Safiye Bal, translator French-English**, Saule Makasheva**, translator English-Russian

Voting machines: **Mehmet Bugra** from Eloysis Elektronic, Turkey

Representatives of federations:
Nofel ashumov, Azerbaijan, **Irina Pashkievitch** for Belarus, with a mandate from Lithuania, **Jean Marc Ndjofang** for Cameroon, **Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia, **Daniele Macali** for Italy , **Airat Nurgaziyev** for Kazakhstan, **Guntis Valneris** for Latvia , **Ben Smeenk** for the Netherlands with a mandate from Germany, **Oleg Polikarpov** for Russia, **Ibrahim Ismailov** for Turkey, **Yunus Amindjonov** for Uzbekistan.

Assistants:
Cindy Li Kaimin, China, also translator English-Chinese, **Alisher Artykow,** Uzbekistan, **Darya Tkachenko,** FMJD

1. Accreditation and voting rights

The General secretary Frank Teer presents the new provisional members Canada, Pakistan, Northern Ireland and Portugal. Belarus asks about Portugal. The secretary explains that already in 2012 the FMJD bureau sent a letter to Portugal that they have been accepted as provisional member and have fulfilled all formal obligations. Portugal has also paid the membership fee for all years. The secretary says that we can trust Mr. Bastiaannet that he has done this correctly. There is a vote about accepting these new 4 members and they are accepted with 17 votes in favour and 2 against.
The same federations are present as in the Extraordinary General Assembly. There are no representatives of the new member federations.
The federations present or represented are:
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

A total of 18 federations is present and 6 more have given a mandate. 21 of these 24 federations have fulfilled their financial obligations so 21 have voting right. 3 federations present or represented are without voting right (Azerbaijan, Japan, Uzbekistan).

2. Opening and Welcome

The President Mr. Otten opens the meeting at 12:23 with a welcome

3. **asking for additional items on the agenda or changing the order of the agenda.**

No remarks

4. **asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2013 Wageningen**

President Otten: you have all received this report and we did not receive comments from you about it so I assume that you all agree with the minutes. The General Assembly accepts the minutes with an applause. The president explains that according to the council it is not necessary to have such extensive reports. The minutes should be 5-7 pages not more.

5. **asking for confirmation of the e-vote 1**

The women's representative Vitalia Doumesh asks about the accepted proposal for the women's rating which was not applied correctly. The tournament director answers he has applied it exactly as stated in the proposal of Belarus and there was no specific remark in the proposal for changing the women's rating with regard to an A-list for women.
Russia makes some remarks about the validity of an e-vote.
The secretary explains what is in our statutes and bye laws about the possibility of an e-vote.
The first e-vote was announced during the General Assembly by the president and there was no comment so this means agreement. The second e-vote was done because the Executive Board considered the questions urgent as they could not be discussed during the GA 2013 and the federations making the proposals asked for a vote. The first e-vote is confirmed by the meeting but Russia wants to come back on the e-votes in point 16.

6. asking for confirmation of the e-vote 2

The second e-vote is confirmed with 20 votes casted, 16 in favour and 4 against.

7. reports on finances

The treasurer Frits Luteijn explains a bit about the report:
The financial situation is much better than 4 years ago . Also much better than 2 years ago.. There is 20,000 euro more reserve than 2 years ago.
Cameroon, Jean Marc Ndjofang, states that FMJD has not much income, only participation fee and membership fee. Let us think about this idea to find a partner as a big sponsor.
Harry Otten: it is a wish but difficult in reality. There is a huge gap. Everybody who tries to get money for draughts sees that it is very difficult.
We are lucky that SportAccord pays us a good organisation fees and also that most board members do not declare their costs.
There are no remarks about the report and the report is accepted by general agreement.

Report financial committee Aare Harak, Milena Szatkowska and Xia Lu:
Aare Harak : All three members have had access to all the documents of FMJD for a very reasonable time. We had more than two months to study the documents of these two years.
In general all these documents are in very good condition but as usual everything can be approved. The committee will give additional information to improve the financial reporting.
Belarus, Irina Pashkievitch asks who paid for costs of the case Gantvarg.
Aare Harak: this is about 2015. We are discussing the finances over 2013 and 2014. President Otten adds that FMJD paid as the case of Gantvarg was against FMJD.
Turkey, Ali Kadir, makes some suggestions for more income for FMJD like the teachers project in Turkey and the possibility to ask support from the European Erasmus project.
The FMJD council will discuss these options in more detail with Mr. Ali Kadir.

Proposal budget
Treasurer Frits Luteijn: there are no large differences with 2014. Only the amount planned for IOC recognition. We need to do a lot of work by a professional bureau. We budgeted 10.00 for 2016 and 10,000 for 2017 to pay for such costs.
Predicted is an elite event which is budgeted carefully; may be it will give more income, but for the moment I budgeted 40,000 euro from this elite event.
Mongolia, Bat-Erdene remarks about the global support project that FMJD should pay more attention to Asia

Election of the financial committee:
The current committee members agree to continue their work which is awarded with applause.

8. **Reports on activities, planning for coming period**

The president gives some information about his report.
Brazil, Lelio Marcos: can you give some more information about IOC recognition ?
Harry Otten: In 2007 we tried to get recognition of IOC but it did not work.
In the last years IMSA asked for recognition but did not get it because not all parts of IMSA were IOC recognized. Now GO and Draughts will try to get a meeting with the IOC president Mr. Bach.
We also need your cooperation if we need to deliver data about our federations to IOC. To ask also to the members of the IOC in your country for their support; please help us.
Russia, Polikarpov: what is the situation with SportAccord? The president answers that there will not be any SportAccord World Mind Games anymore. We hope there will be an IMSA event in China in 2016.

No remarks about the report of the General Secretary

A remark about the report of the Tournament Director (womens A-list) was answered at point 5.

No remarks about the report of the Tournament Director Youth
Johan Demasure:: the number of participants in the world Championship youth is growing each year; this year all 8 groups will be played together; in 2013 and 2014 15 countries participated. At the moment 19 countries almost 300 youth players are registered for the World Championship 2015, with companions coaches, parents, trainers a total of 440 persons. For 2016 we have 4 good candidates for the WC youth. We have allotted it Turkey for 8 groups because of the very good conditions. I would like to see very much a youth Olympiad, the last was in 2007 in Ukraine. For next year we have a possible candidate.

No comment on the reports of 64 Russian Draughts, Checkers, Technical Committee, Composers committee CPI and medical committee
There was no report from ethics committee.

The president Mr. Yacenko gives some information about the 3 cases treated by the Ethics committee: one case of Vitalia Doumesh against the composition of the World Championship Women in 2013 and 2 cases of Mr. Gantvarg against decisions of the FMJD.
President Otten gives his opinion that all points from the cases of Gantvarg have already been decided by earlier General Assemblies. In the documents for this meeting there is information about these cases.

9. **Discharge of the Council members.** A vote is asked by Poland. 19 votes cast 17 in favour and 2 against.

10. **No special awards**

11. **Re-election of the treasurer and tournament director youth** accepted by acclamation

12. **Ethics Committee, case Gantvarg**;

The president gives a short introduction and explains why the board proposes a new ethics code so that the ethics code is in line with Dutch law.
Belarus, Irina Pashkievitch: I can doubt the decision of the court in the Netherlands. Gantvarg will bring the case to court again. FMJD should comply with the decision of CAS in Lausanne
Poland proposes to end this discussion about Mr Gantvarg. We discussed enough about him.
The president proposes to vote about the following proposal: we consider the case of Mr. Gantvarg closed. There are 20 votes cast from which 17 in favour and 3 against.

<u>The new ethics code</u> is accepted with 17 votes in favour and 3 against.

<u>Election of the ethics committee</u>
Mr. Yacenko explains that in his view members of the ethics committee have to be elected for a four years term just like the members of the board.
The secretary explains that the ethics committee is like the financial committee a committee of the General Assembly and also the financial committee is elected every 2 years.
The president remarks that this election is for 2 years until there is another proposal to the GA.
Vote about Mr Ngondiep as new president of the ethical committee: 19 votes 16 in favour, 3 against
The two current members Nurgaziyev and Rybakov are re-elected with 17 votes in favour 0 against.
For the other two places there are 4 candidates and after several votes between them Ibrahim Ismailov and Darya Tkachenko are elected.
The Secretary will inform all members about the election and about earlier protests not yet treated.

13 support of the federations.

Marcel Kosters has worked for this, but now Marcel is ill. The last months we have no communication any more with Marcel. The president finished the relation with Marcel as assistant of the president.
We have to know the opinion of the federations to tell it what kind of support you would want from FMJD. Please let all federations come with a letter about what kind of support the federations want. From there we can make a plan and come back to you.
Anatoil Yacenko mentions support with resources and material and support for the visa.

Proposal for the World Championship 2017.
The president and Tournament Director give some information about this tournament planned in Estonia and explain that we attempt to get a balance: give every active federation one place and secondly to give a number of places to strong players without country limits. We want to stimulate our federations to have national championship with this rule. We also want to see many strong players in our World

Championship. The Tournament Director discussed this with a lot of top level grandmasters . About the possible format we expect the opinion of the players representative.
The proposal is accepted with 16 in favour and 2 against.

Women's World Championship: proposition for 16 players.
There is some discussion about the direct places for federations: should it be chosen by the federations or should FMJD demand the national champion? The conclusion is that it should be the decision of the national federation. The proposal is accepted with 16 votes in favour and 3 against.

Title match Georgiev-Ndjofang,
The president gives a short summary about the history of our attempts to get this match organized.
The players and the board agreed that Marcel Kosters would take it upon him for this task, but in the end this did not lead to success. In the middle of June 2015 the president proposed that he would pay 10,000 prize money and spoke out his trust that there would get more sponsoring of 5,000 and 10,000. The organization would be paid by an organization in Poland.
The players were not content with it and the players went to Harm Wiersma and asked him to organize the match. On October 1 Harm Wiersma explained that he did not succeed in organizing the match.

Jean Marc Njofang gave an emotional speech to the General Assembly and explained that in his view FMJD did not do enough to make it possible to have this match. It is terrible that there will be no match.
Ndongo Fall, representing the African confederation compared the case with the situation in 1963 when no match was played between Baba Sy and Kuperman.
Airat Nurgaziyev explained that there has been some contacts with Kazakhstan to organize the match in Astana together with the women's match but Kazakhstan did not have enough prize money for it.
Bat Erdene : we understand JeanMarc. This is a big problem for all our federations and for FMJD. Later in the meeting I will come back on this.

Proposals Tournament Director and Technical committee
There are no remarks or questions and the proposals are accepted with 13 in favour and 3 against.

The new annex 13 for the World Championships Youth is accepted without remarks with 17 votes in favour and 0 against

New statutes CPI: there is no explanation received what is changed and why. The president proposes to let the council handle it. The Assembly agrees with this proposal.

Proposals from the federations

Proposal from Latvia in name of the top players about the Swiss system on rating.
Gunti Valneris explains about it and the president Technical Committee welcomes any proposal from the players to get a better Swiss system version.
After some discussion Guntis Valneris asks for a vote about the following proposal: to recognize that the Swiss system on rating is not fair in certain aspects and that the General Assembly gives his accord that the top players come with a better proposal to be treated at the next general assembly. We do not propose to abolish the Swiss on rating now.
Voting: 19 votes 13 in favour and 6 against so the proposal is accepted.

Letter of Russia about the General Assembly and the e-votes.
Polikarpov: we do not ask any more for a discussion or decision now; we already decided about it at the start of the meeting.

About the financial claims of the section 64 in relation with the SportAccord 2011 games:
Harry Otten: after our research about it to my shame I must confess that the 10,000 dollar was not yet paid to the section 64. We will correct this. However, I see no damage to the 64-players as they received official medals in this event.
Polikarpov: We do not ask an actual vote about disciplinary measures against members of the board.

Proposal of Poland about Section 64 Russian draughts.
Jacek Pawlicki explains about the proposal.
We are happy if IDF will develop, but if FMJD has a section 64 Brazilian and another section 64 Russian draughts then this section Russian draughts cannot organize 64 Brazilian competitions when they are a section of FMJD. The proposal is to give the FMJD council the right to take measures against FMJD section 64 Russian draughts when they go on with organizing such tournaments. Poland asks for a vote. 16 votes are cast 15 in favour and 1 against, so the proposal is accepted.

World Title match Georgiev-Ndjofang
Mongolia and Turkey want to come with a proposal:
Bat Erdene: we are very worried about the match. We have a proposal to save the image of our sport.
Ali Kadir is ready to organize it whenever they want. The only problem for us is prize money.
Please Mr president support this possibility.
FMJD should pay 5,000 as promotion and 10,000 from the development fund.
Turkey takes care of the lodging and the hotel and other expenses, not the travel.
The president offers another 2,500 euro from his own money.
Jean Marc Ndjofang tells that he agrees with the proposal and also Georgiev already agreed.
The General Assembly is asked if they can agree that 15,000 FMJD money will be paid as support for the match? The proposal is accepted with 15 votes in favour and 4 votes against

Protest Fomin, supported by the Russian Federation about the result of the CPI composers world Championship 64 PWCP-1. There are several documents about this in which the Executive Board explains about their efforts to solve this problem. The president proposes, as it is a competition on 64, to give this problem to the section 64 Russian draughts / IDF to solve it together with the two federations involved, Russia and Belarus.
Also the president proposes not to accept any new titles from the CPI before this problem is solved.
The General Assembly accepts this proposal without a vote.

The World Record with 32 simultaneous blind games by Ton Sijbrands is confirmed by the General Assembly, as is the world Record clock simultaneous games by Marino Barkel.

calendar:
Jacek: to a certain moment federations can come with a proposal for FMJD events. After that date FMJD will decide which federation can organize. We are still looking for a possibility to organize a national team World Championship
The World Championship 2017 will probably be held in Estonia and for the Women's World Championship 2017we also have a candidate.
Poland will try to organize the women's title match 2016 Golubeva – Sadvovska.

Bat Erdene : the Turkish federation will organize the first Asian Draughts event in 2016 with all versions of draughts.

The General Assembly is closed by the president at 20:05