

Oceania Chess Confederation Meeting, 10th September 2016 Fairmont Hotel, Baku

Attendees:

Paul Spiller (NZL) Chairman
Shaun Press (PNG), Hilton Bennett (NZL), Calvin Prasad (FIJI), Stuart Fancy (PNG), Roberto Hernandez (PALAU), Roger Orio (GUAM), Gary Wastell (AUS), Kevin Bonham (AUS), Casto Abundo (Asian CF Observer)

Apologies:

Bob Gibbons , Jamie Kenmure, Leonid Sandler, Ulrike Vogel

Meeting opens at 10:00 am with welcome from Chair to Casto Abundo and other members.

Personal introductions from attendees.

Paul Spiller; report from Asian Chess Federation Summit in El Ain

1. One of 3 zones now eligible for direct titles. Oceania now has this possibility for events. Conditions are minimum number of players and federations per category. Possible Youth & Cadet Champs. This must be supported however to retain the opportunity. The organiser must provide free entry & accommodation to one player from each federation in each category.

Casto noted the possibility of East Timor joining federation. Annual u20 event also a possibility. Scott Dallaway's youth event also discussed. Paul to check details & distribute more information.

2. Asian CF has agreed to exempt Oceania from Zonal fees.
Roger Orio discussed practicalities of future Zonal in Guam. Indications of numbers important. Some transport constraints on flights.

Casto; report on Iranian GM coach for Fiji.

Chess Development Survey.

Resource allocation & capacity development. Some surveys returned.

Guam issue is shortage of arbiters.

Fiji has plan for building technical resources & have set minimum standards.

Goals - Paul to fill in:

National Championship

Junior Championship

Olympiad participation

5 active arbiters & trainers

Categories of nations & possible travel rebates for lowest category

Key numbers distributed by Paul

Small nations - Geoffrey Borg

Possible Internet based team events

South Pacific Games:

Requires 6 countries

Federations must be affiliated to their Olympic Committee

French Polynesian countries & their status with national Olympic Committee discussed

Nauru: possible new federation with maybe 40 active players. Awaiting more information

Upcoming tournaments:

2017 Zonal

2017 Asian Seniors

51 countries in. Asian CF

Calvin; report on Fijian Chess Festival

Budget – F\$65k or USD\$30k

OCC Background

Grant Kerr from NZ will look at constitutional issues & incorporation after discussing in El Ain.

Shaun; report on Financials.

Shaun has sent around accounts. Some invoices for membership fees have gone out. Solomons have some problems.

Casto reported that Oceania is now invited to Asian Indoor Games. Indonesia 2018, chess not included in Asian Games. Needs 6 Olympic Committees to write & request.

General Business:

Shaun raised points around FIDE: funding & elections.

What is required looking forward to 2018?

Lobbying:

- personal promises, positions, committees & arbiting appointments
- Federations, funding for equipment & travel
- What is good for chess?

Constitutional:

- AGM, processes for officers and constitution
- Meetings, deadlines, Electoral Commission
- Get house in order ahead of time. Financial statements

Requirements in Oceania Zone noted:

- chess sets & clocks
- Training books
- DGT boards (Fiji)
- Chess in schools resources.

Meeting Closed