

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Body of the All India Chess Federation held at 1230 hrs on Tuesday the 31st October, 2023 at Hyatt Regency Gurugram and transacted the following agenda.

Members Present : see annexure

Dr Sanjay Kapoor, President of the Federation chaired the meeting.

Before start of the meeting, the house observed two minutes silence to pay homage to the vice president of the Federation Shri Ajay Ajmera.

AGENDA 1 : To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 09.07.2023 at Kanpur.

Decision:

The minutes of the Annual General Body meeting held on 09.07.2023 at Kanpur was unanimously confirmed.

AGENDA 2 : Matters arising out of the Minutes.

Decision:

Nil

AGENDA 3 : Pending Court Cases & Legal Matters – To discuss & decide

Decision:

The legal advisor of the Federation Shri Sanjay K Chadha informed the house that many court cases are pending at various courts in India especially at Chennai, Kolkata and Delhi as well as more cases are being filed to derail the process of chess in India. He also intimated the house that in all the cases in which decision is pronounced are gone in favour of the Federation and ongoing cases are thoroughly monitored and attended. The Secretary intimated the house that in case any important development happens in court cases, the same will be placed before the General Body for necessary directions and action. Further, the house congratulated Shri Sanjay K Chadha for handling the court cases with precision.



AGENDA 4 : Participation of players in official World/Asian Championships – To discuss & decide

Decision:

The FIDE Delegate Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan intimated the house that currently we are allowing only top 50 players from respective nationals apart from GM/IM/WGM/WIM title holders, World/Asian Medallists and National Champions to participate in official World/Asian events if the event held abroad and all the players participated in Nationals if the event held in India. The house unanimously agreed to maintain the status quo regarding participation of Indian players in official World/Asian championships and also it is mandatory for players to get the recommendation of AICF to play under Indian Flag in any official event.

AGENDA 5 : Participation of players in National Under-15 & Under-19 as Special Entries – To discuss & decide.

Decision:

The Secretary intimated the house that cases are pending before Delhi High Court regarding participation of players as special entry in official events as certificate from these events are used for their personal career progression like admission in college, university etc. To regulate the participation in national championships as special entries, the house unanimously decided that just like in National Championship and National Women Championship, only FIDE rated players are allowed in National Under-15, Under-17 and Under-19 championships to play as special entry. However, official entries from respective states can be unrated players. It is further decided that this new regulation will come into effect from next cycle of national championships.

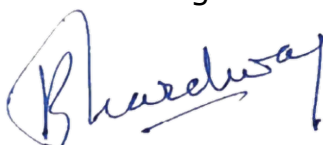
AGENDA 6 : Any other matter with the permission of Hon'ble Chair.

- (a) **World Cadet Chess Championship-2023, Egypt :-** The Secretary intimated the house that AICF transferred an amount of Euro 95168 to the organisers for participation of Indian delegation in subject championship but due to the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas at Gaza, the neighbouring area of Egypt the Govt directed not to send the team. The matter is taken up with the Organisers and FIDE for refund of the fee paid.
- (b) **World Junior Chess Championship-2023, Mexico :-** The Secretary intimated the house that the Mexican Embassy not granted visa to our players for participation in World Junior Chess Championship-2023 as the Embassy doesn't had the wherewithal to address matter. Considering the same, the house unanimously agreed to allow these players to participate in World Youth Chess Championship-2023 as an alternative with the support of All India Chess Federation.



- (c) **Participation in official World/Asian events by the players settled at abroad:-** The Secretary intimated the house that as per the regulations of AICF, players participated in respective nationals and finished top 50 are only allowed to participate in official World/Asian events whereas players settled abroad are sending request to allow them to participate in official World/Asian events when it held in their settled countries as it will be difficult for them to take multiple journeys to participate in State then Nationals before becoming eligible to participate in World/Asian events. The house decided to maintain the status quo regarding participation in the official World/Asian events.
- (d) **Letter from Kerala Sports Council:-** The Secretary intimated the house that Federation received a letter from Kerala Sports Council regarding nomination of a Technical Committee in the state to look after the chess affairs and to consider their nomination as official one for participation of players in nationals. The house unanimously decided not to accept the request and entrusted Chess Association Kerala, the affiliated body for the game in chess in Kerala to look after the affairs of chess in the state. The President of Chess Association of Kerala Shri R Rajesh extended his thanks to the house for the trust.
- (e) **Vacancy of Vice President :-** A vacancy for the Vice President post has been happened due to the sudden demise of Shri Ajay Ajmera. However, the house decided not to fill the vacancy considering the current term of the office bearers are coming to end in few months.
- (f) **Dev Bhoomi Chess Association election report:-** The house unanimously accepted the election report of Dev Bhoomi Chess Association.
- (g) **Indian Chess League:-** The tenders were floated for conduct of Indian Chess League but no agencies shown the interest to hold the same. Considering the same the house decided to organize the Indian Chess League directly by AICF and entrusted a seven member committee consists of Dr Sanjay Kapoor, Dr Vipnesh Bhardwaj, Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan, Shri Diljeet Khanna, Shri AK Verma and another two members which will be decided by the President.
- (h) **Tenders for Chess Sets :-** The house entrusted the existing procurement committee to look after the tendering process of procurement of chess sets.
- (i) **Income Tax matters:-** To get income tax exemption, an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- will be given for conduct of Grandmaster event at North-Eastern state from the earmarked funds. Last financial year it was granted to Assam and this it will be extended to Meghalaya.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Dr Vipnesh Bhardwaj
Interim Secretary
All India Chess Federation

