



**International Braille Chess Association  
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes  
Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 10:00 UTC  
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president  
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president  
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president  
Olivier Deville, secretary  
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer

Agenda:

§1 Opening of meeting

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

§3 Establishment of agenda

§4 Upcoming tournaments:

Purple Festival in Goa.

Junior's and women's World Championships.

The individual European Championship.

Eventual other tournaments.

§5 Reports:

IBCA PayPal account.

Buying DGT clocks.

Eventual other reports.

§6 Proposals from Russia:

To be registered as Asian country.

To take part in the tournament in Goa.

§7 Membership questions:

Membership request from Pakistan

How to handle players who are among very few in their country. Can we grant them to play under IBCA flag? What fees should they pay?

Working out procedures when a country, not in good standing with IBCA, wants to recur as active member. How many years back in time should they pay for?

Eventual other membership related questions.

§8 Opening a section on IBCA home page about online events.

§9 Establishing an online training program of the IBCA.

§10 Routines for approving covering costs for board members.

§11 Closing of the meeting

§1

Jörgen Magnusson (president) opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

§2

Jörgen Magnusson, president, Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president, Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president, Olivier Deville, secretary, and Thorsten Mueller, treasurer, are present. The quorum (5 out of 5 members) is reached.

§3

The agenda is approved by the board.

§4

The Asian championship to be held in Goa (India) in January, 2024 is now open to players from all continents, in order to increase the number of participants. For future events, IBCA could start a fund raising to help players from Asia and Africa to take part in IBCA tournaments. The executive board will make proposals for a crossfunding. One way would be to deduct 20% of all IBCA tournament registration fees. Junior and women championship: we have no news from Hungary, so IBCA has to find another organizer. A bid will be open to all member countries, the deadline being January 20. A bidding process will be started as well for the 2025 Individual World championship, the deadline being March 9. European championship to be held in Romania in June, 2024: the presidential board recommends to use 120 mn + 30 s as a time control.

§5

We now have an active PayPal account, but some testing is still needed. DGT clocks: DGT made an official announcement on their website about their cooperation with IBCA. Greece ordered 25 clocks. A VAT number is necessary to avoid extra charges. Member countries will be able to place their orders directly with DGT.

§6

The board unanimously decides that Russia is allowed to move from Europe to Asia, but cannot take part in any IBCA event until further notice. Nothing has changed since the decision taken by the presidential board on February 20, the war in Ukraine is still going on. A letter will be sent to the Russian organisation for the blind and the IBCA delegate.

§7

Pakistan is accepted as a provisional IBCA member. Players who do not have an organization in their country are allowed to participate in IBCA events under the IBCA flag, without having to pay any additional fee. Such players will have to send a formal request to the IBCA presidential board. Propositions will be made to the executive board on how to handle countries not in good standing with IBCA wanting to come back.

§8

A section will be open on the IBCA homepage about online events for blind and visually impaired players.

§9

A free of charge training programme will be offered on the IBCA homepage.

§10

IBCA has approval forms for covering costs of board members. Up to 100 euros, the president can approve the expense. Between 100 and 500 euros, the expense has to be approved by two presidential board members. A more tha 500 euros expense has to be approved by the presidential board.

§11

Nobody asking to speak, the president closes the meeting at 11:55.

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA