



**International Braille Chess Association  
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes  
Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 8:00 UTC  
Zoom**

Present:

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

Absent:

Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president

Invited:

Michail Keramiotis, chairman of the arbiters commission

Agenda:

- §1 Opening of meeting
- §2 List of participants and establishment of quorum
- §3 Establishment of agenda
- §4 Discussion of choice of minutes. The minutes could record the decisions taken only, or the discussion related to them as well. Suggestion: The minutes should express the decisions only in order to secure an open discussion.
- §5 Creation of a PayPal account of the IBCA.
- §6 Ending the relation with Vadim Tsypin as CEO of the IBCA.
- §7 Increase the number of individual World Championships from every fourth year to every second year and to attach a rapid World Championship to the classical.
- §8 Follow ups from the Congress.
- §9 Establishing an online training program of the IBCA.
- §10 Reports from the board members. We share important information not covered by the other points of the agenda.
- §11 Closing of the meeting

§1

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

§2

Piotr Dukaczewski (1st vice-president), Olivier Deville (secretary) and Thorssten Mueller (treasurer) are present. Nikos Kalesis (1st vice-president) has to attend another important meeting. Michail Keramiotis (chairman of the arbiters commission) is invited without voting rights. The quorum (4 out of 5 members) is reached.

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Olivier suggests to gather the statutes of every member country, as stated in our Constitution. This will be discussed at point 10. The agenda is approved by the board.

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The board decides that the minutes should only record the decisions taken, and not the discussions.

§5

Thorsten explains the requirements to open a business Paypal account. The board approves the opening of this account, Thorsten and Olivier will work on it.

§6

The board decides to end the relation with Vadim Tsylin as CEO of the IBCA.

§7

Piotr reports that Kazhakstan is willing to host an IBCA World individual championship in 2024. The board recommends to organize the World individual championship every two years, and to combine it with a rapid World individual championship. The European individual championship could be organized every two years as well. Jörgen and Nikos will sketch a calendar, and suggestions will be made to the executive board.

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Michail presents the proposals from the arbiters commission (see document). Organizers are free to increase the number of allowed illegal moves, but it must be specified in the tournament regulations. About the role of captains, IBCA will stick to the old rule. Time controls with increment are a great improvement. The time control for IBCA events is 90 mn + 30 s at the moment. If we want to give the players more time for global events, 120 mn + 30 s would avoid the trouble of counting moves, which is difficult for blind players. 90 mn + 30 s should be kept for junior and women championships. Medical check: it is proposed to check 5 players at major events. If the board decides to send a representative to the 2024 Panamerican, Piotr is ready to travel to Ecuador at his own costs.

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Training program and coaching: this project is particularly important for Africa and Asia. Jörgen is willing to take it in charge. The training programs will be available on the IBCA website. Piotr has

8 or 10 braille chess sets to be sent to Africa. Other solutions for chess sets (Argentina, Philippines, China) are examined.

§10

Olivier is going to refresh the member countries list. Member countries will be asked to send their statutes as well. Magnetic chess sets are allowed in IBCA events, as long as there is a height difference between dark squares and light squares. The DGT clocks are not fully accessible yet. Jörgen is in touch with the DGT staff, and will send them a list of requirements. Information on how to purchase DGT clocks at a reduced price will be sent to member countries shortly.

§11

No one asking to speak, the president Jörgen Magnusson closes the meeting at 10:15.

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA