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THE RULES COMMISSION

Subject: Rules Commission meeting online, 2022, December 5th
Minutes

Meeting start: 2:00 pm CET

Meeting end: 3:35 pm CET

Joined: Escafre (Ch.), Biagioli (Sec.), Hoffpauir (S.A.), Bailleul (Cl.), Herbert (Cl.), KC (Cl.), Johann (Mb.), Kaplan (Mb.), Krasenkow (Mb.), Lehtivaara (Mb.), Pérez Llera (Mb.), Vardapetyan (Mb.), Zhu (Mb.)

Excused: Marghetis (Cl.), Daniel (Mb.), Eichab (Mb.), Marzouk (Mb.), Soto Gonzales (Mb.).



- 1) Introduction, presentation, brief summary of previous term activities
- 2) Set up of communication inside the commission
- 3) Presentation of the ordinary current activity
- 4) Laws of Chess 2023
- 5) Presentation of the projects
- 6) Projects working groups

- 1) Chairman Escafre welcomes the participants, thanks IA Mahdi Abdulrahim and IA Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (former Rules Commission Chairman and Secretary) for the good cooperation, introduces the Rules Commission new composition, and briefly explained what was done in the previous terms. Vardapetyan adds some information on what the Rules Commission was doing in the previous terms, under his chair.
- 2) Secretary Biagioli illustrates the attendants how to operate on two communication channels, one by e-mail for exchanging documents and materials, and one using Slack for quick communication and daily administration. Other options are taken into consideration, like WhatsApp; Hoffpauir and Zhu agree that Slack is an internationally used software and may be convenient. All attendants approve.

- 3) Chairman Escafre explains what the Rules Commission ordinary activity is, starting from illustrating what documents the commission is responsible for. A small debate follows, and some members asks for clarification. Vardapetyan intervenes to stress out the need to have not only new laws but also a better wording. Kaplan already makes couple of proposals to improve the current regulations, Escafre invites him to put in an abstract and send it for the next meeting agenda.
- 4) Escafre informs that the administrative check of the 2023 Laws of Chess has not been done yet and invites all members to read the text and find any bad references, typos or other minor mistakes before the final text would be sent out. Biagioli and Hoffpauir stresses out this is not the moment to propose changes, but just to make some correction to typos and internal reference mistakes. The commission agrees to finish the whole job and have a final text by December 18th.
- 5) Escafre and Biagioli present the projects that were imagined in the Directorate meeting. The proposed projects are to start a full and comprehensive commentary to the Laws of Chess, to be included in future Arbiters' Manual, to write regular columns and articles on interesting topics, to continue with the Questions & Answers sessions, to enhance the commission presence on social media, to make or validate a comprehensive work of translation of the Laws of Chess to the FIDE Congress Languages and to create short videos as didactic materials. The commission welcome the projects and agree to their launch.
Following availability, the projects are assigned as following (more people can be added also in the future):
 - Commentary: Escafre (Supervisor), Bailleul, Pérez Llera, Vardapetyan;
 - Columns: Escafre (Supervisor), Bailleul, Herbert;
 - Q&A: Escafre (Supervisor), Herbert, Johann;
 - Social Media, website: Biagioli (Supervisor), KC;
 - Translations: Escafre (Supervisor), Johann, Marzouk, Pérez Llera, Vardapetyan, Zhu;
 - Media: Hoffpauir (Supervisor), Bailleul, Herbert.
- 6) Escafre and Biagioli suggest creating some internal working groups, under the supervision of the Directorate, to handle single projects. Each member expresses his interest to be a part of some groups. Quickly the groups are created, and they will start their activity soon.

As a final point of order Biagioli suggests setting three working deadlines:

- 2022, December 11th for the members to submit to the Secretary any typos or bad references they noticed;
- 2022, December 18th for the Directorate to group all corrections, implement and create the final text;
- 2022, December 31st: to create an article and a video to highlight the changes in the Laws of Chess;
- 2023, January 15th: for all members to propose any idea about changes and improvements in the Laws of Chess; also attaching a small explanation of the proposal.

All members agree to the point of order.

Escafre informs that the next meeting will happen approximately on February 2023.

Venice, dated today December 5th, 2022

IA Stéphane Escafre, Chairman

IA Marco Biagioli, Secretary