



MINUTES OF HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF MEDITERRANEAN CHESS ASSOCIATION

Present for hybrid meeting in Cairo, Egypt on the 11th November 2022 :

FIDE PRESIDENT (partial)	H.E. Arkadiy Dvorkovich
FIDE DEPUTY CHAIR (partial)	Ms. Dana Reizice
MCA PRESIDENT (GREECE)	Mr. Georgios Makropoulos
MCA DEPUTY PRESIDENT (ALGERIA)	Mr. Azzedine Brahim Djelloul
MCA VICE PRESIDENT (TURKEY)	Ms. Gulkiz Tulay
MCA VICE PRESIDENT (EGYPT)	Dr. Hesham El Gendy
MCA TREASURER (MONACO)	Mr. Patrick Van Hoolandt
MCA GENERAL SECRETARY (MALTA)	Mr. Geoffrey Borg
BOARD MEMBER (ALBANIA)	Mr. Erald Dervishi
BOARD MEMBER (CYPRUS)	Mr. Paris Klerides
BOARD MEMBER DESIGNATE (FRANCE)	Mr. Yves Marek
BOARD MEMBER DESIGNATE (MONTENEGRO)	Mr. Jovan Milovic
DELEGATE TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Ozgur Solakoglu

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1. The meeting was started by Mr Makropoulos at 11.00am which was actually the same time and date the armistice was signed in one of the MCA Member countries, France in 1918 to end the First World War.
 2. Mr Makropoulos welcomed FIDE top officials H.E. Arkadiy Dvorkovich, FIDE President, and FIDE Deputy Chair, WGM Dana Reizice. He also welcomed all the Board members for their dedication and time to attend the meeting
 3. Mr Makropoulos gave an overview of the Activities that MCA had organized during the previous two years (Appendix 1). The results were excellent and additionally MCA members had organized countless events for FIDE, Continental and Regional bodies.
 4. He also stated that the priority would still remain the Mediterranean Championships but that the MCA would also like to introduce Youth and Junior events.
 5. He thanked the Egyptian Chess Federation and Mr Hesham Elgendy for organizing the 12th Mediterranean Championships in Cairo, Egypt.
 6. Additionally, he would like to consider the possibility of some team events even if played online although FIDE need to review the hybrid regulations so that these events could be rated.
 7. MCA president also expressed that the Association had to setup a better presence on the internet by using social media and having an updated website. MCA would also like to organize training seminars.

8. MCA was discussing sponsorship and collaborative agreements with the Arab Chess Federation and towards this purpose were seeking to establish a formal registration in Cyprus. This would enable MCA to open up an official bank account in due course.
9. Mr Makropoulos also requested the kind support of FIDE President for an online chess event between Israel and Palestine. Also, he wished to strengthen the cooperation with FIDE and the three Continental bodies.
10. Mr Makropoulos also requested the Board to authorize him and Mr Borg to set up a system for evaluating future event organisers and proposals for Mediterranean Championships or MCA Events. *This was approved by the Board.*
11. Finally, MCA President said he would like to support all Mediterranean Federations seeking to organize Continental or FIDE events.
12. FIDE President welcomed all participants and said that FIDE was committed to supporting the MCA. Of course, the previous FIDE commitment was before the pandemic but he could see a sum of around 26,000 euros being allocated to MCA by FIDE although this should be allocated to specific projects or events.
13. He approved many of the ideas that Mr Makropoulos had suggested and regarding seminars MCA should collaborate with the various commissions to ensure observance of guidelines and rules.
14. In the case of rating hybrid events, FIDE had made a lot of progress there and some ideas could be reviewed keeping in mind fairplay requirements. On the Palestine/Israel suggestion, FIDE President said he would be in favour of such an event but MCA had first to obtain approval from all its members to such an idea.
15. Ms Reizice also welcomed everybody and congratulated the MCA on reactivating this important association. She remarked that the general principle was for a budget of around 20,000 euros for regional associations but that FIDE would consider the relevant initiatives that the MCA was bringing to the table.
16. Mr Borg thanked Mr Jovan Milovic, President of Montenegro Chess Federation for his excellent organization of the previous Mediterranean Championships which had broken all records, and positive support and proposed the formal recognition of Mr Milovic as a Board Member in line with the MCA Statutes. *This was approved by the Board.*
17. Mr Borg also proposed Mr Yves Marek from the French Chess Federation as a Board Member and also as Chair of the MCA Advisory Board. Mr Marek had the benefit of working with the highest political figures in France and also worked on a number of support projects between Mediterranean countries. Mr Marek and other board members would kindly recommend some names by the end of December 2022 for the MCA Advisory Board. *This was approved by the Board.*
18. Mr Patrick Van Hoolandt suggested the possible introduction of a subscription fee and after some discussion it was agreed that the idea could be considered in the near future.
19. There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned till end February 2023.

Geoffrey Borg
MCA General Secretary

