

## **A summary of the FMJD General Assembly**

Prior to the meeting, September 22 evening, a meeting of the FMJD President Harry Otten and the FMJD Section-64 - IDF President Vladimir Langin was held. In a business setting the position of the Section-64 was voiced on a number of key issues, were discussed the problems of the relationship and interaction between the FMJD and the Section-64, the prospects for further cooperation. Mutual understanding was reached on a number of issues between the FMJD and the Section-64.

The General Assembly began its work on 23 September at 9.00. The assembly was held with great violations of the FMJD Statutes, what were regularly pointed by Belarusian Draughts Federation.

In the 3rd item, "Proposals on the agenda", the representative of Burkina Faso proposed to move the item 9 of the agenda "Issues from and about sections" at the end of the Assembly. Despite the fact that the priority of this item was specifically discussed and agreed by the FMJD Board and the Section-64 in shaping the agenda, as important for draughts-64, by the general voting on this proposition the item was deferred to the end of the Assembly. Of course, this was done deliberately. Thus, the FMJD members not developing draughts-64 showed a lack of interest in issues of draughts-64. Even more surprising was their intervention in these issues later (see below).

Consequently, the General Assembly considered the issues on the agenda in a fairly random order.

The FMJD Financial Report of the last two years and a budget proposal for the next period were distributed to the participants of the Assembly only in the course of its work, not for one month before, as provided by the FMJD Statutes. The Section-64, does not agree with the part of the report, requested detailed financial report on the participation of the draughts-64 players in the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2011. The FMJD President Harry Otten has promised to send it, and also send on-demand of the Russian Draughts Federation the contract of the FMJD with the SportAccord.

Reports on the activities of the past period were provided only by the FMJD President Harry Otten and the Section-64 President Vladimir Langin, who in addition to the previously presented report spoke about the news of the Section-64 and its plans; reports were also provided by composers and medical committees. Other members of the FMJD Board (vice-presidents, presidents of Confederations, the Tournament director-100, the General Secretary, the Technical Committee and the Ethics Committee) reports on their activities were not provided. On the question from the Russian Draughts Federation representative, why contrary to the Statutes reports of the members of the FMJD Board are not provided, which means an entry in the agenda "no documents", Tournament director-100 Jacek Pawlicki said: "This means that there are no documents".

From positive moments we note the approval of assigned titles of players and referees in draughts-64 and 100.

The FMJD Board elections were also held. The elections were no-alternative, the FMJD Board will continue to work in the same composition.

According to the schedule of the Assembly, it had to continue from 9.00 to 19.00 with a break for lunch for 1 hour.

However, only at 19.05 the General Assembly proceeded finally to the former item 9 of the agenda, relevant to the Section-64. Vladimir Langin gave a detailed account of the IDF creation and registration as a legal entity of the Section-64, for the full implementation of the development of draughts-64 in the world, attracting sponsors, contracts, etc.

The next speaker was the Ukrainian Draughts Federation president Anatolij Yatsenko, who expressed his negative relation to the International Draughts Federation creation and membership in the Section-64 - IDF. According to Yatsenko, the Section-64 should have no members, it should work as part of the FMJD

without registration of a legal entity, even if it does not allow to obtain external funding, sponsorship, prize funds - exactly as it was before, in times of previous the Section-64 presidents. Facts about the actions of the Section-64 against Ukrainian Draughts Federation, which were told by Yatsenko in his speech, were not supported by documents and did not correspond to reality. Vladimir Langin again convincingly explained the position of the Section-64 and indicated that according to the decision of the Section-64 General Assembly (September 14, 2012, Evpatoria, Ukraine) the IDF is a legal entity of the Section 64, and Ukraine voted in favor of this decision. Vladimir Langin presented documents reflecting the actual situation with the registration of the FMJD Section-64 members.

President of the Section-64 - IDF Vladimir Langin officially announced again that the International Draughts Federation is registered not in opposition to the FMJD but to ensure the normal operation of the development of draughts-64 in the world. The Section-64, represented under the brand of IDF, is working, and will continue to work within the FMJD. This was also announced at a meeting with the FMJD president in September, 22.

Then there was started a discussion in which representatives from some of African countries that are not related to the draughts-64, made various proposals until the eviction of the Section-64 from the FMJD or removal of the Section-64 President Vladimir Langin from his position. President of the Polish Draughts Federation, the FMJD Tournament director-100 Jacek Pawlicki also spoke very negatively to the IDF, citing the opinion of all the Polish players.

The Section-64 President Vladimir Langin noted that the opinion of the Polish players is reflected in the internet-forum of the Polish Draughts Federation, in which speaks about discrimination of draughts-64 in Poland by leadership of its Federation, including Jacek Pawlicki.

The FMJD president Harry Otten, participating in the discussion, began to put forward various proposals in violation of agreements with the Section-64, made the day before. Eventually, it was decided to set up some kind of commission with unclear objectives, tasks and competence. It includes Vladimir Langin, Irina Pashkevich, Anatoly Yatsenko and Jacek Pawlicki.

Propositions of the Section-64 of the agenda, to amend the By-Laws were not even considered under the pretext that the working time of the General Assembly has elapsed (which did not prevent, however, to listening to innuendo of Yatsenko and Pawlicki for one and a half of hour). Obviously, this was a planned demarche against the Section-64, which showed that any agreements with current the FMJD Board are meaningless and may be canceled by the FMJD Board unilaterally at any time.

Thus, the FMJD General Assembly has once again showed the discriminatory attitude of the FMJD Board to draughts-64 and the place it leaves for the draughts-64 within the FMJD.

At 21.00, the FMJD General Assembly was closed. Part of the important issues and proposals of the Technical Committee, the Board and the Section-64 have not been reviewed.

As results of the last General Assembly we note that the FMJD Board still deliberately maintains a conflict within the FMJD. We made another attempt to engage in a constructive dialogue and come to a mutually acceptable decisions, but to no avail.

The General Assembly of the FMJD Section-64 entrusted the Section-64 Board responsibility for the development of the draughts-64 in the world, so we will defend our position and interests of the draughts-64 in all instances by all means provided by law.