



**International Braille Chess Association  
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 8:30 local time  
Hotel Fontana, Vrnacka Banja, Serbia**

Present:

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

Absent:

Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president

Agenda:

- §1 Opening of meeting
- §2 List of participants and establishment of quorum
- §3 The current situation before the start of the Olympiads
- §4 Audition of the organizers
- §5 Eventual other questions
- §6 Closing of the meeting

§1 Opening of meeting

Jörgen Magnusson, president, opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

4 members out of 5 are present. The quorum is reached.

§3 The current situation before the start of the Olympiads

Turkmenistan finally got their visas, so 6 teams are missing, and we have 22 teams, including the two Serbian teams. It is decided to allow both Serbian teams to play, in order to avoid e bye. The

organizers will be informed that IBCA is considering taking sanctions against Serbia. If the organizers genuinely help by refunding countries that lost money because of lack of visas, this will be considered as positive. In any case, IBCA must increase control over organizers, in order to avoid such problems in the future.

IBCA received a bid from Montenegro for the upcoming World Team championship in 2026. This tournament should be open to every country, so that countries that could not participate in the Olympiads will have the possibility to play.

#### §4 Audition of the organizers

Vladan Petrovic and Sasa Bozic, organizers, are invited to join the meeting at 9:15. About visas applications, Vladan says that India and Philippines did everything right and in due time, but it was not the case for some other countries. Furthermore, the organizers were not even allowed to talk with somebody important at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Jorgen replies that the organizers have the responsibility to make it work. Sasa says that the organizers will try to refund countries that did everything properly in the visas process. Serbia wants to be fair to other countries, and will do everything to avoid being excluded from IBCA competitions. The situation in Serbia is critical at the moment, and this is one of the reasons why things did not go right. Thorsten points out that Serbia did not pay their IBCA annual fee yet, and Sasa declares that the payment will be made the same day. Olivier will send a mail to countries that could not come, asking for receipts, so that the organizers will be able to refund them. The deadline to provide receipts will be June 30, and the deadline to refund countries will be July 31. Jörgen concludes by stating that a final decision about sanctions will be made by the Congress.

#### §5 Eventual other questions

No questions.

#### §6 Closing of the meeting

No one asking to speak, the president closes the meeting.

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA