

WPF Report

1st Apr to 30th Jun, 2019

WSPC Playoffs: The German hosts confirmed with the WPF that Playoffs are not required for the event. They have some brand new ideas that they plan to implement to substitute the need for Playoffs. After some discussion the WPF Board allowed this experimentation.

WSPC Invitation: There was a short discussion on the Participation fees for the 2019 event and other details within the Invitation letter but it was all approved so that the German team could go ahead with it.

WPF Compensations: There was a discussion about whether the WPF Director's stay and travel are taken care of for the duration of the WSPC, and Will Shortz confirmed that they are. There were suggestions to do the same for the GP Directors too which was denied.

Malmo University Presentation: A person from Malmo University approached the WPF to present a new puzzle game they have come up with at WSPC 2019. The Board discussed this and asked a few more questions to get more details and then Prasanna connected them to the 2019 hosts to see if a presentation is viable.

WPC 2018 Playoffs: After an allegation of some potential wrongdoing at the WPC 2018 playoffs, the WPF asked the 2018 hosts to provide their version of the events. In this quarter, they did so, in detail. We now have the version of events of the accusers, the accused and the hosts and the WPF Board is deliberating on a decision on whether any action is to be taken and if so, what action that will be.

WSPC Registrations: Some members have been late to intimate the German team with any of their details and others haven't followed participant number limitations set by the hosts. We request all members to cooperate fully with the hosts and resolve these matters.

Sudoku & Puzzle GP:

There were some complaints about the emails for rounds being sent very late. We have noted this and will make arrangements for things to be more timely from next season.

Personal Membership Interests: There were approaches from solvers from the following countries for Personal Membership which has been followed up on, but without response from the applicants –

Iraq

Nigeria

Georgia

Of these, the person from Nigeria wanted to represent a larger area of Africa. This request was denied as the WPF only offers country wise membership, but the possibility of Togo being a member was pursued, until responses dried up.

WPF Website:

There weren't many applications for designing a new website. In fact, there was one, from Rishi Puri of India. After some discussion however, Vladimir Portugalov from the Board stepped up with a more cost saving option which the WPF will be going with. The Website design work is ongoing and we hope to migrate soon. The new website will have certain automated systems like purchasing Personal Memberships and Archive Puzzle Content. We are also working on better promotion of these purchasable portions of the website, among other things.

Miscellaneous additions:

- There were some PDFs missing in the 2016 Archives which was communicated to the Slovak hosts.
- There was some push for an Asian Sudoku Committee to be officially founded, but some members are still in favour of it just being an unofficial setup necessary to plan out Asian tournaments like the Asian Sudoku Championship.
- Thailand's Brand's Sudoku Tournament required some Sudokus. Members were mailed about this requirement and Nikola Zivanovic handled submissions from a small group of authors to contribute to the event.
- The WSPC 2019 hosts asked if Optimizers are allowed at a WPC, to which the answer from the Board was yes, but preferably only to account for a small portion of the overall points of the Championship.