

Buckinghamshire County Chess Association

AGM – 16th October 2018 at Gerrards Cross at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Paddy Collins

Present:

Ian Hall, Paddy Collins, Joe Priestley, Dave Turner, Steve Law, Andrew Eastwood, Michael Price, Roger De Coverley, Duncan Clarke

Apologies:

Jonathan Melsom, Steve Barnes, Andrew Hill, Chris Stothert

Introductory Remarks:

The chairman (Paddy Collins) welcomed everyone, thanked Joe Priestley for arranging this meeting, and in the absence of the secretary it was agreed that Paddy Collins would take the minutes.

The format of the meeting was the agenda provided by Jonathan Melsom.

Minutes of previous AGM:

As there were no minutes presented there was nothing to agree but nobody present had anything outstanding from the last AGM.

Officers reports:

Secretary:

As per email sent with agenda.

Treasurer:

Joe Priestley presented the accounts in a welcomed simplified format.

He has also amalgamated all our funds into one account with Lloyds Bank. He and Paddy Collins are signatories to the account.

There was a small surplus for the year giving us £3231.80 in the bank.

Past practice was that there was no fixed date to which to prepare the accounts. This makes comparison between years difficult.

It was agreed to move to a fixed year end for the accounts of 30th April and an AGM date towards the end of May (or early June if necessary). This brings practice back in line with the Constitution (the latest version available to the chairman is dated June 2009 – if there is a later version can you please let the chairman know).

League Controller:

Steve Law requested that he be kept up to date with contact details for club secretaries and captains.

Proposal from Duncan Clarke that there should be a penalty if a team fields 2 players (or more) short of a full team without advising the opposing captain of the situation before noon on matchday.

This has happened to Aylesbury.

The idea is to prevent strong teams only fielding a minimal number of players against a weaker team yet still being confident of winning, thus depriving the weaker team of games.

After a lot of discussion, it was agreed not to make any rule changes now in the hope that common sense would prevail this season but that it could be revisited at the next AGM if problems arose again.

Chris Stothert had asked the chairman to float his suggestion of an under 125 inter county team. This was discussed but there was no appetite to progress the idea and no action taken.

Individual Competition Controller:

Dave Turner said he would be sending entry forms shortly. He had a problem in that several people who want to compete cannot travel and if they couldn't make their fixtures they would default and that would skew the competition. It was agreed that Dave Turner could make the decision as to how best to deal with this problem.

Michael Price won the Fred Day Cup, Dave Turner won division 2, and Callum Evans got promoted.

Match Captains:

Open Team Match Captain's Report:

Jonathan Melsom provided a written report that was circulated with the agenda. No decisions were taken about the issues raised in it.

Chiltern League Captain's Report:

Ian Hall thanked to Andrew Hill for helping him in different ways.

A very successful season – for the first time we won the Chiltern League U160 and have the cup to prove it!

This season the competition reverts to U150.

Scores:

Hants 9/9, Oxon 10.5/7.5, Berks 9.5/10.5, Hants, 10/8, Oxon, 5/7, Berks 11.5/5.5

Giving 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses.

33 people played in total, 2 played in all matches, Kevin Hawkins & Eugene Bolduc.

Junior Officer: No report

ECF Delegate: No report

SCCU Delegate: No report

Grading Officer:

No problems – player numbers up.

Webmaster:

Still not as we would like it. Dave Turner is looking at an ECF website offering.

Setting of fees for competitions:

Agreed that there would be no change from previous year.

Election of officers:

As many existing officers were absent it was assumed that they would be willing to stand again.

Secretary: Tony Ganner

Treasurer: Joe Priestley

League Controller: Steve Law

Individual Competition Controller: Dave Turner

Match Captain Chiltern League: Ian Hall

Junior Officer: Ray Sayers

ECF Delegate: Jonathan Melsom

SCCU Delegate: Jonathan Melsom

Grading Officer: Dave Turner

Webmaster: Dave Turner

Accounts examiner: Duncan Clarke

Presentation of Trophies and cheques:

Michael Price took the Fred Day Cup,

Ian Hall has the Chiltern League Cup,

League Division 1 winners were Bourne End

League Division 2 winners were Wycombe and Hazlemere

AOB:

Update asked on ECF proposal for monthly grading. No news at present.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.