

Buckinghamshire County Chess Association AGM

20th September 2023 at Gerrards Cross at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Duncan Clarke

Present:

Duncan Clarke	Aylesbury
Paddy Collins	Aylesbury
Gerry Grimmette	Slough
Peter Colwill	Gerrards Cross
Martin Brown	Slough
Herby Ferris	Slough
Jonathan Melsom	High Wycombe & Hazlemere
Tony Ganner	Gerrards Cross
Dave Turner	Bourne End
Steve Law	Berkhamsted

1) Introductory Remarks:

The chairman (Paddy Collins) welcomed everyone for a well attended meeting, as the secretary, Duncan Clarke would take the minutes.

2) Apologies:

Roger de Coverly, Ian Hall, Jo Priestley, Ian Holden

The format of the meeting was the agenda previously circulated.

3) Minutes of previous AGM:

Agreed.

4) Matters arising (where not covered elsewhere in agenda):

None.

5) Presentation and Agreement of Accounts:

The accounts were prepared, examined and circulated. There was a question concerning 'Gerrards Cross Fees ?' annotated on the accounts. It was agreed that the Secretary would raise this question with the Treasurer. With this caveat, the accounts were accepted.

6) Officers reports (if any):

Chairman:

Pleased to see the AGM so well attended, apart from that nothing to report.

Secretary:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Accounts as presented.

League Controller: (Reported by Steve Law)

Prizes to be awarded for winners of Div 1 and Div 2
Berkhamsted won 1st division, Gerrards Cross 2 won 2nd division.
Format to be the same this year as before.

In the Fleming Trophy Beds beat Bucks 8 games to 7.

Individual Competition Controller:

No games were played in the Fed Day Cup, so no prizes awarded.

Match Captains: (Ian Hall)

We came 3rd or 4th, winning 2 and losing 4, 2 losses were by only 1 point.

Junior Officer: No report.

ECF Delegate: An email from Jonathan Melsom was circulated.

SCCU Delegate: No report

Grading Officer:

- a) We've been using Steve Law's grading system for some time.
- b) Because he already does the heavy lifting, it make sense for him to take on all the Bucks League grading responsibility. Dave Turner will continue as grading officer for the Fred Day Cup.

Web Site administrator (Dave Turner):

The website is constantly being updated and improved, with links to other relevant sites.

7) Election of officers:

As some existing officers were absent it was assumed in their absence that they would be willing to stand again.

Chairman: Paddy Collins

Treasurer: Joe Priestley (*in absentia*)

A note from Joe Priestley was read out, indicating Joe's intention to cease as treasurer in the near future.

Secretary: Duncan Clarke

League Controller: Steve Law

Individual Competition Controller: Dave Turner

Match Captain Chiltern League: Ian Hall

ECF Delegate: Tony Ganner.

SCCU Delegate: Tony Ganner.

Grading Officer: Steve Law

Web Site Administrator: Dave Turner

Accounts examiner: vacant

Fleming Trophy Match against Bedfordshire

Steve Law to organise a team for the event.

8) League format:

2 divisions as for last season. 8 teams in division 1, 7 in division 2.

Agreed unanimously

9) Time Control

A proposal from slough to revert to non-incremental timing was defeated.

10) Setting of fees for 2021/22 season

League fees too be the same as for the 2019/2020 season

No fees for Fred Day Cup or Bucks County Matches

Agreed unanimously.

11) Setting of prizes.

A proposal to scrap league prizes in favour of having no board fees for county matches was carried.

A proposal to award £60 in total prizes for the Fred Day cup and for Dave Turner to allocate the prize was carried.

12) AOB:

It was agreed that the SCCU delegate could use his own judgement in SCCU matters.

It was agreed that the ECF delegate could use his own judgement in ECF matters.

It was agreed that Ian Hall can continue last year's practice of not collecting any match fees.

Steve Law will update website with league rules.

A motion from Gerrards Cross that home team always plays a fixed colour on board 1 failed.

It was agreed that Gerrards Cross to provide a league 2 Trophy and to be reimbursed for the cost.

Last year Fleming trophy was lost 8-7 to Bedfordshire. This year's Fleming match is on 4th Nov 2023.

It was agreed that Joe would recharge Wycombe and Hazlemere for ECF fees for Malcolm Instone incurred last year.

There was a discussion on updating the rules which are now 14 years old. This is to be considered at the next AGM.

It was agreed that next year's AGM would again be held at Gerrards Cross with a target date of the first Wednesday in Sep 2024 i.e. Wednesday 4th Sept 2024.

The meeting closed 8.50 p.m.

Post Scriptum

The position of Accounts Examiner is vacant and we made soon need a new treasurer, please contact the Secretary or Chairman if you would like to be considered for either position.