



**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Croda, Oak Road, Hull, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.**

The Committee Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.20pm

**Present:** Steve King (President), Stephen Greep, Andrew Bettley, Roger Noble, Derek Sheppard, William Wright, Steve Thrower, Dave Mills and Jim Miklevicz.

**In attendance:** David Stothard (Hull Chess Club)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Graham Chesters and John Thomson.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting(s)**
  - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 11/11/14 - unanimously voted as a true record
3. **Matters arising**
  - 3.1 ECF Affiliation/Membership – SG had checked that there were no further costs involved and had completed the relevant membership forms. Notification of our acceptance was still awaited. We would receive one vote – the number of votes were dependent upon the number of graded games. The association would be somewhat short of a second vote (SG agreed to send the actual requirements to committee members) but it was more important to be at the table than have extra votes – there were over 300 votes in all.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – presented a written report which had been previously circulated. Hana Club had still not paid their league fees. It was agreed that a penalty of £10 should be imposed. It was also agreed that there should be clearer penalties outlined in the rules and a proposal should be made to the next AGM.
  - 4.1 **Investment strategy** – previously circulated; was agreed unanimously. Following a debate in respect of ethical investing it was agreed to raise this as an issue with all potential investment managers.
  - 4.2 **Reserves strategy** – previously circulated; agreed unanimously
  - 4.3 **Financial strategy** – previously circulated; agreed unanimously
  - 4.4 **Trustee indemnity** – the Treasurer requested any Trustee who wished to pursue this to contact him separately.

4.5 **Charitable Donation** –the committee recorded their thanks to John Lawson for his ongoing donations.to the work of the Association.

5. **League and Fixture secretaries report(s)** – AB had produced a written report outlining progress of league and cup tournaments to date. Bridlington had complained about Hana players talking in Russian, not turning mobile phones off during matches and not writing moves down towards the end of games. While committee members felt that this should have been raised on the evening concerned rather than ask the Associate to deal with this, it was agreed that AB should write to Hana reminding them of appropriate protocols and rules.

In a separate discussion concerning playing conditions, SK agreed to write to Bridlington concerning their venue.

DS mentioned that requests for teams for the summer leagues would be sent out in good time.

6. **Hull 2015 Congress** – SK reported that our congress venue, the Endsleigh Centre was to close and was therefore no longer available to us. We had been able to secure the Staff House at the university as a replacement venue, although the date of the congress had to be moved one week earlier (could revert back in 2016). This was a good site, plenty of space, great analysis room and catering on site. There was also plenty of parking and local B&B's and other eating venues. The cost was the same as these indicated by the Endsleigh Centre –for 2016.

Planning for the congress was now underway. The leaflet would be finished in time for the Doncaster meeting. SK agreed to write to the Endsleigh Centre expressing our thanks for hosting the congress in previous years. He also agreed to let the YCA know of the change in the date of the congress and to ensure details were posted on the ECF web site.

7. **AGM and Presentation evening** – SG reported that the next AGM would be held at Willows club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The last opportunity for the committee to discuss rule change proposals was at its next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Any further proposals for rule changes should be sent to him as soon as possible so that they could be discussed at the next meeting

The Presentation evening was to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Willows Club, 7.15 start. Alongside the presentation, four man teams would compete for the Peter Withill Memorial and George Willoughby Trophies. It was agreed that the Association would fund the cost of a buffet. SK was to ask Colin Hailstone to be arbiter for the evening. It was also agreed that south bank clubs would be invited (DM to inform).

8. **Schools Chess update-** SG updated the committee concerning contact he had made with those schools interested in starting a chess club or who already had one. Three schools had expressed an interest in taking part in Schools in Chess and the Community programme (SG had requested responses by the end of the month). Two schools had agreed to take part in the national 'Delancey Challenge' and Mike Butt and Bill Wright were providing support to three schools.

Someone was needed to put more dedicated time into the development of Schools Chess – needed a volunteer and/or further discussion.

9. **Events**

**9.1 Grand Master Simultaneous** – RN reported that sales of the 2014 GM Challenge CD had reached £97 which was being donated to the next years GM Challenge costs. He was warmly thanked for all his efforts.

SG had written to Gawain Jones thanking him for an excellent event. He was making contact through the ECF to invite David Howells to run a similar GM Challenge event on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. The same venue had already been booked. SG agreed to inform the YCA of the date.

**9.2 Holy Trinity Open Day** – It was agreed not to pursue this event in 2015, but to review the situation for future years.

**9.3 Library Open Day** – it was agreed to continue with this event, but to examine the format and look to change some aspects. SK agreed to contact Isaac Acheampong at the library.

**9.4 Pearson Park Open Day** – David Stothard mentioned this open day and it was agreed that it was worthwhile pursuing costs (including hire of a marquee) with a view to a chess presence thought the day (July 4<sup>th</sup>).

**9.5 Beverly Open Day** – DM said that he would look at the possibility of support for an open day in Beverley at some stage during the year.

**10. Yorkshire League matches**

The A team had played 6, won 2, drawn 1 and lost 3. The B team had played 5, won 2 and lost 3. Both teams should maintain their current divisional status. DM was seeking to arrange a challenge match against Barton over the summer period.

**11. Any other business**

**10.1 Digital Clocks** – following a discussion on the use of digital clocks at Yorkshire league matches DM agreed to ask the players if they preferred to use digital clocks.

**10.2 League lightening tournament** - David Stothard asked what had happened to the League Lightening tournament which had been held in the past. It was agreed that, following the presentation evening events the Trustees would review this event.

**10.3 Yorkshire Player of the Month** - It was noted that Joh Cooper had been awarded Yorkshire player of the month for December

**12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Willows Club, 19.15**

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.35

Stephen Greep,  
Hon. General Secretary  
24/03/2015