



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 7th February 2017.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.18pm. The Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

Present: Steve King (President), Stephen Greep, Steve Hodge, Derek Sheppard, Lester Jones, Dave Mills (DaM), Roger Noble, Jim Miklevicz, Steve Thrower, and Bill Wright.

In Attendance: Mike Pollard

1. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Allison, Dean Morris (DeM) and Graham Chesters.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 29/11/16 - unanimously voted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
 - 3.1 **First Aid Training** : DaM reported that he had not yet heard back from the YCA on this issue but would continue to pursue.
 - 3.2 **Prison Chess** : LJ reported that the promised sets and clocks had been delivered to the prison.
4. **Treasurers report and papers:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurers Report.** : SH had produced a written report, previously circulated report. Concern over HCC and HANA who had still not paid their fees. In both cases penalties would apply.
 - 4.2 **Charity Commission Report:** Reports needed to be submitted to the CC by the end of March. The budget figures from 2015/16 had been recast in the required format and SG had prepared an annual report based on the presentations at the AGM which would be submitted alongside it. Paul Lyons had acted as Independent Examiner for the financial report.
 - 4.3 **Trophies** : there was an allocation of £500 in the budget for new trophies. It was agreed that this would be used to purchase shields for the six Players of the Year. Currently trophies were purchased every year for these awards, so this would be cost saving in the longer term. It was agreed not to pursue a suggested option for purchasing medals for players in successful teams.
 - 4.4 **Yorkshire Matches Budget** : DaM explained the circumstances surrounding an increase in expenditure for Yorkshire League matches in the current season. The committee agreed additional expenditure, but that this should be kept to a minimum.
 - 4.5 **HDCA Investments:** The Treasurer had received a six monthly report showing that the capital sum had increased slightly. Trustees were reminded that a representative of Cardales would be in attendance for the annual review at the next meeting. Questions for Cardales in advance if possible to SH.
5. **Member Events**
 - 5.1 **2017 Coaching:** SG reported that the day with James Adair was full and the second day with Richard Palliser had just one place remaining. David Stothard was leading on the Saturday, SG on the Sunday. The nett cost to the Association on each day was around £125.

- 5.2 **2017 Annual General Meeting** : Tuesday June 13th at Willows club. Formal notification had gone out to club secretaries. Rule and constitution changes to SG by May 16th which was also the date of the next committee meeting where these would be considered. Agenda and formal papers to be distributed two weeks later. Mike Truan, the ECF CEO had agreed to attend to talk about the work of the ECF.
- 5.3 **Presentation evening**: It was agreed to move this to the 4th July and to hold it at the Mecure Royal Hull Hotel, the same venue as last year. Team lightning to be on the same night and the same format as the last two years. A costing of £100 had been offered by the hotel.

6. Public events – reports and updates

- 6.1 **Hull 2017 Congress**: SK gave a brief update. It had not been possible to agree a date with the university. A proposal not to hold a congress in 2017 was proposed by RN, seconded by SK, but defeated 6:3

Alternative venues (Hull College, Willerby Manor and Hymers) were discussed. Mike Pollard and SK to view Hull College; SK, SG and RN to view Willerby Manor. A date of November 10/12th was agreed. SK to decide venue following viewings and to advise the committee accordingly. Planning for the congress could then proceed.

- 6.2 **2017 Individual Rapid Play**: It was agreed to continue with the individual Rapid Play event at the same venue if possible – it had been popular and cost effective so possibly twice in the season. Consideration to be given to making it an ECF graded event with agreed graded sections.
- 6.3 **2017 Hull v Rotterdam Challenge**: No further contact and confirmation had been received from Rotterdam. It was therefore agreed to cancel this event.
- 6.4 **2017 Hull Masters**: No further action as date and venue for next year’s congress required first. .SG had contacted Malcom Pein for advice re timetable.
- 6.5 **2017 Hull Junior Congress**: All arrangements were in place for this event – a number of committee members as well as others were going to be there on the day.
- 6.6 **2017 GM Simultaneous**: SG confirmed the date of Sunday June 25th. This had been agreed with Michael Adams. It was agreed that the venue should be the Mecure Royal Hull, who had agreed the same prices as last year. The overall cost of the event would, however, be higher than last year, so entry to the simultaneous will be £20, with the event starting slightly earlier than previously.
- 6.7 **Chess Blitz @ The Local and Chess Grandmaster @ The Local**: SG reported that the Chess Blitz @ The Local had been attended by 17 players (run by PA) and the next Chess Social @ The Local was this coming Thursday (9th February). SG plus David Stothard to lead. These would continue while interest was maintained.

SG further reported that the ECF had agreed to provide £400 for a second Chess Grand Master @ the Local and Michael Adams had agreed to do this on Saturday June 24th– the day before the formal simultaneous. Furley and Co had agreed the use of the outside space

8. Officers Reports

- 8.1- 8.3 **The League, Match and Fixture secretaries**: had all produced reports, circulated, which were briefly discussed. Team events were progressing well and into the semi-finals. Concern was expressed as to the progress of Individual Tournaments as it was understood that some first round matches had still not been played. SG to contact PA.

In light of an incident where one player had played two matches in one night (resigning the first after only five moves) DS suggested a rule change at the AGM – that no one should be able to play more than one match per evening, was agreed. SG agreed to second.

Although the Junior Officer had not produced a report he had indicated that he was likely to organise a further schools chess day in May. SG confirmed that there were adequate funds in the budget to support this.

9. Any other notified business

- 9.1 Six Board Handicap Tournaments ;** Ted Stamp's observations were discussed and it was agreed that Andrew Bettley, as tournament Controller , would propose changes to the structure of the six board handicap at the AGM to bring it in line with four board handicap arrangements.
- 9.2 Hull Library:** RN raised the issue of clocks for the library Saturday sessions. SH and DaM agreed to look at clocks in Beverley Club and LJ at St Andrews. Both to contact RN direct. It was also agreed to revisit the provision of digital clocks in the new financial year.
- 9.3 ECF Membership :** DaM was to propose that it was a requirement for HDCA players to be ECF members at the next AGM. DS would second. Support for members of smaller clubs was suggested.
- 9.4 Scunthorpe Match:** Mike Pollard raised the issue of a match against Scunthorpe. This was agreed as a positive move. DaM to investigate further with a view to a Saturday match along the lines of the Yorkshire League arrangements.

- 10. Date of next meeting –** Tuesday May16th, 2017 at Willows Club 19.15. Members are reminded that this will be the pre AGM meeting. It will also be attended by a representative from Cardales.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.08

Stephen Greep, Hon. General Secretary, 08/02/17