



**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club,
Tuesday 12th November 2013**

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.20pm

Present: S King (President) Roger Noble, William Wright, Dave Mills, Andrew Bettley, Mike Butt, John Thompson, Shaun Taylor, Steve Thrower and Derek Sheppard

1. **Apologies for absence:** S Greep, J Miklevicz
2. **Minutes of the last meeting(s)**
 - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 17/9/13 - *unanimously* voted as a true record
 - 2.2 EGM held on 1/10/13 - *unanimously* voted as a true record
3. **Matters arising**
 - 3.1 British Chess Championships - The President felt it was now unlikely that these would be held in Hull in 2015 as the ECF do not consider the venue to be large enough.
 - 3.2 Chess in Schools and Communities - D Mills had discussed this project at a recent meeting with Stephen Greep, Kath Lavery, Michael Lee (Studio Anne Carlton), Martin Dunn (Head of Youth Development for Hull Kingston Rovers) and Malcolm Pein (Chess in Schools and Communities). A report of this meeting has already been circulated. D Mills to contact Stepney School inviting them to participate. W. Wright and M Butt are willing to train to become chess tutors.
4. **Hull Congress**
 - 4.1 2013 Report - The President commented that the Congress had been a huge success and had been praised on the YCA website.
 - 4.2 2014 Report - A sub-committee is to be formed to discuss various aspects of next year's Congress.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

The Hon. Treasurer gave his report (attached).

6. **League Secretary's Report**

6.1 League and Cup Reports

- 6.1.1 Postponements - The Hon. League Secretary was concerned at the high number of postponed matches so far this season.
- 6.1.2 Cup defaults - Details have been circulated by usual email updates.
- 6.1.3 Grading - The 2013-2014 Grading List has been amended and circulated to all concerned.

6.2 Games involving blind people - In a recent match involving an unsighted player, there had been a dispute over the position on the board, this causing some ill-feeling. The incident was discussed and D Mills offered to seek advice from the Braille Chess Association (of which he is a member).

7. **Yorkshire League matches** - ECF subsidies were discussed but no agreement was reached.

8. **Charitable Trust Application update** - The result of our Application is expected within the next few weeks.

9. **Any other business** - The future of HANA Chess Club seems uncertain. Roger Noble has been unable to make contact with them.

At a recent match Bridlington had failed to provide proper score-sheets and the venue was due to be shared with another organisation the same evening.

10. **Date of next meeting** (Thursday 13th February - venue to be confirmed)

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 10.30pm

Derek Sheppard

Hon. Fixture Secretary

13.11.2013