



**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Croda, Oak Road, Hull, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.10pm

**Present:** S King (President), Stephen Greep, Roger Noble, William Wright, Dave Mills, Andrew Bettley, Steve Thrower, John Thompson, Shaun Taylor and J Miklevicz

1. **Apologies for absence:** Derek Sheppard
2. **Minutes of the last meeting(s)**
  - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 13/02/14 - unanimously voted as a true record
3. **Matters arising**
  - 3.1 **Chess in Schools and Communities** – Stephen Greep reported that there had been no further progress on this matter. Arrangements for co-ordination via Hull KR Communities Trust and Studio Anne Carlton had not materialised. The association's role related to provision of chess tutors rather than organising the schools, although there had been contact through Hymers whose lead teacher was interested in undertaking the training and providing some co-ordination for other schools.  
  
Bill Wright and John Thomson confirmed their interest in becoming tutors. Stephen Greep would contact Malcolm Pein to see if there was a way forward for this work.
4. **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Thrower spoke to his report which had previously been circulated. The general and congress accounts were in good order, although there were some outstanding commitments, including the Grand Master Simultaneous that had yet to be paid. The request for funding from the Ross Fund Trustees had been accepted. Following a discussion concerning charity savings accounts Steve Thrower agreed to investigate and report back at the next meeting.
5. **League Secretary's Report**

Andrew Bettley spoke to his report which had previously been circulated. Following a debate on end of season arrangements it was agreed that the end of season date, by which all matches should be played, remained 31st May. Arrangements in respect of defaulted games should be implemented (i.e. for uncompleted games at 31<sup>st</sup> May the defaulting teams would lose the points).

6. **Charitable Trust Application update**

The Association had been successful in its application and was now a charity. Stephen Greep reported on further contact with the Trustees of the Ross Fund. There was general support for the passing of the remaining funds over to the Association now that it had become a charity and had an agreed strategy.

The current Trustees would be writing to Stephen Greep, in due course, outlining further considerations. No funds could be transferred until February 2015 at the very earliest and not in total until the current funds tax liabilities had been discharged.

It was agreed that later in the year there would need to be a separate meeting to discuss overall strategy and policy towards the transfer and an agreement on fund expenditure arrangements.

7. **Annual General Meeting**

The treasurer's proposals in respect of fees for the next two years, and proposed rule changes for next year were all discussed.

The committee agreed to support the Treasurers proposals and all the rule changes with one exception (Tie Break Arrangements). There were, however, changes made to proposals in respect of the Four Board League and Cup Handicap, Peter Hughes Trophy, Jubilee Cup and Fenner Trophy. These changes were accepted by the motion proposers and will therefore go to the AGM in the revised form. Stephen Greep agreed to circulate these changes before sending out the final AGM papers.

8. **Hull Congress**

There was little further to report at the moment.

9. **Events**

**9.1 Grand Master Simultaneous** – Stephen Greep reported that there were 20 players wishing to partake in the simultaneous. A leaflet had been devised with Roger Noble and this would be used for further publicity throughout Yorkshire. As in the Treasurers report the Ross Fund had agreed to support this event.

**9.2 Holy Trinity and Hull Library Open Days** – John Thomson and Bill Wright agreed to lead on the Hull Library event and also to visit Holy Trinity to discuss the proposal and then to report back to Steve King.

**9.3 Beverley Library Chess Day** – Unlikely to be an event this year due to time constraints.

**9.4 Peter Hughes Hull Championship** – Nothing further to report.

10. **Yorkshire League matches**

Both teams had finished mid table this year. Following a discussion on venue and provision of Association Chess sets Steve King agreed to contact Mike Butt in respect of sets held and with a view to retaining all the Association Chess equipment together. Yorkshire matches required up to 18 sets and clocks.

The Yorkshire Chess Association AGM was to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Dave Mills hoped to be able to attend.

11. **Any other business**

**11.1 ECF Grading fees for Yorkshire Matches** – the previous decision for individual to be responsible for their own grading fees was reaffirmed. Dave Mills had informed all players that this would be the case. There were a small number (3) of players who had incurred significant amounts of grading fees in the current year. It was agreed that Stephen Greep would draft a letter to ask for payment of these funds and the

President, Treasurer and General Secretary to agree who this should come from.

It was further agreed that next season handbook should make a statement in respect for ECF grading fees and the individual's liability for them.

**11.2 Publicity** - It was agreed to print a publicity leaflet for use at open events and distribution in libraries, produced by Roger Noble. The exact print run was to be agreed when costings were available.

13. **Date of next meeting** AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Willows Club, 19.15.)

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

Stephen Greep,  
Hon. General Secretary  
03/06/14