



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Croda, Oak Road, Hull, Tuesday 22nd May 2015.

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

The President opened the Meeting at 7.15pm

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

In attendance: David Stothard (Hull Chess Club), Dean Morris (Wold Academy School), Richard Atkinson (Victoria Dock).

1. Apologies for absence: Bill Wright.

The meeting began with a presentation by Giles Fairburn of Cardales the Charity's chosen investment managers. Following his presentation a number of questions were put to Giles Fairburn. Satisfactory answers were received and there were no outstanding issues.

2. Minutes of the last meeting(s)

2.1 Committee Meeting of 21/05/15 - unanimously voted as a true record

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- 3.1 SG/ST to ensure ethical investment issues were raised with potential investment managers. This had been completed and addressed in the presentation by Cardales. Trustees were satisfied by the responses.
- 3.2 Contacting Hana in respect of late payment of fees. This had not been fully achieved. Part payment only had been made. SK and/or RN to make further contact.
- 3.3 SK to write to Bridlington in respect of venues. Bridlington had indicated that they were not entering a team next season.
- 3.4 SK to write to the Endsleigh Centre thanking them for their past service. This had not been possible as the centre had now closed and there were no contact details.
- 3.5 SK to let YCA about the change in congress dates. And to enter this on the ECF web site. The details had been posted on the ECF web site, but YCA not yet informed.
- 3.6 SK to ask Colin Hailstone to act as arbiter at the presentation evening team lightening event. Completed.
- 3.7 DM to inform south bank chess clubs about the team lightening event. Completed.
- 3.8 DM to investigate the possibility of an open day in Beverley. No progress to report.
- 3.9 DM to arrange a match against Barton over the summer. Contact made, but no agreement yet.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – presented a written report which had been previously circulated. He further reported that Cardale had been appointed as the Charities Investment managers. The presentation and question session earlier in the meeting had not demonstrated any reason why this should not progress. ST further reported on the expected receipt of funds from the current trustees. There were no further questions.
5. **League and Fixture secretaries report(s)** – AB had produced a written report outlining progress of league and cup tournaments to date. There were no further questions.
6. **Hull 2015 Congress** – SK reported that planning for the congress was well underway. There had been three entries so far; the leaflet was being distributed widely. Details had been placed on the ECF website.
7. **AGM and Presentation evening:**
 SG reported that all arrangements were in place for the AGM. Officer reports were still required and these would be forwarded to everyone on the database alongside the agenda and rule changes
 - 7.1 The following rule changes were discussed – full details had previously been circulated:
 - 7.1.1 ECF Membership (DM). Supported 6-3
 - 7.1.2 Changes in grade order tolerance (DS). Not supported 2-6 (subsequently withdrawn)
 - 7.1.3 Reserve player eligibility (DS) supported 5-4 (subsequently withdrawn)
 - 7.1.4 Reserve player eligibility (DM) supported 5-3
 - 7.1.5 Playing for more than one club in different competitions (SK) supported 8-0
 - 7.1.6 Tie break arrangements (DM) supported 3-2
 - 7.2 Presentation evening. The Presentation evening was to take place on Tuesday 30th 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 had previously been agreed that the Association would fund the cost of a buffet. Colin Hailstone had agreed to be arbiter for the evening. Initial indications were that there would be between 12 and 15 teams – up to 60 players. RN was to ask John Lawson to present the trophies for the team lightening events on the evening.
8. **Admission of a new member:**
 Following a formal application (8.1 of the constitution) and discussion Dean Morris was admitted to the Charity as an individual member.
9. **Schools Chess update.** Dean Morris updated the committee in respect of the schools chess day which had recently taken place. It had been a great success. Around 30 children had taken part – the day was a great success. Several members of the committee had helped out on the day. It was agreed to support DM for election to the post of YDO at the AGM.
10. **Events**
 - 10.1 **Library open Day** – SK to confirm dates with Isaac Acheampong and take forward with the library.
 - 10.2 **Pearson Park Open Day (4th July)** – after discussion it was agreed to proceed with this day. David Stothard to have the lead and proceed with the hire of a marquee, tables and chairs with further expenditure on prizes for children during the day.
 - 10.3 **Grand Master Simultaneous** – SG had contacted David Howell in respect of the 2015 event. He had responded positively, but confirmation was awaited (now received). Venue, costs and arrangements would be as last year.

10.4 Chess Training day – Sheila Jackson had confirmed attendance for two days in late November. The venue (Hull Mecure Royal) had been booked. A very positive response from local chess players, so it was agreed to proceed with the two days coaching/training.

10. Yorkshire League matches

The A team had come 6th, a really good performance. The B played 6, won 2, drawn 1 and lost 3. Both teams will maintain their current divisional status.

11. Any other notified business

11.1 Digital Clocks – following a discussion on the use of digital clocks at Yorkshire league matches it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of clocks. DM to make recommendations to the next committee as to the exact type of clock, costs and the number required.

12. Date of next meeting – AGM, Tuesday June 16th, and then Tuesday 21st July (apologies Andrew Bettley), both at Willows, 7.15 start.

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

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary
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