



**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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, Lester Jones, Paul Allison, Bill Wright, Roger Noble, Derek Sheppard, Steve Thrower, Dave Mills (DM), Dean Morris (DeM) and Jim Miklevicz.

**In attendance:** Mike Butt (Willows)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Andrew Bettley, Graham Chesters.
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)

DM noted that the information on the AGM minutes in respect of Yorkshire matches was incorrect. He agreed to provide SG with an updated statement.
4. **Treasurer's Report and financial matters** – ST presented a written report which had been previously circulated. ST had announced that he would like to retire from the Treasurers post but to stay on as a Trustee. SG had already contacted the Club Secretaries and Trustees in respect of a replacement but to no avail! However, he had spoken with Paul Lyons who was a chartered accountant and was willing to help. Although Paul couldn't undertake the full role (due to geography) he was willing to undertake key parts of this role as a non-Trustee 'Accounting officer'. SG, SK and ST agreed to meet outside the meeting to further discuss.
  - 4.1 **2015/16 budget.** The paper regarding the budget distribution and budget holders for 2015/16 was agreed unanimously.
  - 4.2 **Special distribution** – The paper regarding the special distribution of funds to clubs was agreed unanimously. SG agreed to contact all clubs in respect of the arrangements and conditions for the special distribution.
  - 4.3 **Peter Hughes incentive scheme.** The paper regarding the Peter Hughes trophy incentive scheme was agreed unanimously, and would be put in place for the 2016/17 tournament.
  - 4.4 **Digital clocks.** The paper regarding the purchase of digital clocks was agreed unanimously. It was agreed to purchase the clocks from Chess Direct. SG to contact all clubs regarding the offer of subsidised clocks. LJ raised the issue of clocks for blind players – it was agreed that this should be supported and LJ agreed to produce a proposal for consideration after further consultation.

**5. Member Events**

**5.1 AGM and Presentation evening.** It was agreed that both AGM and presentation evenings had gone well. The draft minutes from the AGM had already been circulated. Some work was still needed on the presentations section at the evening event. There was a suggestion that we revert to the presentation section returning to the AGM. It was agreed to discuss this further during the year. It was also suggested that more clubs from Yorkshire be invited next year.

**5.2 Admission of new members.** Following formal applications (8.1 of the constitution) and discussion Leon Skelton and Eric Gardener were admitted to the Charity as individual members. This would enable them to represent the Association in Yorkshire matches. Both were aware that they would be required to pay a £4 subscription.

**6. Public events**

**6.1 Hull 2015 Congress** – SK reported that planning for the congress was well underway, with seven entries so far.

**6.2 Library day.** It had not been possible to progress this day this year due to time constraints

**6.3 2015 Pearson Park Day.** This had been a really excellent day, well supported and well organised by Dave Stothard. A large number of people had visited the stall which had put local chess in a good light. All those who had turned up to make the day such a success were thanked.

**6.4 GM Simultaneous.** David Howell had agreed the date and fee, but it was proving difficult to get a photograph and personal information to produce a flyer. The rooms had been booked and a deposit paid. SG agreed to approach the Mecure to see if we could move the simul. to a room with more public visibility for the same cost.

**6.5 2015 Chess Training day.** Details had been agreed with Sheila Jackson and the event had been advertised. Response had been very positive and all the places were nearly full. The deposit for the venue had been paid.

**6.6 International Chess Day.** SG outlined proposals for an International Chess day in September. It was agreed that this could take the place of the Library Day, organised along the same lines. BW agreed to take the lead with support from others. SG agreed to confirm the date.

**7. Officers Reports**

**7.1 Summer League and Fixture secretaries' report.** DS reported that the summer league was progressing well. Following a discussion around the problems and length of time production of the fixture list had created this year (outlined in his written report) it was agreed that in future years the winter season should be extended from 1st September until 31st May, with only three weeks blocked off for club events rather than the current five.

**7.2 Schools Chess update.** DeM had produced a written report which was well received. He updated the committee in respect of a number of projects underway DeM was commended on the work he had undertaken already with offer of further help from committee members.

**7.3. Yorkshire League matches.** Next year's fixture list had been published. There was a clash with the GM simul for Hull games, but it was proposed to re-arrange those matches. DM appealed for additional players to volunteer to be added to the player pool for Yorkshire games.

**8. Any other notified business**

A vote of thanks was proposed by RN to ST for all his hard work as Treasurer. This was roundly supported by all present. ST had indicated his willingness to continue as a Trustee.

**9. Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Willows, 7.15 start.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.37

Stephen Greep,  
Hon. General Secretary  
23/07/2015