



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 26th July 2016.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.15pm. The Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dean Morris (DeM), Bill Wright and Graham Chesters.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 17/05/16 - unanimously voted as a true record.
 - 2.2 AGM Minutes from 14/06/16. SG explained that there had been three corrections from the draft previously sent out. Other than this the draft minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the AGM.
3. **Matters arising:** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
 - 3.1 Polo/sweat shirts with logo's. RN explained the design and material. It was agreed to proceed and to provide these to committee members (for those who did not wish to purchase their own) and for four non committee members who led/contributed to Association events (in particular the Saturday morning library sessions). SG and RN to formulate an email to go out to all Chess Players asking for orders for shirts.
4. **Treasurers report:** – SH spoke to his report; including a budget statement, previously circulated. It was early in the year to examine the budget spend in detail, by SH outlined the budget principles of authorised budget holders and spending.
5. **Strategy**
 - 5.1 **2017 Events**
 - 5.1.1 **Hull v Rotterdam Challenge:** Little to report – Rotterdam had failed to respond to SG's last two emails asking for confirmation of the programme.
 - 5.1.2 **Hull Masters:** Malcolm Pein at the ECF had agreed to contribute £1,000 for this event. A date could not be finalised until the congress was scheduled as the two were to run concurrently.
 - 5.1.3 **Hull Junior Congress:** A date of February 25th 2017 had been agreed. Progress lay with DeM and PA.
 - 5.2 **Child Protection Policy:** As the paperwork was not available at the meeting it was agreed that this should formally be signed at the next meeting.
6. **Member Events**
 - 6.1 **AGM Review:** SG reported that The AGM had gone well, although one item had taken up a large

proportion of the evening. Following a discussion it was agreed to introduce a rule for the AGM that a maximum of 5 minutes should be allowed for proposers to introduce their paper. This was possible under the present constitution.

- 6.2 Team Lightning and Presentation Evening Review.** SG reported on a successful event. A report had been produced and circulated to all local chess players and sent to the YCA web site. Following discussion it was agreed to hold the event at the same venue next year (funding permitting) and not provide a buffet as in the past.

7. Public events

- 7.1 2016 Schools Chess Day:** DeM had reported that this was now likely to take place at Nafferton School in November.
- 7.2 Hull 2016 Congress:** SK gave a brief update. It had not proved possible to fix a date for 2017 with the University as the university were waiting on the programme for the City of Culture to be published.
- 7.3 2016 GM Simultaneous review and 2017:** SG reported on the third GM Challenge which had been a success. A report had been sent to all local chess players and had been placed on the YCA web site. Ideas for 2017 were requested.
- 7.4 Chess in the Park 2016:** Unfortunately poor weather meant a very poor turn-out amongst the public for this event. Following discussion over the budget holder for the public event funds it was agreed that SG should discuss with David Stothard and, if he did not wish to take responsibility for this budget it would be allocated to PA.
- 7.5 2016 National Chess Day:** PA updated on plans for this day in the library. September 10th.
- 7.6 2016 Individual Rapid Play:** SG reported on plans to hold this event in November. Venue to be confirmed.
- 7.7 ECF Chess Master @ The Local:** SG reported that, following a request for venues in the ECF newsletter he had approached, and received agreement from the ECF to hold an event in Hull. Although the Chess Master and venue was to be confirmed the ECF had allocated £400 for this event.
- 7.8 Blindfold Chess Event:** Following an approach from Eric Fisher, SG had researched the possibility of a blindfold simultaneous. Through the ECF he had contacted a GM in the USA who specialised in such events. However the funding required was likely to be outside the Associations budget in the current year.

8. Officers Reports

- 8.1- 8.4 The League and Fixture secretaries' and Junior Chess Officers:** had all produced reports which were briefly discussed. The fixtures for next season had been published alongside the grades, although the individual tournaments were not yet drawn. In response to a request to discuss a player who had defaulted a match on purpose the committee agreed that this was, in the first instance, a matter for the club concerned. The match captain had nothing to report – the fixture list for next season had not yet been produced.

9. Any other notified business

- 9.1 Web site:** DaM raised the issue of the web site which was out of date and required an overhaul. It was agreed that SK would remain as 'web master' but he would obtain 3 or 4 'helpers' and would load the appropriate software onto their machines.
- 9.2 Team in the Scunthorpe League:** DaM said that not enough players had come forward to form a team.

- 10. Date of next meeting –** Tuesday October 4th at Willows Club 19.15.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.42

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary
13/08/16