



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Croda, Oak Road, Hull, Thursday July 3rd 2014.

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

The President opened the Meeting at 7.15pm

Present: S King (President), Stephen Greep, Roger Noble, Derek Sheppard, William Wright, Dave Mills, Andrew Bettley, Steve Thrower, John Thompson and Jim Miklevicz. Mike Butt (representing Willows Club)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Graham Chesters and Shaun Taylor
2. **Minutes of the last meeting(s)**
 - 2.1 Draft AGM Minutes and rule changes - unanimously voted as a true record
 - 2.2 Committee Meeting of 20/05/2014 - unanimously voted as a true record
3. **Matters arising** - there were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda
4. **Treasurer's Report** - there was nothing further to add following the report at the AGM
5. **League and Fixture secretaries report(s)** – The Summer league was progressing well. Fixtures for the winter league would be prepared next month. Bridlington had dropped a team out of division 2 in the four board league, necessitating a requirement to relegate three teams leaving 2 divisions of 7 teams. Andrew Bettley was to shortly ask clubs for teams and players for league and cup competitions.

It was agreed by the committee that the constitution would not be circulated as a part of the new seasons handbook. The General Secretary was to issue a copy to all club secretaries and it would also be placed on the web site.

It was also agreed that all next seasons' fixtures would be placed on the web site.

6. **AGM Review** – assessment notes had previously been circulated. The key issues for next year's AGM were: clarity of what constitutes an amendment (allowed) and what is a new proposal (not allowed); vested interests and voting; date of rule change introduction; discussion on non-agenda items.

Following the AGM clarification had been given in respect of the introduction of changes to time controls.

During the year the committee would need to discuss incentives for the winner and runners up of the Peter Hughes Trophy. It was agreed that the next Peter Hughes Trophy would be played in the 2015/16 under the new arrangements decided at the AGM.

The date of 16th June 2015 was provisionally agreed for the 2015 AGM.

7. **Hull 2014 Congress** – there was little further to report currently, although there would be a separate meeting to discuss the operational detail of the Congress closer to the time.
8. **Events**
 - 8.1 **Grand Master Simultaneous** – There were now very few places left. Some advertising outside Hull had taken place. Alan Johnson had agreed to formally open the event. Players had not yet been invited for the rapid play event in the morning. Gawain Jones was now in the world top 100.
 - 8.2 **Holy Trinity and Hull Library Open Days** – there was some concern over the support for the event on 19th July at the Hull library. It was agreed to move the Hull Trinity event to 23rd August to allow more time following the event on 19th April. Stephen Greep agreed to investigate the loan of an outdoor set.
9. **Yorkshire League matches**

Yorkshire fixtures had not yet been produced for next season, although it was intended to enter 2 teams. Anlaby Library would be the home venue.
10. **Any other business**
 - 11.1 **ECF Grading fees for Yorkshire Matches** – a letter had been drafted to the three players with significant outstanding fees. However there was a problem with contact address. Steve Thrower to further investigate. It was re-iterated that it should be made clear to everyone who played in the Yorkshire league that they would be responsible for their own grading fees next season.
 - 11.2 **Willows Signage funding request** – Willows Club had made a request for funding to support a chess promotional sign to be placed next to the Willows Social Club sign at the entrance to the club. The cost was £160 plus VAT. This was agreed, subject to Roger Noble agreeing the design.

Mike Butt also requested funding to support a ‘chess package’ available through the Chess in school and communities web site. This would be reviewed following further information.
11. **Date of next meeting** – to be agreed a following the publication of the winter league fixtures

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.20

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary
13/07/14