



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.20pm. The Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

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

In Attendance: Mike Butt (Willows) and Ted Stamp (St Andrews), David Stothard (Hull)

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Committee Meeting of 08/09/15 - unanimously voted as a true record

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

3.1 **Digital clocks** – SG reported that following the distribution of clocks two had been reported to have malfunctioned. One had already been replaced, the other in the process of.

3.2 **Special financial distribution** – SG reported that all clubs had now provided details of their members. The charity currently had 152 members from clubs (although there were a small number of duplications where people were members of more than one club and three members without club affiliation). Over 120 had email addresses.

▪ Hull	57 members	(37% of the Associations members)
▪ St Andrews	27 members	(17%)
▪ Beverley	19 members	(13%)
▪ Willows	19 members	(13%)
▪ Hana	12 members	(8%)
▪ Victoria Dock	10 members	(7%)
▪ Withernsea	8 members	(5%)

Hull Chess Club had not yet paid their subscriptions and so had not met the criteria for payment of the special distribution – SH would make payment to other clubs.

3.3 **Lloyds Shares.** SH reported that as agreed at the last meeting ST had purchased these shares from the Association at a rate above the market price.

3.4 **International Exchange:** SG had heard nothing from the Rotterdam Chess Association (after a repeated email) and so had obtained the contact details from the Netherlands Chess Association of the two largest clubs in Rotterdam, who he had now contacted.

3.5 **Chess in Prisons Initiative:** SG had be back in touch with the ECF officer responsible, but he had not yet heard anything from Hull Prison.

4. Treasurers report – SH spoke to his report, including a budget statement, previously circulated. The

biggest issue was the Congress loss in that it had previously been assumed that the congress would break even. In terms of investment Cardales had now placed £150,000 of the £175,000 capital available to the Association.

- 4.1 **Insurance and Child protection matters:** There was a potential issue in respect of the Associations lack of a child protection policy and its insurance policy which could become invalidated. DMO agreed to investigate the issue in respect of a Child Protection policy for the Association and contact the ECF (as well as other organisations and Peter Clousdale from York) who were in the process of updating their advice.
- 4.2 **Income Tax and Gift Aid matters:** Paul Lyons was in discussions with the inland revenue, but these had not yet been concluded.
- 4.3 **YCA Games Fees:** £30 was still owing. It was agreed to waive the smaller amounts but Ian Bell (£16) and Saman Khoshnaw (£8) should be asked to make good. SK/SG agreed to approach them.

5. Strategy

- 5.1 **British Chess Championships:** SG reported that it was now very unlikely that the British Championships would come to Hull in 2017 – the Council are looking for significant hire fees, but the ECF are looking for either free or inexpensive facilities. However, while this is disappointing, holding the British Championships in Hull in the future has not be ruled out.

6. Member Events

- 6.1 **Peter Hughes Final** – AB reported that the rematch between Colin Hailstone and himself had not yet taken place. It was confirmed that the next Peter Hughes Tournament would begin at the start of the 2016/17 season – assuming that PA was still organising the individual cups he would take on the Peter Hughes arrangements also.

7. Public events

- 7.1 **Hull 2015 Congress** – SK reported that although the congress had been successful there had been a significant drop in numbers and the Association had sustained a loss of approximately £1,300. Although there was a good turn-out of strong players, numbers had dropped in all sections, and by 23% overall. Elsewhere Bradford had suffered a similar fall in numbers, but other local congresses had increased their numbers. So there was no overall pattern. The venue had been rebooked for 2016, although we were still not able to obtain the original congress dates – it was hoped to resume these for 2017 and SK agreed to book for 2017 with the university. SK and SG agreed to produce a paper concerning future arrangements for discussion.
- 7.2 **GM Simultaneous** – SG reported that all the arrangements were in places for the simultaneous the following weekend; three places were still available. The HDM had been contacted and had agreed to send a photographer. The High Sherriff of the East Riding, Jim Dick was opening the event.
- 7.3 **2015 Chess Training day(s).** SG reported that all the places for the training with Sheila Jackson were full. Arrangements for the ‘senior’ chess training day with James Adair were progressing, but it was proving difficult to find a suitable date.
- 7.4 **National Chess Day.** BW reported that this had been cancelled. It was agreed that next year this should be moved back to July.

8. Officers Reports

- 8.1 **League secretaries’ report.** AB spoke to his report. In terms of the two rule interpretations AB had asked to be discussed:
 - 9.1.1 It was agreed that a Hull player could change his team registration from Hull G to Hull C as he had not yet played a league match for Hull G and that this was within the current rules.
 - 9.1.2 Although AB had correctly interpreted the rule in respect of eligibility of players following a Hull v St Andrews match, it was agreed that in the spirit of the rules the result should stand; St Andrews were in agreement with this decision.
- 8.2 **Fixture secretaries report:** DS spoke to his report. Following discussion and on how useful ‘match free weeks’ had been DS agreed to re visit how he could maintain specific weeks for club nights in the programme for next year.

- 8.3 **Junior Chess report:** DMO spoke to his report, previously circulated. Although he was in discussions about holding the next schools day in a different school it was agreed that Wold school was a good venue should an alternative not be forthcoming.
- 8.4 **Match Captains Report** –DM reported on the results of the first rounds of matches: 4-4 and 2-6 for the first team and 2-6 and 6.5/1.5 for the second team.

9. Any other notified business

- 9.1 **Proposal for changes to four Board League structure:** Ted Stamp and LJ spoke to the paper previously circulated and requested committee support to take the paper forward to the AGM. Following a discussion the matter was put to a vote – 3 for and 8 against.
- 9.2 **Name Change:** Shaun Culkin had asked the committee to consider changing the Association name to the East Yorkshire Chess Association to reflect its geographical spread more appropriately. This met with limited support and it was decided not to progress these discussions.
- 9.3 **Future business:** It was agreed that at the next meeting the committee would discuss the future of the congress, 2017 arrangements and proxy voting at the AGM.

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2nd February, Willows Club 7.15 start.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 22.30

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary
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