

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NOTTS CHESS ASSOCIATION held at WEST BRIDGFORD CHESS CLUB on 13th JULY 2015.

Present were T.Walker (President); R.Richmond (Congress Director & West Bridgford CC); S.Burke (Treasurer & League Secretary); P.Sherlock (Grading Officer); N.Graham (Counties Events & Ashfield CC); Dr.A.N.Walker (Executive Committee & University CC); M.Naylor, B.M.Hayward, J.T.Swain, D.Padvis (Gambit CC); C.Holt (Grantham CC); A.Robins (Long Eaton CC); G.Neil, D.Griffiths, M.Swanwick (Nomads CC); M.V.Taylor, N.London (Radcliffe & Bingham CC); S.Luland (University CC); S.Scott, D.Levens (West Notts CC); W.Atiomo (West Bridgford CC).

1. Apologies for absence received from D.Sudar, A.Kenyon & M.Hill
2. Minutes of Rules Revision Meeting of 20th May 2015 were approved; proposed A.N.Walker; seconded N.London.
3. There were no matters arising. The discussion on a prize for the best Notts team in the League to be discussed later.
4. Presentation of prizes – all clocks had been presented at the Rules Revision meeting. The Best Game prize was won jointly by John Molyneux (Ashfield) for his game against Ankush Khandelwal (University) and Andrew Walker (University) for his game against Brian Hayward (Gambit). The Best Game prize for a player graded Under 140 was awarded to Derek Padvis (Gambit).
5. Officers' Reports
 - a) Presidents written report – accepted
 - b) Executive Committee/Secretary's written report – accepted
 - c) Treasurer's written report – accepted. Steve Burke presented the accounts which showed a profit of £407.55 for the year ended 31st May 2015. He advised the meeting of the system of "write-off" of equipment and said that the ECF bronze membership fee would be £14.00 for the forthcoming year with game fee up to £2.50 a game. The Auditor's Report was attached to the accounts stating that the accounts had been properly prepared and were accurate. The Accounts were then presented to the meeting for approval and passed. Mr.Burke then proposed that the League Fees remain the same for the forthcoming season & this was passed nem con.
 - d) League Secretary's written report – accepted
 - e) Records Secretary – Dave Griffiths gave a short verbal report stating that everything had gone well and efficiently.
 - f) League Management Committee – Steve Burke gave a short verbal report.
 - g) Congress Director's written report – accepted
 - h) County Teams written report – accepted. The President congratulated the County Under 100 team who had won their national final.
 - i) Graders Report- Peter Sherlock presented a report to the meeting
 - j) Correspondence – there was a written report from Steve Foster resigning from the post of correspondence captain as a team couldn't be raised. On the proposal of N.London, seconded D.Padvis it was decided to withdraw from correspondence chess.
 - k) ECF Delegate's report – Robert Richmond advised the meeting that although the membership levels had been maintained, the fees had increased. David Levens had been unsuccessful in the election for Junior Chess Director.
 - l) MCCU Delegates' report – written report from Drag Sudar; accepted.

- m) Publicity/Schools – David Levens reported verbally to the meeting
- n) Webmaster – David Coates will continue to act in this capacity

6) Election of officers

- i) President – Tim Walker was standing down – there were no nominations
- ii) Secretary - Alan Kenyon
- iii) Treasurer – Steve Burke
- iv) League Secretary - Steve Burke
- v) Auditor – Dave Griffiths
- vi) Congress Director – Robert Richmond
- vii) Executive Committee Members – Robert Richmond, Neil Graham
- viii) County Match Secretary – Neil Graham
- ix) Grading Officer - Peter Sherlock
- x) ECF Delegate - Robert Richmond
- xi) MCCU Delegates Drag Sudar, Robert Richmond, Tim Walker
- xii) Schools/Publicity David Levens
- xiii) Webmaster David Coates
- xiv) League Management Committee : Chris Holt, Maurice Hill, Drag Sudar, Chris Budd, Nick London Reserves : Jack Litherland, Richard Myers

7) Amendment of Rule C4 from RRM This was item (j) from the previous meeting. This was no seconder at the previous meeting; however N.London (Radcliffe & Bingham) was now seconding this proposal with M.Swanwick proposing and they spoke to the proposal stating the difficulties of running teams in the lower divisions. An amendment that the proposal read “the bottom three boards in Division Three and below” was accepted by the proposers. This was put to the vote and found favour 10-4.

The question of a prize for top Nottinghamshire team had been considered by the Executive Committee and a sum of £10.00 or a chess set suggested. The meeting decided that no prize should be awarded.

8) Notices John Swain reported on the success of Notts juniors in national Under 18 competitions (3rd) and Under 13 (6th) and thanked organisers for assisting in a Notts team and to Phil Beckett for arranging the tournament.

9) AOB David Levens gave details of a National Chess Day to be held on September 12th. The meeting was reminded that there was no President and asked those present to consider the situation.