

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Minutes of the Nottinghamshire Chess Association Annual General Meeting held at **Bramcote Memorial Hall** (West Nottingham CC venue) on **Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm**

Present were: AN Walker [President, in the Chair], S Burke [Secretary], D Padvis M Naylor N London J Litherland S Bhayat P Morgan G Ladds B Hayward D Sudar D Griffiths A Robins N Graham & R Richmond.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from: B Abraham, C Holt, D Levens, B Redburn, K Roper, S Scott, P Sherlock, J Swain, J Tait & M Taylor.
- 2) Minutes of the Rules Revision Meeting, May 29th 2018 were accepted.
- 3) Matters Arising: M Naylor and S Scott are to cooperate on introduction of the ECF League Management System.
- 4) Presentation of Prizes: Prizes were presented to
  - a) League Divisional Winners: Mansfield, Gambit, Gambit, Gambit & Beeston
  - b) Best Games and Swindle: S Burke (BG), K Roper (BG U140) & S Burke (S)
- 5) Officers Reports: Written reports were submitted by most officers.
  - a) President
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Executive Committee
  - d) Congress Director, Rapidplay Director & County Championship Controller
    - i) D Sudar suggested that money might be saved on postage and printing by not sending out so many paper entry forms. R Richmond replied that experience had supported the view that it covered itself, but he would reconsider options.
    - ii) S Bhayat suggested that he thought the forms might be printed cheaper by a place he uses and R Richmond agreed to look into this.
  - e) Treasurer (including accounts 2017/18 and Fees for 2018/19)
    - i) The accounts were accepted.

ii) There was discussion about the various possibilities for better or worse outcomes in the coming year and in the end a compromise proposal by D Sudar was passed to increase the league entry and affiliation fees to £22.

f) Auditor

g) League Secretary

h) Records Secretary

i) League Management Committee

i) There was no written report from the LMC, but N London thanked the members and agreed with the League and Records Secretary reports.

ii) He also mentioned that during the coming season the LMC intended to look at possible reforms such as those suggested in the “Food for Thought” document.

j) County Teams

k) Grading Results Officer

l) ECF Delegate

m) MCCU Delegates

n) Publicity

o) Schools Liaison

p) Junior Committee

q) Correspondence

i) The team had won promotion in its first season back in action.

ii) A second team could be run if there were players wanting to take part, but this seemed unlikely.

r) Bulletin Editor

i) Various articles had been posted on the website.

ii) Contributions by other people would be welcomed.

iii) The title “Bulletin Officer” is no longer really appropriate and a better one should replace it.

s) Webmaster

i) Happy to continue.

## 6) Election of Officers

a) **President** – S Bhayat (Initially for one year.)

b) **Secretary** – **Vacancy**

- i) This is not a terribly onerous job in normal circumstances and all clubs should endeavour to find someone in their midst to take on this role.
  - c) **Treasurer** - S Burke
  - d) **Executive Committee** – President, Secretary, Treasurer + M Hill, R Richmond, N London + AN Walker
  - e) **League Secretary** – N London (with assistance from M Naylor and R Richmond)
  - f) **Records Secretary** – M Naylor
  - g) **League Management Committee** – League Secretary, Records Secretary + C Budd, C Holt, J Litherland, D Griffiths, D Padviz, P Morgan, A Robins
  - h) **County Teams** – N Graham
  - i) **Grading Results Officer** - P Sherlock
  - j) **Congress Director** – R Richmond
  - k) **Rapidplay Director** – R Richmond
  - l) **County Championship Controller** – R Richmond
  - m) **Correspondence Captain** – P Morgan
  - n) **Website Contributing Editor** – P Morgan
  - o) **Webmaster** – D Coates
  - p) **ECF Delegate** – R Richmond
  - q) **MCCU Delegates** – C Budd, R Richmond, T Walker, **Vacancy**
  - r) **Auditor** – D Griffiths
  - s) **Junior Committee** – D Padviz, S Scott, J Swain, D Levens
  - t) **Lead Safeguarding Officer** – P Beckett
  - u) **Deputy Safeguarding Officer** – S Burke?
    - i) This would better be done by a trained person – options to be investigated.
    - ii) Failing that, the Association Secretary would be best placed to deal with any “admin” issues.
  - v) **Publicity** – **Vacancy**
- 7) Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR)
- a) After lengthy discussions the policy document, consent form and League Rule changes were all agreed.
  - b) The specifics of the process for getting the forms signed and where they should be held to be set out shortly by S Burke.

- c) What exactly to put on the tournament entry forms to be investigated by the officers involved.
- 8) Affiliation of a new club, the East Midlands Chess Academy.
  - a) Affiliation was agreed.
  - b) Half price fees for the first season agreed.
- 9) Proposal to make Andrew N Walker an Honorary Life Vice President.
  - a) This was dropped at the request of the proposed recipient.
- 10) What prizes, if any, to be given to League divisional winners in future?
  - a) After some discussion it was decided to replace the clock prizes with half price League Entry for the following season.
- 11) There being no further business, the outgoing President thanked all officers for their help and the meeting closed at about 10:30pm.

S Burke

Association Secretary (Departing)

5<sup>th</sup> August 2018