

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held 13th October 2017

Present were Andy Walker (ANW), Steve Burke (SB), Robert Richmond (RR), Bob Abraham (RA), Maurice Hill (MH).

Apologies were received from Nick London.

Minutes of the last EC meeting were confirmed.

Matters arising – RR has acquired a trophy for the Seniors section of the County Championship. Other items covered below.

- 1) It was agreed to reduce Beeston Affiliation/League Entry fees to £10 as they are a new club. It was also decided to publish the various Association Fees on the website as part of the revamp. **Action SB.**
- 2) SB advised breakdown of County Match expenses as requested by AGM. Of the £900 total, £220 was for juniors. £60 of this was for Game Fees which should not recur under the new ECF fee scheme. The rest was for hosting the “Four Counties” event, which will be incurred in alternate years (so long as it continues).
- 3) It was agreed that we would cover reasonable costs of CPP training for people who would use this for NCA purposes.
- 4) Nothing concrete has emerged in respect to Nottingham Rugby Club link, though RR advised that their facilities would not be large enough for the Congress or Rapidplay.
- 5) ECF related matters:
 - a. RR advised that there was nothing substantial on the agenda for the ECF AGM and due to the cost of attending in London he was not intending to go.
 - b. SB advised that our insurance with ECF is in place.
 - c. SB advised that ECF Bronze Membership arrangement is progressing well with just three clubs still to confirm details.
 - d. SB advised that the situation in relation to Yorkshire Grading and likely effect on their relation with ECF is still fluid.
- 6) As SB is both Treasurer and Secretary this year there are only six members. Also with Steve Luland leaving the EC there is no direct link with Junior Committee. Agreed to invite Junior Committee to send a representative to EC meetings on a regular basis.
- 7) Pairing/Result systems.
 - a. Swiss pairing system to be left to RR to take forward when appropriate.
 - b. League Results/Grading system being developed by ECF for use by member organisations might be used in future. Whether to do so to be primarily decision for the LMC. **Action SB** to advise LMC.
- 8) RR advised that County Championship preparations were all on course.
- 9) SB advised that David Coates is working on the website revamp. At his request, SB asked if minutes of meetings can be posted as PDF documents, which would be viewable on line and also downloadable, as there is a lot of formatting work in publishing them as webpages as they are now. EC agreed this was okay, and also to consider treating other items like County Reports similarly. **Action SB.**
- 10) Junior Matters – various items referred by Junior Committee for consideration.

- a. A newsletter has been instigated to keep Juniors/Parents informed of events/opportunities on a regular basis. Agreed that this looks good. **Action SB** to advise them.
 - b. Possible entry of teams to J4NCL was noted. Not clear who would pay the entry fees (SB Note – these would be £50 per team per weekend). **Action SB** to clarify.
 - c. There was discussion about the Junior Rapid events that have been added to the County Championship weekend. The Junior Committee suggested that perhaps the entry fee should be less with lower prizes. Agreed that we would review this after response to this year's events. **Action RR.**
 - d. No other specific EC comment on Junior matters, though individuals might do so.
- 11) Nottingham Capital of Culture – Neil Graham had brought this to attention of EC. It is not clear if there could be an opportunity for us to get involved, but we should contact the bid team and find out. **Action ANW.**
- 12) Blue Sky Thinking.
- a. Possibility of running FIDE rated events in future, though there are issues re cost and arbiters.
 - b. Possibility of a permanent Chess Venue.

Any other Business

- 1) LMC advised that University 1 had withdrawn from the League and been replaced by a new Gambit X team. Details of this will no doubt be given in LMC Minutes in due course.
- 2) Neil Graham submitted a short report on start of the coming season. The question of who might replace Neil when he stands down was raised, but no obvious candidate could be identified.
- 3) The location of the NCA's old Minutes/Records was raised. Believed these to still be with Alan Kenyon and should be picked up from him. **Action SB.**
- 4) Next meeting provisionally set for 19th January.

Steve Burke

Association Secretary