

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held 19th January 2018

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

- 1) Minutes of the last EC meeting were confirmed
- 2) Matters arising
 - a. Adding Association Fees to website is part of the website update – **SB**
 - b. LMC had been advised of ECF League Management System by SB. Further advised that Derby League is using (or perhaps trialling) this season, so may be worth talking to them.
 - c. Website reports etc now being posted as PDFs.
 - d. If there is an entry to J4NCL, fees will be covered by players.
 - e. ANW had tried to contact the Capital of Culture team without response, but this was now defunct anyway.
 - f. Other items covered in agenda items.
- 3) Notts County Championship
 - a. Drag Sudar had run a charity book stall based on the library of Steve Foster. This had been successful and it was decided that a similar stall may be held at future County Championships if book donations were forthcoming.
 - b. The experiment of using a time limit of 80 minutes + 10 seconds had worked well. Only a couple of games had gone slightly over 3 hours.
 - c. The loss had risen to £500 but due to clashes with other events the entry had been lower than expected.
 - d. The Junior Rapidplays on the Sunday had been enjoyed by those who played, and financially had broken even. The entry had been smaller than hoped, but see above.
 - e. RR still feels there might be scope for a separate U18 event alongside the County Championship in future years.
- 4) Notts Rapidplay
 - a. Graham Ladds has joined the control team.
 - b. Entry currently 67, so on schedule for about 120 as usual.
- 5) Junior Committee Report
 - a. ECF U18 Open and U130 - Currently £49 for an Open entry, but could change to £58 for two Minor teams or some combination. Agreed to cover fees whichever way it goes.
 - b. County Championship RPs – see above.
 - c. Other items noted.
- 6) National County Competition – The various possible proposals were discussed and ANW is to draft a “Notts” response to these. All EC members were free/encouraged to submit their individual responses as well. Action - **ANW**
- 7) NCA Records

- a. SB had retrieved the records from Alan Kenyon and passed them on to RR, who had perused them.
 - b. RR advised that the records cover the period 1970-1997 and that the website covers 2007 to date. ANW advised he should have computer files that cover some/all of this period and would look into this - **ANW**
 - c. They show that on 1985 John Cooper had been elected an Honorary Life Vice President. Add to website – **SB**
 - d. RR also suggested adding a list of County Junior Championships winners to the website. He will draw up a list - **RR**
 - e. RR suggested that the records be deposited with the Nottinghamshire Archive once they are completed. Possibly after a digital record has been produced, if anyone was happy to take on that task.
- 8) Associate Membership – A list of potential bodies to be invited to take this up, and a draft letter to be sent to them, to be drawn up - **ANW**
- 9) Digital Clocks
- a. MH said that although most clubs now have a good number of digital clocks, many are not used due to unfamiliarity with how to set them.
 - b. An updated version of the instructions for use of DGT 2010 clocks in Notts League to be produced and circulated to clubs, and also to be added to website – **SB**
 - c. Digital clocks to continue being given as League Prizes for time being.
- 10) NCA Fees – All paid except for Beeston.
- 11) ECF Club Map – Drag Sudar had pointed out to SB that some clubs locations were out of date. SB had contacted ECF about this and they advise that once the new database system is in place such things should be automatically updated. Meantime SB updated these from the details submitted for the Yearbook and will advise clubs accordingly - **SB**
- 12) NCA Correspondence Report - The Notts team are now 6/7, 5 wins. 2 draws from Jon Tait v David Anderton (former England Olympiad team captain) Wins from Gordon Anderson (our Scottish international Bd2) Alex Combie, Glenn Halfpenny + Bob Taylor x 2 – Phil Morgan (18 Jan).
- 13) Any Other Business
- a. Website update still planned – **SB**
 - b. NL asked if he should present an LMC report to future meetings. Advised this is only needed if something comes up that needs wider Notts Association view/action.
 - c. A further donation of £500 to increase the Congress Open prize fund had been gratefully received from Marcel Taylor.
 - d. Date of General Meeting for Rules Revision etc to be 14th May if a venue is available. Date to be fixed asap and clubs advised – **SB**
 - e. Date of next EC to be 13 April