

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held 13th April 2018

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

Apologies from Nick London (NL) who was at an LMC meeting.

DL present as member of the Junior Committee, who were invited to attend.

- 1) Minutes of the last EC meeting were confirmed
- 2) Matters arising
  - a. Adding Association Fees to website is part of the ongoing website update – **SB**
  - b. ANW had submitted a “Notts” response to the possible National County Competition proposals.
  - c. ANW advised he had found some computer files that cover some of the period 1997-2007.
  - d. SB advised that John Cooper had been added to the list of Honorary Life Vice Presidents on the website.
  - e. Adding list of County Junior Championships winners to the website still ongoing - **RR**
  - f. ANW had produced a draft letter to be sent to prospective Associate Members.
  - g. Deferred producing an updated version of the instructions for use of DGT 2010 clocks in Notts League until any rule changes have been decided, then to be produced and circulated to clubs, and also to be added to website – **SB**.
  - h. Whether to continue giving digital clocks as league prizes, or do something else, to be referred to the upcoming GM(RRM) – **SB**
  - i. SB advised clubs re ECF Club Map.
  - j. Website update partly implemented, more changes still planned – **SB**
  - k. Date of General Meeting for Rules Revision etc finalised to be 29<sup>th</sup> May and clubs advised – **SB**
- 3) Congress – 2018 and beyond.
  - a. Currently 113 entries which is in line with expectations (around 160 eventually) including 3 titled players and enquiries from others.
  - b. Marcel Taylor has joined the controlling team with our thanks for volunteering.
  - c. Marcel had also generously offered to continue his donations to the Congress, and also to pay the entry fees of GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs. He suggested that the NCA add a further £350 to the first prize to take it up to £1,000. This to be discussed at the GM(RRM) - **SB**
  - d. Next seasons dates will be roughly the same as usual, but still to be finalised.

- 4) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – We recently became aware of this replacement for the Data protection Act. It will bring new responsibilities to the NCA and other bodies, including individual chess clubs. SB had produced an initial draft of a policy and plan for the NCA, which was generally accepted. This will be worked on further and details passed to clubs within a few days, so that they can make their own arrangements, if they weren't already doing so – **SB**
- 5) ECF Council Meeting – Apart from the usual accounting issues there are some proposals.
  - a. Changes to ECF County Team Competition, following on from the previously discussed ECF questionnaire:
    - i. All teams to be 12 players – we are against this.
    - ii. Abolish the Minor – we are against this.
    - iii. FIDE rate the matches – we are against this.
  - b. Merge Bronze and Silver Memberships – we are in favour of this simplification.
- 6) Junior Matters
  - a. Junior Committee (JC) will issue an “end of year” letter to year 6 players advising contact details of local clubs etc. as last year.
  - b. The JC also had the idea of a poster to advertise this, and NL offered to get these shown in Notts Libraries. It was agreed that the posters are a good idea but should be aimed at all ages, not just juniors. There was also lengthy discussion about what should be on the posters. It was eventually agreed that the contact point should be the NCA website. Some aspects of the design were also agreed. A new draft poster to be produced – **DL**.  
The website design to be reviewed to make it easier for new people looking for a club to find the contact points – **SB**
  - c. Notts had finished 4<sup>th</sup> of six counties in the National U18 U130 competition, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of three in four counties event (Yorkshire were absent). Thanks to Simon Scott and Paul Carroll for their efforts and to John Swain who was involved in controlling and also some training between rounds.
- 7) County Teams
  - a. Thanks were expressed to Neil Graham (NG) for guiding all but our Minor team through to the National stages.
  - b. There was a discussion of the dispute over the U120 away match against Lincolnshire in Lincoln, where no chess boards were provided and our team refused to play on inappropriate boards drawn on paper. Initially this was declared a 6-6 draw, but on appeal Notts won 12-0.
  - c. There were some issues re Public Liability Insurance in relation to using the Open University for the National stage matches – note since advised by NG that other venues are to be used – **SB**.
  - d. NG had confirmed that next season will be his last one organising the teams.

- 8) Items for Upcoming General Meetings
  - a. GDPR – see above.
  - b. GDPR – possibility of League Rule change needing to be proposed - **SB**
  - c. League Prizes – see above.
  - d. Associate Members – see below.
  - e. Preview of AGM where, in particular, we are going to be looking to fill vacant posts including President, Secretary, 2 EC Members, future County Team Manager/Captains, any others? – **SB**
- 9) Best Game Prize
  - a. Usual two “Best Game” competitions to be arranged – **SB**
  - b. A “Best Swindle” Prize to be revived – **SB**
- 10) Associate Members
  - a. As mentioned above, a draft letter had been drawn up for review – **EC**
  - b. Suggestions regarding who to approach were discussed and are invited.
  - c. It was decided that approaches to schools would better come from Junior Committee who already have contacts, others from President – **ANW**
- 11) Any Other Business
  - a. The AGM to be arranged by the Secretary at around the usual time when a venue and the main officers are available – **SB**
  - b. Next EC to be arranged before the AGM – **SB**

Steve Burke

NCA Secretary

15<sup>th</sup> April 2018