

2013 Warwickshire CA AGM Minutes

Attendees

Dave Thomas	DT	President
Alex Holowczak	AH	Secretary
Nigel Towers	NT	Treasurer
Keith Escott	KE	Correspondence
Bruce Holland	BH	Executive Member
John Fahy	JF	U180, 160, 140 Captain

Meeting opened at 1908.

1. Apologies

Andy Baruch, Pauline Woodward, Anthony Mathurin, Stewart Fishburne, Bernard Rogers, Gordon Christie, Tim Lane, Bob Wildig, Simon Smith, Mark Page.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes were taken as read.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

4. Reports

(a) Secretary: AH reported that Frank Oldaker and Frank Lovell had died. The “W Meakin” typo on the website under Honorary Life Vice Presidents should read Mike Meakin, and will be amended.

(b) i) Treasurer: NT provided accounts audited by Mike Page for 2010/11, 2011/12, and draft accounts for 2012/13. BH proposed that the first two sets of accounts were approved en bloc, which was seconded by KE. The proposal was passed nem con. There was no junior congress in 2012/13, and a loss of £256.82 was reported when combined with a small loss in the senior congress. BH reported that he had not yet requested his expenses, and so the loss would be bigger. NT reported that there were four Direct Debits where people fraudulently took money out of our account. The money had been paid back. The account number and sort code was made public knowledge due to advertising the Congress, and this was suspected as the reason why. NT proposed closing the account and opening a new one to prevent further problems. After discussion, he amended this to propose using our existing accounts for general and junior activities, and creating a further account specifically for the Congress. NT then advised having another signatory to these accounts. NT’s amended proposal, along with his proposal to add a signatory to the accounts, was accepted nem con. NT proposed investigating whether to make a £1000-1500 investment in a 12-month bond. This was approved nem con. DT proposed a vote of thanks for NT and Mark Page, which was approved nem con.

ii) The Trustees Annual Report was noted, and Bernard Rogers was thanked for producing it.

(c) Congress Secretary: In Guy Greeland’s absence, DT reported that Don Mason and Henrik Stepanyan shared the Warwickshire Championship. DT reported that the new venue was much better than the previous venue. BH said a 3-year deal on the same cost as 2013 had been negotiated with the new venue, although this has not been written down formally, and the negotiator has since

been made redundant. NT asked if the cost went up, would the venue move. BH said it was likely that the entry fee would increase to cover it.

(d) Junior Chess: Anthony Mathurin provided a written report, which was accepted nem con.

(e) Correspondence Chess: The ECF refunded the fees for the non-running of the 2011/12 County Correspondence tournament, and the organiser apologised for its non-running. BFCC ran the tournament in 2012/13 on the ICC webserver. Essex are likely to win the Ward-Higgs Trophy. Warwickshire have 11.5/18, with 2 unfinished games; Essex had on 15/18 with 2 games to go. Sussex won the Sinclair Trophy, with Warwickshire finishing on 10/16. Warwickshire were on 9/12 in the Butler-Thomas, which looked like we were going to win. KE hoped to enter four teams into this competition in 2013/14. The Warwickshire Correspondence Championship was won in 2011 by Mike Donnelly. John Carleton won the 2012 event with 2.5/4. The MCCU Individual Correspondence Championship was won by Keith McLaughlin of Leicestershire; Peter Ackley scored 1 for Warwickshire. The 2012/13 event was played by e-mail, and no details of the event can be found on the MCCU website at all.

(f) Webmaster: No report provided.

5. Report of the Team Captains

(a) 1st Team: Simon Smith provided a written report, which was accepted nem con.

(b) Under 180: JF Reported that Warwickshire won the MCCU title, beating Nottinghamshire. In the National Stages, Warwickshire lost 10-6 to Lancashire in the Quarter Finals.

(c) Under 160: JF reported that Warwickshire lost to Nottinghamshire and beat Greater Manchester. In the National Stages, sent a very weak team expecting to lose, but beat Cambridgeshire 8.5-7.5. Lost 9.5-6.5 in the Semi Finals to Lancashire.

(d) Under 140: JF reported that Warwickshire won 4 and lost 2 of its six MCCU matches. In the National Stages, Warwickshire defaulted. It was played at the same place and date as the Open match, and with both teams short of players, the Under 140 team defaulted to give the Open team a full team. Almost 100 players were tried, but only 24 agreed to play on that day. JF did not want to continue as Under 140 captain.

(e) U120: Pauline Woodward provided a written report. Report accepted nem con.

(f) U100: No report provided.

6. Reports of the Delegates

(a) ECF: Gordon Christie provided no written report. DT and AH considered there was nothing relevant to report.

(b) MCCU: AH reported that Andrew Farthing elected as the new Chairman, and Ray Dolan was elected as Chief Executive. Peter Sherlock is the new County Championship Controller.

(c) Birmingham League: DT had nothing substantial to report. Teams down by 4.

(d) Coventry League: No report provided.

(e) Leamington League: BH reported that the league revamped its constitution at the AGM, and membership of the league was steady.

All reports in 6. were accepted nem con.

9. County Team entries

This was moved up the Agenda. Simon Smith proposed entering the Minor, rather than the Open. DT thought it strange that we were eligible. AH explained that in the preceding two seasons,

Warwickshire's 1st team had never fielded a side that would be ineligible to play in the Minor, and in the Open, Warwickshire had suffered heavy defeats in the Quarter Finals. JF reported that not enough of the top players in the Open were interested in playing for the county team. The proposal went to a vote, which was carried 3-1. JF proposed entering all of the teams for whom a captain would be appointed, but declining nomination for the National Stages at the captain's discretion. This was accepted nem con.

7. Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected nem con:

(a) President	David Thomas
(b) Secretary	Alex Holowczak
(c) Treasurer	Nigel Towers
(d) Tournament Secretary	Guy Greenland
(e) Junior Secretary	Anthony Mathurin
(f) Correspondence Chess	Keith Escott
(g) Webmaster	David Coates
(h) Executive Officers	Andy Baruch John Fahy Bruce Holland Pauline Woodward Bob Wildig

8. Election of Delegates

The following delegates were elected nem con:

(a) ECF	Gordon Christie
(b) MCCU	John Pakenham Alex Holowczak
(c) Birmingham League	David Thomas
(d) Coventry League	Bob Wildig
(e) Leamington League	Gordon Christie

10. Election of Team Captains

The following delegates were elected nem con:

(a) 1 st Team	Simon Smith
(b) Under 180	John Fahy
(c) Under 160	John Fahy
(d) Under 140	(vacant)
(e) Under 120	Pauline Woodward
(f) Under 100	Richard Buxton

JF suggested Louis Rawson as a candidate for the Under 140 captain.

11. Appointment of Reporting Accountant

Mark Page reappointed nem con.

12. Any Other Business

BH reported finding replacements for the Trustees, and that the current Trust Deed had expired. AH reported that Mike Johnson is prepared to be a Trustee from 30th June, 2014.

13. Date of the next meeting

BH proposes holding an Extraordinary General Meeting in October or November to approve the accounts. DT proposes holding the EGM on a Sunday evening, but reverting to a weekday evening for the next AGM.

Meeting closed at 2134.

Matters Arising

- (1) Did NT open a new account for the Congress in time for the 2014 Congress?
- (2) Was the £1000-1500 invested in a 12-month bond?
- (3) Has the 3-year deal on the Congress venue been honoured in 2014, and has any indication that this will be honoured going forward?
- (4) There has been no progress on finding someone to write a new Trust Deed.
- (5) Marek Schroeder has volunteered to become a Trustee.
- (6) The EGM referred to in 13 was never called, due to incompetent Secretary-ship. Albeit, no one reminded him...