

2014 Warwickshire CA AGM Minutes

Attendees

Dave Thomas	DT	President
Alex Holowczak	AH	Secretary
Gordon Christie	GC	ECF Delegate
Keith Escott	KE	Correspondence
John Pakenham	JP	MCCU Delegate

Meeting opened at 2010.

1. Apologies

Andrew Baruch (undisclosed)
John Fahy (working in Coventry)
Guy Greenland (living in Bridgwater, Somerset!)
Bruce Holland (forgot about the meeting)
Tim Lane (undisclosed)
Anthony Mathurin (got the wrong date of the meeting)
Marek Schroeder (clashes with Birmingham CC AGM)
Simon Smith (sister visiting)
Nigel Towers (working in London)
Bob Wildig (important family event)
Pauline Woodward (eaten too much fruit)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes approved nem con.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports of the Officers

(a) Secretary: AH spoke to Paul Lam about writing a Trust Deed, but he declined. Marek Schroeder and Mike Johnson have volunteered his services as a Trustee. The EGM to resolve that issue was never called. Pauline Woodward is standing down as Under 120 captain, and attempts to replace her had been made. Report accepted.

(b) Treasurer: NT provided a written report. KE sent a cheque which had not been cashed for £37.75. A Congress-specific bank account had been opened. Report accepted, and accepting the accounts postponed until the Executive Committee meeting.

(c) Congress Secretary: AH spoke to GG. The results of the Congress can be found on the website: www.warwickshirechess.org. No report provided. AH was asked about the use of Trident Centre for Congress in 2015. GC expressed concerns about the last-minute nature at which the payment options for the Congress became available.

(d) Secretary for Junior Chess: No report provided. AH tried to call AM earlier. No report received.

(e) Correspondence Chess: 2012/13 results. On ICCF server exclusively. Ward-Higgs won by Essex with 16/20. Yorkshire 13.5. Warwickshire 12.5 in third place. Sinclair: Sussex won, 13/16.

Warwickshire 5th = on 10/16. Butler-Thomas, postal only division, won by Warwickshire with 11/16. Nottinghamshire 8.5. Essex & Northumberland 7.5. Prize: Free entry for 2013/14. Only Warwickshire and Cumbria re-entered. Division not organised having stipulated a minimum of 4 entries. No certificates for members of winning team. Postal division seems dead. None of those players have been able to transfer for web-server; Cumbria did. 2013/14 discontinued the practice of allowing players to play for different counties in different divisions. Hence, Tim Lane unavailable for Warwickshire. Ward-Higgs, Max Davies hospitalised after 5 moves, was replaced by Marek Soszynski. Won 1.5-0.5; helped by playing sensible openings. Warwickshire 9/14 with two games to go; should be 10/16. Likely to finish third behind Yorkshire A on 11.5/16, and Yorkshire B on 9/13 so far. Sinclair accommodated 20 teams, including West Wales. Probably split into two divisions next season, starting in October. Yorkshire C on 13/16 winning. Could be caught by Essex C on 11.5/14. Warwickshire B on 8.5/15 with 1 to play. Warwickshire C finished with 4/16. Warwickshire Individual 2013: Three draws so far, still played by post. 2014 event hasn't started yet. BFCC changed its constitution to become EFCC from 1st January, 2015; following Welsh governing body's re-emergence. Report accepted.

(f) Webmaster: No report provided. No contact.

5. Reports of the Team Captains

- (a) 1st Team: SS provided a written report.
- (b) U180: No report provided by JF. U180 are in the National Final. They beat Devon 9-7 in the National Semi Finals. Warwickshire v Essex in Final.
- (c) U160: No report provided by JF. Lost all three matches in the Union Stage.
- (d) U120: PW provided written report.
- (e) U100: No report provided by RB. Not had contact with him. U100 are in the National Final. Reports approved where provided.

6. Report of the Delegates

- (a) ECF: GC: Never went to meeting. Nothing changed in terms of subscriptions.
- (b) MCCU: JP and AH. AH did not attend the meeting. JP: The mobile phone rules for the competition were clarified. Alan Ruffle is intending to organise an MCCU Individual Congress. Report accepted.
- (c) Birmingham League: DT: Nothing of any significance to report to this Association.
- (d) Coventry League: BW: Written report provided.
- (e) Leamington League: GC: Nothing of any significance to report to this Association.

7&8. Election of Officers & Delegates

GC proposed re-electing en bloc. Re-elected unanimously.

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| (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 |

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9. County Team Entries

DT asked SS whether the 1st Team should stay in the Minor. SS says it should. DT proposes that we enter the Minor Counties. AH seconded. Carried 3-2. DT proposed that we continue the policy of entering a team into any section we can find a captain for. Approved nem con.

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	(vacant)
(f) Under 100	Richard Buxton

DT requests that AH e-mails DC and webmasters of BDCL, LDCL and CDCL and asks them to advertise vacancies for the Under 140 and Under 120 captains, indicating the deadline; the implication being that no team would enter if there was no captain.

11. Appointment of Reporting Accountant

NT reported that Mark Page was intending to audit, and therefore wants to be re-appointed. AH proposes re-appointing. Appointed nem con.

12. Any Other Business

DT: Election of New Trustees: Mike Johnson and Marek Schroeder have volunteered to be new Trustees. Trustees have effectively co-opted Mike Johnson already. DT believes it is in order to elect two new Trustees, and ask the existing Trustees, who have indicated a wish to stand down but carry on until they can properly be replaced, to come up with a solution acceptable to both of them. GC: Right number for a Committee – ought to have an odd number. GC thinks that Bernard Rogers prepared to do the formal work. GC proposes that we accept the nominations of Messrs Schroeder and Johnson as Trustees, with one of the existing Trustees to continue, and the other to consult on advise in an ad hoc capacity. A new Trustee should be source ASAP. JP seconded. Passed unanimously.

AB mentioned in his report that Ann-Marie James had been selected to play for England in the Olympiad in Tromso, Norway. The meeting conveyed its congratulations to her.

13. Date of Next Meeting

AH proposes holding on Sunday, 12th October at the conclusion of the Birmingham Rapidplay at Quinborne Community Centre, subject to confirmation of Nigel's availability. JP seconds proposal. Carried 4-1.

AH to determine date of AGM in consultation with DT.

DT declared the meeting conclusion closed at 2137.