

## **2015 Warwickshire CA AGM Minutes**

Held at Moseley All-Services Club, South Birmingham Chess Club, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015.

### **Attendees**

Dave Thomas	DT	President
Alex Holowczak	AH	Secretary
Nigel Towers	NT	Treasurer
Gordon Christie	GC	ECF Delegate
Keith Escott	KE	Correspondence
John Pakenham	JP	MCCU Delegate
Bruce Holland	BH	Executive Member
Pauline Woodward	PW	Executive Member
Ed Goodwin	EG	Prospective Co-Tournament Secretary
Dave Ireland	DI	Prospective Co-Tournament Secretary
Paul Kelly	PK	Prospective Under 120 Captain

Meeting opened at 1935.

### **1. Apologies**

Andy Baruch (undisclosed)  
Richard Buxton (undisclosed)  
Paul Lam (busy preparing for Saturday)  
Tim Lane (on holiday in Portugal)  
Jason Madden (undisclosed)  
Simon Smith (working)  
Bob Wildig (undisclosed)

### **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes approved nem con.

### **3. Matters Arising**

BH explained that he had a 3-year deal with Trident, and wanted to ensure the correct amount of money was invoiced. NT confirmed that the venue had been secured for £1440 rather than £1920.

### **4. Reports of the Officers**

(a) Secretary: AH found a Law student at Birmingham University who is willing to advise us on our expired Trust Deed. BH knows a solicitor who would be helpful. Report accepted.

(b) Treasurer: NT provided a written report on the current financial situation. Loss of £269.16 will become a profit when the annual Trustee payment comes through. Congress and Junior Congress made a small loss of £92.50. The accounts will be audited by Mark Page later in the month. Report accepted.

(c) Congress Secretary: AH reported. GG stood down and AH took over. Paypal was used to collect the entry fees for the first time, and so a Warwickshire Chess Association Paypal account had been set up. The Warwickshire Co-Champions were Henrik Stepanyan and Mark Page. EG wanted to run establish a regular tournament in Coventry. DI approached AH, who suggested running it as the

Warwickshire Championships, due to the Association's problem in finding an organiser and a venue for 2016. EG found Coventry Rugby Club, near the centre of Coventry. This venue would be £1100-1150; with a £400 Friday night option. This would be the Open Congress only, and not the Junior Congress. AH, DT and BH willing to help the group. The report was accepted.

(d) Secretary for Junior Chess: AM said he was going to stand down from the role, due to having too many commitments. The report was accepted.

(e) Correspondence Chess: 2013/14 Ward Higgs – Warwickshire A 2<sup>nd</sup> =. Yorkshire B won 10/16. Yorkshire A won 11.5/16. Sinclair – Warwickshire B 8<sup>th</sup> 9/16. Warwickshire C 19<sup>th</sup> 4/16. Yorkshire C won 13/16. 2014/15 Butler Thomas reinstated. Warwickshire C entered. Competition ends on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Ward Higgs – Warwickshire A unbeaten on 8.5/15. Yorkshire A 10/15 lead, Essex A on 8.5/12. Sinclair – Warwickshire B 5.5/15. Essex C won 12.5/15. Butler Thomas – Warwickshire C 10.5/15. Need to draw last game to be promoted. Surrey B won 12.5/16. Mike Walker died, played Correspondence Chess since 1986. John Pakenham had computer problems so couldn't play. 2015/16 competition starts in October. Individual competition: 2013 tie between Alan Beresford, Peter Ackley and John Carleton. 2014 tie for the lead between Peter Ackley and John Carleton. KE retired from his BFCC posts last year. Report accepted.

(f) Webmaster: No report received.

## **5. Reports of the Team Captains**

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team: SS provided a written report. Warwickshire finished last in the West Zone. Report accepted.

(b) U180: Lost in Semi Finals of ECF stage.

(c) U160: Lost in Semi Final of ECF stage.

(d) U120: JM provided a written report. Lost in Semi Final of ECF stage. JP complimented the quality of food provided by JM's wife. Report accepted.

(e) U100: RB provided a written report. Lost in Quarter Final of ECF stage. Report accepted.

## **6. Report of the Delegates**

(a) ECF: GC attended the meetings this year. Membership fees in all classes will go up. Budget was questioned at length. Report accepted.

(b) MCCU: JP reported that he had been elected Chairman of the MCCU. AH explained that the Midland Open had been revived in Walsall in August, and received approximately 60 entries.

(c) Birmingham League: DT explained that there was little of significance to report. PK asked about the question of the league's time limit. DT explained that a compromise had been reached between those who prefer quickplay finishes and those who play adjournments. Incremental time limits introduced in some capacity. The report was accepted.

(d) Coventry League: BW provided a written report. League expanding by 1 club next year – Kenilworth intend to join the League.

(e) Leamington League: BH says the League has grown to be bigger than the Coventry League. The Leamington Rapidplay, founded in 1987, was not held in September 2014 because Guy Greenland and BH were ill. Leamington League has not found any replacements, and no desire to volunteer to re-establish it. BH thinks it would be difficult to revive if no one holds it this year. Division Three expanded from three boards to four boards. Report accepted.

## **7. Election of Officers**

DT proposes all except 7(d) and 7(e) en bloc. Re-elected unanimously. EG proposed by BH. Elected unanimously. No candidate for Junior Secretary.

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

### **8. Election of Delegates**

DT proposed re-electing (a), (b) and (c) and (e) en bloc. They were re-elected unanimously. Bob Wildig expressed a willingness to stand down from (d), and DT proposed DI be appointed to that role. Elected unanimously.

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

### **9. County Team Entries**

AH outlined the existing policy:

(1) Continuing to enter the 1<sup>st</sup> Team into the Minor. SS had not raised the issue this year, and it was considered that this was the status quo.

(2) Entering as many sections as we can find captains for.

KE called for a vote on policy (1), saying that the 1<sup>st</sup> Team should enter the Open. This vote was lost 1-7.

### **10. Election of Team Captains**

The following delegates were elected unanimously. DT proposed that (a), (b), (c) and (f) were re-elected en bloc. They were re-elected unanimously. DT proposed accepting JM's offer to captain the Under 140 team. He was elected unanimously. DT proposed accepting PK's offer to captain the Under 120 team. He was elected unanimously.

(a) 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	Simon Smith
(b) Under 180	John Fahy
(c) Under 160	John Fahy
(d) Under 140	Jason Madden

(e) Under 120

Paul Kelly

(f) Under 100

Richard Buxton

### **11. Appointment of Reporting Accountant**

NT reported that Mark Page was intending to audit, and therefore wants to be re-appointed. AH proposed re-appointing Mark Page, and he was re-appointed unanimously.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

DT requested AH and NT to liaise once the accounts are audited and available to schedule a meeting at some point in September or October.

### **12. Any Other Business**

(1) BH: What is the status of the Trustees? AH: Marek Schroeder and Mike Johnson were elected last year. DT: Bernard Rogers is still involved. We still need a third Trustee. BH to send GC a photocopy of Trust Deed to type it up.

(2) GC asked about the website. AH explained that the webmaster updates the website when asked.

DT declared the meeting conclusion closed at 2142.