

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION  
2011 Annual General Meeting

To all officers of the Shropshire Chess Association:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Telepost, Shrewsbury on Wednesday, 13th July 2010 at 7.30pm.

*Please ensure that any trophies held by your club are engraved and brought to the AGM for presentation, where required.*

**AGENDA (VERSION 2)**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM (approval and matters arising)
3. Officer's reports.

	Officer	Incumbent	To include:
a	President	Francis Best	
b	General Secretary	Glyn Pugh	
c	League Controller	Vincent Crean	Trophy Presentation
d	Treasurer	Alf Evans	
e	Auditor	Richard Thompson	
f	Grading Officer	Nick Rutter	
g	County Individual	Nick Rutter	Trophy Presentation
h	Cox & Minor Trophies	Toby Neal /	
i	Publicity Officer	Toby Neal	
j	Website Editor	Keith Tabner	
k	Congress Organiser	Richard Thompson	
l	County Junior Organiser & U100 Junior team	Steve Rooney / Francis Best	
m	County 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Captain	Peter Kitchen/ Glyn Pugh	
n	County U160 Team Captain	Roger Brown	
o	County U140 Team Captain	Francis Best	
p	MCCU Delegates	Richard Thompson & Roger Brown	
q	ECF Delegate	Nick Rutter	

4. Election of Officers
5. Review of Divison 3 teams reduced to four players.
6. Review of changes to Cox Trophy 2011
7. Proposed change to rule 6 - A team shall consist of four players in all divisions.
8. Proposed amendments to League Rule 21 (Vinny Crean) See Page2
9. Proposal concerning defaulted matches and imposing a penalty See Page2
10. Proposal to amend item 6 of the Constitution - Concerning the holding of a Council meeting in September.
11. Funding of ECF - any items not covered by MCCU/ ECF delegates
12. Any Other Business

PROPOSED RE-WORDING OF RULE 21

The additional bold words should be inserted.

21. For each match win, two points will be awarded; for a drawn match, one point. If, at the end of the season, two or more teams are tied, then the team with the higher number of game points will be adjudged the higher team. **If there is still a tie, then the team with the higher head to head board count will be adjudged the higher team.** If there is still a tie a play-off match, or matches, will be organised by the league controller.

Additional rule regarding defaults.

Suggested changes to reduce the likelihood of defaulted matches.

During the last season there were three defaulted matches in Division 2. Two of these results ultimately decided the promotion race, with Ludlow being promoted on board difference. The other was played out in the Shropshire Star.

Outwardly the results appear in part to be a product of the large distances to travel, and in part a lack of flexibility or enthusiasm at the end of the season.

Given that we are all here to play chess the following suggestions are offered to help avoid this situation in future seasons. The first to ensure a little more flexibility, the second to prevent teams from defaulting matches at the end of the season because they feel there is nothing to personally gain.

Suggestion 1

Where fixtures cannot be played on the allotted night and no alternate date can be agreed at the home venue, as a last resort before a team defaults the match, the teams be required to seek a compromise venue to play the fixture at. In fixtures that require great distances to travel (such as Ludlow vs Oswestry), this may be helpful anyway. In all cases the league controller would be consulted and his permission sought.

Suggestion 2

To prevent teams from defaulting a match without offering to play on alternate dates or at compromise venues, after Christmas, when the league standings begin to become clearer, teams doing so would be given a penalty of two points from their own total.