

Minutes of the Shropshire Chess Association AGM 4th July 2019.

Attendance.

Francis Best (President), Matthew Clark (General Secretary), Christopher Lewis (Treasurer/ Rapid Controller), Nat Paul (League Controller), Danny Griffiths, Chris Paul, Nick Rutter (County Individual/Grading), Toby Neal, Steve Tarr, Steve Szwajkun, Gary White, Adrian Zdanowski, Tony Preece, Roger Brown, William Bates, Munroe Morrison, Nick Holmes, John Westhead, Dennis Bonner, Richard Szwajkun, John Casewell

- 1) The 2018 minutes were taken as read.
- 2) Francis confirmed his intention to stand down as President.
- 3) Matthew gave his General Secretary's report. The Mid season meeting had gone well. He reminded clubs and members to take care with posts on social media and websites.
- 4) Chris gave his Treasurer's Report. It passed the auditor's report. The association made a small deficit of £411.78
- 5) Chris proposed that the League fees should remain the same for next year. This was carried 19-1.
- 6) Nat gave his report as League Controller.
Division 1: Newport A were champions. Ludlow withdrew from the League.
Division 2 Newport B won the division and Maddock B were also promoted
Telepost B and Oswestry B were relegated
Division 3 Shrewsbury C won and Newport C were promoted.
Nat reminded us to avoid defaults if at all possible.
- 7) Nat announced that he was standing down as League Controller. Adrian was unanimously elected as the new League Controller.
- 8) Chris gave his report as Rapid Play League Controller.
Division 1: Newport A won. Telepost A were 2nd.
Shrewsbury A and Wellington A were relegated.
Division 2 Maddocks B won and Shrewsbury B were promoted.
- 9) Nick gave the report on the County Individual. Nick won this himself with 6/7. Chris, Adrian and Nigel tied for 2nd with 5/7. Tony won the Grading Prize.
- 10) Chris gave the report on the Minor County Individual. John Westhead won, George Viszokai was 2nd. Grading prizes were won by Dave Lovegrove, Dennis Bonner and James Birch.

- 11) Matthew read out Keith's report on the Cox and Minor Trophies. Newport A won the Cox Trophy. Shrewsbury C won the Minor Knockout. We gave a vote of thanks to Keith for organising these competitions.
- 12) Toby gave his report on the Summer Quick Play. Newport A were the winners and Mad Wolves were Runners Up. Many Thanks to Toby for organising the competition.
- 13) Toby gave his report as publicity officer and requested that clubs and members should keep in touch with news for the website.
- 14) Nick gave his report as grading officer. New grades came out on 25th July. Nick noted that monthly grades would lead to a lot more work for grading officers. We gave Nick a vote of thanks for this work.
- 15) Matthew read Keith's report as Website Editor. Keith announced that he would like to hand over the reins. We thanked him for his hard work.
- 16) Francis and Steve will continue as Congress Organisers. We were all delighted with the success of this year's Congress. 6 Titled players entered the competition.
- 17) Nat gave his report on our 4NCL teams. It was a good season for the 1st Team. They came 4th in their division. The 2nd team finished mid-table. The 3rd team also achieved some impressive results. We decided to enter 2 teams in the Northern section for the next season.
- 18) We noted that Roger is out MCCU delegate. Nick is our ECT delegate.
- 19) The trophies were then duly presented.
- 20) Munro said that he was interested in the Presidency role. (He has since changed his mind about this.) Nick Holmes is interested in the Website role.
- 21) Chris was unanimously elected as Junior organiser.
- 22) We noted that we still need to develop a GDPR policy.
- 23) We unanimously agreed to enter 2 Count teams into the MCCU competition. Matthew will organise the Open Team and Dennis will organise the Under 120 team.
- 24) Toby agreed to organise the Colin Roberts Memorial best game prize. This was agreed unanimously.
- 25) Dennis proposed that a Club's teams should be named in order. Francis spoke against this and Dennis withdrew his proposal.
- 26) Tony proposed that a nominated player must play over 50% of games for both standard and rapid play chess. Some consideration can be given if a club captain provides suitable notice or a suitable reason to the League Controller. Dennis proposed an amendment that this should apply to Division 1 only. The amended proposal was passed by 11 votes-6 with 3 abstentions.
- 27) John Westhead proposed an amendment that a team that refuses promotion is not eligible to win the trophy next year. This was narrowly defeated by 8 votes to 9.
- 28) Chris's proposal that we hyperlink his flowchart explaining player eligibility to the current rules was passed.

- 29) Nat, Chris and Matthew proposed 3 rules changes following the Mid-Season meeting.
- Proposal 1 to make live the 2018 Fide rules was passed with an amendment (to allow players to access their mobile phones in an emergency) was passed unanimously.
- Proposal 2 stating that no player may act as an arbiter, but that any player may stop the clock to ask about the rules was passed 16 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.
- Proposal 3 stating that Clocks should be adjusted if the away team are fully present at 7.30 p.m. and that home team are not ready was passed 16 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions.
- 30) John Casewell reminded us about the importance of disabled access.