

Minutes of SCA Council meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Dennis Bonner, Matthew Clark, Charles Higgin, Nick Holmes, Chris Lewis, Jonathan Smith, Mark Smith, Adrian Zdanowski

Apologies: Munroe Morrison, Tony Preece, Nick Rutter, Richard Thompson

AGENDA

To discuss lifting the suspension of Shropshire Chess OTB activities.

MC made two proposals:

1. That clubs be able to meet immediately.
2. That the league resume from Friday Feb 4.

The rationale for this was to allow clubs to meet at least once prior to any league commitments.

Clubs represented gave their reactions:

DB commented that there would be very limited national restrictions from tomorrow and that numbers of cases were greatly reduced in Shropshire. He proposed that we maintain the agreed Covid Protocols. The meeting agreed.

MS reported that Shrewsbury would be meeting on Friday at their new venue, the Nerdy Cafe. They were asking people to have a lateral flow test before attending, not to attend if at all unwell, and that if their opponent was more comfortable wearing a mask to do so. Mark made an open invitation to Shropshire players to attend this opening night.

CL said Newport were happy to continue under the existing protocols and were happy with the proposed dates.

JS reported that Oswestry had been closed since mid-December and were looking to reopen in the middle of February. CH noted that he would like to hear from players willing to play in the upcoming 4NCL OTB weekend in February.

AZ said that Maddocks were happy to come back. They had been intending to push it back a further week but he saw no difficulties with the proposal.

MC and AZ agreed that, as before the December suspension of the league, any individual postponement requests related to covid would be dealt with on their merits.

Matthew's two proposals were voted on and unanimously carried,

AOB

CH commented that it had been a welcome change not to have to travel to away games in the winter. Maybe we could consider running the online league in the winter and the OTB in the autumn/spring?

Meeting closed 7.50pm. NH. 26/1/21