



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association Charitable Trust, held at Willows Social Club, Hull, Tuesday 16th June, 2015.

The President opened the meeting at 7.15pm

Present: S King (President), Stephen Greep, Roger Noble, Dave Mills, Andrew Bettley, Steve Thrower, John Thompson, Shaun Taylor, Jim Miklevicz, John Scotter, David Stothard, Shaun Culkin, Paul Allison, Mike Butt, Peter Eggleton, Tony Southern, Lester Jones, Ted Williamson, Derek Sheppard, Charles Clayton, Malcolm Oggelsby, S Moody, G Mellor, Dave Cooper, Ray Scruton, John Thackery, Nick Whetton and seven others (who did not sign the attendance register).

The Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

1. **Presidents Opening remarks:** The President of the Association welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for their time. He declared the AGM open.

At this point in the AGM the President asked for a minutes silence to remember Peter Brown of St Andrews CC who had sadly died during the course of the year.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Atkinson, Philip Tuplin, Ted Stamp, Dean Morris, Bill Wright, Graham Chesters
3. **Minutes of the last meeting (2014 AGM):**were unanimously voted as a true record
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising
5. **President and General Secretaries Report:** This had been previously circulated. The President introduced the report. There were no questions.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve Thrower spoke to his report which had been previously circulated, showing that although the Association's funds had diminished during the year (for a variety of reasons) good balances remained for the Association in both General and Congress Accounts. Following a debate in respect of Hana club and unpaid subscriptions, it was decided to persevere with the collection of monies owed rather than suspend them from the league. There were no questions.
7. **League, Cup and Summer League secretaries Report:** Andrew Bettley spoke to his report which had previously been circulated. There were no questions.
8. **Fixture secretaries Report:** Derek Sheppard introduced his report, adding that unfortunately Bridlington would not be submitting a team next year and it was unlikely that the university would be in a position to enter the league until the following year. There were no questions.
9. **Match Captains Report:** David Mills briefly spoke to his report. There were no questions.

10. Proposals for Rule Changes (These minutes are to be read in association with the appendix, detailing the agreed rule changes. These are a formal part of these minutes). Not being votes, abstentions have not been listed, but three were 34 members present at the AGM.

10.1 All players in Hull and District league and cup games are required to be ECF members

David Mills introduced this item and his supplementary papers. There was a long debate following which the votes were:

For 10 : Against 20:

A separate vote was taken on the motion, but without the option of players to pay the £2.50 board grading fee as opposed to becoming full ECF bronze members

For 8 : Against 20:

The requirement for all players in HDCA tournaments to be ECF members was therefore not adopted.

10.2 Registration date for teams in the winter league to be 1st July in the winter league. Derek Sheppard introduced the discussion and following debate the voting was:

For 32 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore was agreed.

10.3 Proposal to allow players to play for different clubs in different tournaments. Steve king introduced this proposal. After clarification that six and four board leagues counted as different tournaments, voting was:

For 33 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

10.4 Proposal concerning the use of substitutes: Dave Mills introduced this item and following a discussion the votes were:

For 10 : Against 13:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

10.5 Tie break arrangements: David Mills introduced the proposals to change the current tie break arrangements. Following a discussion the votes were:

For 17 : Against 6

The rule change was therefore agreed.

10.6 Promotion Arrangements for four and six board leagues: Derek Sheppard introduced this rule change proposal, referring to the previous year's discussions and changes to arrangements. Following a discussion votes were cast:

For 4 : Against 24:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

11. Election of Officers and Trustees

The following nominations had been received and all were duly elected as officers of the Association and Trustees of the charity. There was one vote against.

President	Steve King
Vice President	Andrew Bettley
General Secretary	Stephen Greep
Treasurer	Steve Thrower
League Secretary	Andrew Bettley
Cup Controller	Andrew Bettley
Summer League Controller	Derek Sheppard
Fixture Secretary	Derek Sheppard
Publicity Officer	Roger Noble

Congress Organiser
Youth Development Officer
Match Captain
Trustees (without Office):

Steve King
Dean Morris
Dave Mills
Paul Allison
Graham Chesters
Lester Jones
Jim Miklevicz
Bill Wright

12. Any other notified business

The officers and members of the committee were warmly thanked for all their work on behalf of chess players in the association.

A number of future events were highlighted – Presentation Evening and Team Lightening (June 30th), Chess in the Park (July 4th), Grandmaster Challenge (November 7th), Coaching weekend (November 27th/28th).

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.15

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary (19/06/15)

Appendix : Rules Change Proposals agreed at the 2015 HDCA AGM

REGISTRATION DATE FOR PLAYERS AND TEAMS IN THE WINTER LEAGUE

Addition to General Rules (note 5.1 become 5.2)

5.1 to read “All teams intending to compete in the Winter League must register with the League Secretary before 1st July”.

PLAYERS TO PLAY FOR DIFFERENT CLUBS IN DIFFERENT TOURNAMENTS

Change to rule (5.2 – will become 5.3)

5.2 No player may play for more than one club in each tournament in a season, though in special circumstances, the Executive Committee may permit a transfer of registration. A player may be re-registered for a different team within the same club if they have not, during the current season, played for the team, in a league match, which first registered them. For the purposes of this rule individual tournaments will be defined as

- o The six board winter league
- o Four board winter league
- o Sumer league division one
- o Summer league division two
- o All Team Cup competitions shall count as separate events

CHANGES IN TIE BREAK ARRANGEMENTS

General Rules (7.1):

The wording to remain the same, but the first and second tie breaks to be changed

7iii) to become 7i) – that is the first tie breaker being boards for compared with boards against

7i) to become 7ii) – that is the results between teams involved in the tie-break

7ii) to become 7iii) – that is the team with the best board score in the matches involving the two teams

7iv) to remain the same