



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association Charitable Trust, held at Willows Social Club, Hull, Tuesday 14th June, 2016.

The President opened the meeting at 7.16pm

Present: S King (President), Stephen Greep, Stephen Hodge, Roger Noble, Andrew Bettley, Richard Atkinson, Steve Thrower, John Thompson, Jim Miklevicz, David Stothard, Paul Allison, Mike Butt, Tony Southern, Trevor Harper, Ted Williamson, Kevin Chilvers, Lester Jones, Ted Stamp, Derek Sheppard, Malcolm Oggelsby, Shaun Moody, Granville Mellor, Dave Cooper, Olegs Dukelevs, Dmitris Ivanovs, John Thackray, Nick Whetton, Michael Martin-Smith and four 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.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Philip Tuplin, John Scotter, Bill Wright, David Mills, Graham Chesters, Jason Clemmey, Paul Lyons and Dean Morris.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting (2015 AGM):** were unanimously voted as a true record
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Officers Reports:** These had been previously circulated. Each officer briefly introduced their report. The Treasurer answered questions in respect of the auditing of the accounts and how, because we received the Ross Funds in year, we may be subject to more scrutiny by the Charities Commission. Questions regarding the investments with our chosen investment manager, Cardales, were answered with the offer of more details outside the AGM for anyone who requested them. The Cup controllers discussed problems with fixture completion during the season. All but one of the cups should be complete by 22nd June. Proposals discussed elsewhere at the AGM should resolve problems encountered in recent years.
6. **Proposal for Subscriptions for 2016/17:** The Treasurer outlined the Charities policy of ensuring subscriptions met the 'day to day' running costs of the Association, such as insurance, web hosting, cup engraving, league and cup expenses. Following a debate concerning the potential higher cost per game played of entering cup tournaments relative to league matches (following which the Treasurer agreed to review this in year) the proposed increases were agreed unanimously. It was indicated out that if the number of cups events were reduced (item 8.8) there would be a loss of income to the Association which would mean that subscriptions for other events would need to rise next year.
7. **Proposals for Changes to the Constitution.** (These minutes are to be read in association with the appendix, detailing the agreed constitution changes. These are a formal part of these minutes).
 - 7.1 ***Presentation of Trophies***
 - 7.2 ***Amendments to Rule Changes at the AGM***
 - 7.3 ***Removal of right of past president to automatically become a Trustee without election***

7.4 *Change in post title*

7.5 *Change/clarification in Trustee election notice period*

Stephen Greep introduced each of the proposed changes. All the amendments to the constitution were agreed unanimously.

8. 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 there were 31 members present at the AGM (34 last year).

8.1 Proposal to clarify notice period required in the arrangement of cup matches

Andrew Bettley introduced this item. There were no questions. A vote was taken resulting in:

For 31 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore was agreed.

8.2 Rule clarification/confirmation of rule in respect of end date of tournaments. Andrew Bettley introduced the item. There were no questions. A vote was taken resulting in:

For 31 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore was agreed.

8.3 Proposal regarding completion of fixture arrangements for team and individual cup tournaments run by the HDCA. Andrew Bettley introduced this item. There were no questions. A vote was taken resulting in:

For 31 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

8.4 Proposal relating to the use and grades of reserves: Paul Allison introduced this item and answered questions on the implications. Following a debate the following votes were cast:

For 9 : Against 9:

As the votes cast for and against were equal, in accordance with paragraph 16 (1) of the constitution the President had the casting vote. He supported the motion which was therefore carried.

The rule change was therefore agreed.

8.5 Proposals relating to the use of mobile phones: There were two proposals. Paul Allison (first version) and Stephen Greep (second version) introduced their proposals. Following questions both proposals were put to the vote:

Version One: For : 4 : Against 21:

Version Two: For: 25: Against 0:

Version two of the proposal was therefore agreed.

8.6 Proposal relating to the role of team captains in dispute management: Following a discussion it was agreed to delete from the proposal the words 'If necessary they may stop their own clocks as well as those of the disputed board'. A vote was taken resulting in:

For 29 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

8.7 Proposal that the time control from the winter season 2016/17 in all league and cup tournaments should be 35 moves in 1 ¼ hours plus 15 minutes. As neither proposer nor seconder were present this went straight to a vote:

For 0 : Against 24:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

8.8 Proposal regarding future arrangements team and individual cup tournaments run by the HDCA: The proposal was introduced by Andrew Bettley. Following a debate a vote was taken:

For 24 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

8.9 Proposal relating to the elimination of the use of handicapping in Ross league and cups, the Atkinson, Fenner and Jubilee cups: This proposal was introduced by Ted Stamp. Following a long presentation the proposal was put to a vote:

For 5 : Against 23:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

9. 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 were 29 votes for and no votes against.

President	Steve King
Vice President	Andrew Bettley
General Secretary	Stephen Greep
Treasurer	Steve Hodge
League Secretary	Andrew Bettley
Cup Controller	Paul Allison/Andrew Bettley
Summer League Controller	Derek Sheppard
Fixture Secretary	Derek Sheppard
Publicity Officer	Roger Noble
Congress Organiser	Steve King
Junior Chess Officer	Dean Morris
Match Captain	Dave Mills
Trustees (without Office):	Paul Allison
	Graham Chesters
	Lester Jones
	Jim Miklevicz
	Steve Thrower
	Bill Wright

10. Any other notified business

The officers and members of the committee, together with everyone who had contributed to chess events over the last year were warmly thanked for all their work on behalf of chess players in the association.

A number of future events were highlighted – Chess in the Park (July 2nd), Presentation Evening and Team Lightening (July 5th), Hull Chess Congress (14th-16th October).

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.00

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary (20/06/16)

Appendix : Changes to the Constitution Agreed at the AGM

Presentation of Trophies

Paragraph 11 (3) Annual General Meeting – Present Trophies

To add the words *‘unless they are to be presented at a separate event/occasion’*

Amendments to Rule Changes at the AGM

Paragraph 12 (7) new paragraph added to state in relation to amendment’s to proposals at the AGM

‘The only exception to this rule shall be that at general meeting amendments to proposals for rule and constitution changes may be made with the consent of the original proposer and at the chairman of the meetings discretion. The Chairman of the meeting will determine that an amendment is that and not a new rule’.

Removal of right of past president to automatically become a Trustee without election

Paragraph 18(3) is deleted

Change in post title

Paragraph 18 (4) refers to the Youth Development Officer – now read Junior Chess officer.

Change/clarification in Trustee election notice period

Paragraph 19 (4) relates to the appointment of Trustees. It now reads: No- one may be elected a Trustee or an officer at an Annual General Meeting unless *at least 14 days* prior to the meeting the charity is given notice that.....

Rules Change Proposals agreed at the 2016 HDCA AGM

NOTICE PERIOD REQUIRED IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF CUP MATCHES

Six Board Cup Tournament Rule 2.1 states 7 days' notice now reads 14 days' notice

RULE CLARIFICATION/CONFIRMATION OF RULE IN RESPECT OF END DATE OF TOURNAMENTS

Rule 2.9 is prefixed with the words. All matches in HDCA league and cup tournaments (both team and individual) must be played by 31st May. Any fixtures not played by this date.....

COMPLETION OF FIXTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CUP TOURNAMENTS RUN BY THE HDCA

New rule at 2.10 (current 2.10 and 2.11 to become 2.11 and 2.12) : All Cup games must be played by period stated on cup draws. (A 2 week extension can be allowed if there is difficulty in arranging matches and correspondence is shown to the cup controller to support this). If any match is not played on time the match will be awarded to the away team/individual.

USE AND GRADES OF RESERVES

Rule 3.9 now reads: Any player playing as a reserve in a league match should have a grade no higher than 20 points above that of the regular team member in whose place they are playing. (This is not applicable to the Four Board League).

USE OF MOBILE PHONES

New rule 3.18: Unless by prior agreement with the captains, players must ensure all electronic communication devices are switched off in the playing area. Failure to do this will result in the loss of the game, although an opponent may waive this right.

THE ROLE OF TEAM CAPTAINS IN DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

Addition to rule 4.3 as follows: During a match Team Captains (or their vice-captain in their absence) are regarded as joint arbiters; if a dispute arises they are jointly responsible for a decision as to how to proceed. In the event of any dispute which cannot be settled between the captains.....

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CUP TOURNAMENTS RUN BY THE HDCA

The Fenner and Jubilee events as well as the individual handicap tournament have been removed from the HDCA calendar.
