



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association Charitable Trust, held at Willows Social Club, Hull, Tuesday 13th June, 2017.

The President opened the meeting at 7.21pm

Present: D Mills, S Hodge, D Vleeshouwer, A Grice (Beverley); B Hesler, D Cooper, W Wright, S Moody, P Allison, S Nicholson, J Varley, S Thrower, S Greep, S King (President), D Sheppard, S Brown, R Noble, E Gardiner, J Scotter (Hull); P Morgan, L Jones, E Stamp, A Clayton, C Clayton, P Gill, A Bettley, S Donoghue, S Garner, M Pollard (St Andrews); J Miklevicz, R Atkinson (Victoria Dock); Mike Butt, John Thompson, S Taylor, M Ogglesbury, N Whetton (Willows); T Harper, T Southern, J Sugden, P Tuplin (Withernsea); plus one who did not sign the attendance register.

The Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate. 41 members were in attendance and one guest.

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:** David Stothard, John Bycroft, Graham Chesters, Tim Turner and Dean Morris.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting (2016 AGM):** were unanimously voted as a true record
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION

There followed a presentation from Mike Truran, Chief Executive Officer of The English Chess Federation. He outlined current work, developments and priorities of the ECF together with issues in respect of ECF funding. He then answered questions from members present.

5. **Officers Reports:** As these had been circulated late members were given time to read them. Each officer briefly introduced their report. Questions to officers included on the value for money of events, the potential for a tax rebate on funds paid on becoming a charity and rule interpretation for defaults in cup tournaments. The format of the reports had been changed from previous years so they conformed closer with Charity Commission requirements for an annual report.
6. **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 41 members present at the AGM (31 last year).
 - 6.1 **Proposal that all players registered in league/cup competitions must be members of the ECF and provide a valid ECF membership number, in line with ECF rules.**
Stephen Greep introduced this item, followed by Steve Hodge in respect of the proposed subsidy
Following questions a vote was taken resulting in:

For 32 : Against 6:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

It was also agreed to send out clarification as to the implementation of this rule before the start of the season.

6.2 Proposal to clarify the number of games a player can play in one evening.

Derek Sheppard introduced this item, explaining the background. Following discussion, it was agreed to change this proposal to read 'No player shall arrange to play, in advance, more than one standard play game against different opponents on the same evening. A vote was taken resulting in:

For 37 : Against 0:

The amended rule change was therefore agreed.

6.3 Proposal to split current rule 5.3, creating a new rule 3.10

Andrew Bettley introduced this item, explaining that there was some duplication in the current rules and the items on rule 5.3 were misplaced. Non duplicate items in 5.3 should be moved to section 3 of the rules. Following discussion, a vote was taken resulting in:

For 31 : Against 0:

The rule change was therefore agreed.

6.4 Proposal relating to the elimination of the use of handicapping in the four board league and the four and six board cups: This proposal was introduced by Ted Stamp. Following this introduction, the proposal was put to a vote:

For 7 : Against 31:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

6.5 Proposal to change the Atkinson Cup Rule 4.3 and RP Ross Four board league and Cup Rules: This proposal was introduced by Andrew Bettley and Jim Miklevicz Following discussion, the proposal was put to the vote

For 6 : Against 12:

The rule change was therefore not agreed.

7. **Proposal for Subscriptions for 2017/18:** Following discussions about league and cup fees at last years AGM the treasurer proposed abolishing fees for cup matches and that the fee for league teams be increased to reflect this reduction. For clarity, there was also a penalty fee for late payment of fees for four board league teams. The overall amount of money paid by clubs should remain similar to last season.

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, but that, in view of additional costs elsewhere next season he had not sought to increase the overall level of fees payable.

Following discussion, a vote was taken resulting in:

For 24 : Against 8:

8. 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. Some members had already left the meeting by this stage.

President	Steve King
Vice President	Andrew Bettley
General Secretary	Stephen Greep
Treasurer	Steve Hodge
League Secretary	Andrew Bettley
Cup Controllor	Andrew Bettley
Summer League Controllor	Derek Sheppard

Fixture Secretary
Publicity Officer
Congress Organiser
Junior Chess Officer
Match Captain
Trustees (without Office):

Derek Sheppard
Roger Noble
Steve King
Mike Pollard
Dave Mills
Graham Chesters
Lester Jones
Jim Miklevicz
Scott Nicholson
Steve Thrower
Douglas Vleeshhouwer
Bill Wright

10. Any other notified business

Derek Sheppard indicated that there were two new four board teams this year and that this presented problems in terms of scheduling matches and sought advice from members how to approach this.

Mike Turan was thanked for his time in coming to the AGM. 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.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.29

Stephen Greep,
Hon. General Secretary (28/06/17)

Rules Change Proposals agreed at the 2017 HDCA AGM

REQUIREMENT FOR PLAYERS IN HDCA EVENTS TO BE ECF MEMBERS

New Rule 5.1 : All players registered in league/cup competitions must be members of the ECF and provide a valid ECF membership number. Any club that fields a player who is not a member of the ECF will be charged the appropriate fee as defined under ECF rules

NO PLAYER TO ARRANGE TO PLAY MORE THAN ONE STANDARD PLAY GAME AGAINST DIFFERENT OPPONENTS

Addition to General Rules: 3.20 : No player shall arrange to play more than one standard-play game for any one evening. Failure to observe this rule will result in the loss to the player of all the games concerned.

ELIMINATION OF RULE 5.3 AND CREATION OF RULE 3.10

Rule 5.3 is deleted and a new rule 3.10 (incorporating lines 1 and 3 of 5.3) to read:

Where a club has more than one team, a player may only play as a reserve in a higher or lower division than the player's registered team. The player can do this at most 5 times (a game where a default occurs shall not count as one of the 5 possible games).