



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association Charitable Trust, held at Holiday Inn Express, Ferens Way, Hull. Tuesday 12th June, 2018.

The President opened the meeting at 19.15

Present: P. Perkins, G. Johnstone, D Vleeshouwer, (Beverley); S Hodge , D Cooper, W Wright, S Moody, S Nicholson, S Thrower, S Greep, S King (President), D Sheppard, R Noble, J Scotter (Hull), S. Moody, D. Mills, M Pollard, D. Stephenson (St Andrews); J Miklevicz, R Atkinson (Victoria Dock); S Taylor, P. Crook (Willows), P Tuplin, H. Welsh, ((Withernsea); plus four who did not sign the attendance register.

The Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate. 27 members were in attendance.

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:** D. Stothard, A Bettley, T.. Harper, J. Sugden, P .Carter, J. Thompson, P. Kendal, T. Southern
3. **Minutes of the last meeting (2017 AGM):** were unanimously voted as a true record
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Proposal for Subscriptions for 2018/19:** Following discussions about league and cup fees at last year's AGM the treasurer proposed no change in annual fees. This was unanimously supported.
6. **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).

Changes to the rules designed to facilitate the introduction of ECF grading, the use of the ECF LMS (League Management System), clarify the requirements of player registration and the grading of players had been previously distributed and discussed. Changes to rules 3.1, 3.5, 3,13, 5.2 and 5.3 were all agreed unanimously. It was further unanimously agreed that Rules 5.6 and 2 and 5 of the summer league rules were deleted and all references to ungraded payers were removed from the rules.

7. **Officers Reports:** These had been circulated to all members. The secretary explained that the format conformed with Charity Commission requirements for an annual report. There were no additional remarks from officers. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer's present.
8. **Election of Officers and Trustees**
The following nominations had been received and were unanimously elected as officers of the Association and Trustees of the Charity.

President	Steve King
Vice President	Andrew Bettley
General Secretary	Stephen Greep
Treasurer	Shaun Taylor
League Secretary	Douglas Vleeshhouwer
Cup Controller	Shaun Taylor
Summer League Controller	Douglas Vleeshhouwer
Fixture Secretary	Derek Sheppard
Publicity Officer	Roger Noble
Congress Organiser	Steve King
Junior Officer	Mike Pollard
Match Captain	Dave Mills (non Trustee)

Trustees (without Office): Graham Chesters , Gerry Johnstone, Jim Miklevicz, Peter Perkins
Steve Thrower, Bill Wright.

9. Any other notified business

David Mills reported on the success of Yorkshire teams in national competitions and that hull players had played a significant requested that the Charity supported the YCA in costs. It as agreed that a formal approach from the YCA should be required.

Dave Mills also raised the issue of trained first aiders at events. It as agreed to explore further and to see if players were interested.

SG gave an update on the British Chess Championships and progress with consent forms for GDPR.

The President thanked those Trustees who had decided not to continue as Trustees for their contributions.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 19.45

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

Rules Changes agreed at the 2018 HDCA AGM

The following represents rule changes – changes are indicated in red for ease of reference.

New 3.1 The home team captain/deputy shall provide the only result sheet of the match, whereby they only enter their team details on the home side of the sheet. The away team captain/deputy shall provide their team names only on a separate piece of paper to the home captain/deputy. These are to be copied, along with other subsequent details, onto the original sheet with no deviation from his/her original list. The result sheet must be completed by both captains/deputies at least 5 minutes before the start of the match. All result sheets must have two sets of handwriting accompanied with a signature. **All results sheets must be retained until the end of the season.**

Results must be reported **on the League Management System by the home team** within **four days** of the match being played and verified **by the away team within four further days**. **Failure to submit or verify will result in a loss by default by non-submitting team.** Game results will still count for grading.

Notes: Scoresheets must still be filled in and signed by both captains on the night as present. They should be retained until the end of the season, in case of any disputes. New team sheets will be devised.

New 3.5 The grading season shall run from 1st July to 30th June. The 31st July English Chess Federation grading list (A-E grades) must be used (as published by the HDCA at the start of the playing year).

3.5.1 Ungraded players (players with an F category grade shall be considered ungraded) should be assigned an estimated grade by the League Controller following advice from the Secretary of the player's club.

3.5.3 For players who begin the season ungraded but are awarded an A-E grade in the ECF January grading list, the January grade will be applicable for the rest of the season (for calculation of handicaps and board order).

3.5.4 If a player is not on the ECF list, then players on a previous H&DCA grading list can be used to calculate an estimate grade with 5 points deducted for each year of inactivity up to a maximum of 5 years. For players not on any ECF, YCA or H&DCA list must obtain an estimate grade (see 3.5.1 above). Please note – estimate grades are to be used for board order only.

3.5.5 If a player with an estimated grade plays nine graded games (the requirement for an ECF E grade) before the January refresh of the grading data his grade may be changed by discussion with the relevant club secretary and the League secretary.

Notes the current requirement is 8 games not nine. Nine is used to be consistent with ECF grading criteria.

New 3.13 Player's names and grades (as listed in the **ECF/HDCA** grading list) and whether they are reserves, substitutes or juniors, must be given on the **team** sheets **used on match nights** and **on results submitted and verified in line with rule 3.1**. Failure to do so may result in the loss of those games

5.2 The following dates for entering events and registering players and teams shall apply:

5.2.1 All teams intending to compete in the Winter League must register both teams and players (together with their ECF membership number in line with rule 5.1) with the League Secretary no later than 1st July. This registration will be valid for all HDCA events for the following season.

5.2.2 Teams entering the Atkinson Trophy and Ross Cup and individuals for the U125 and U165 events, should send applications to the relevant controller no later than 1st August

5.2.3 Teams entering the Summer league should send information to the controller no later than 1st April.

5.3 New players may be registered during the season by notifying the League Secretary, **who will, if necessary, agree a grade for that player (see rule 3.5)** as long as they have not previously been registered for another club when rule 5.3 (will be 5.4) below will apply. **No player may play in a HDCA tournament where an estimated grade is required without that grade being agreed with the League Secretary. In the event of the League Secretary not being available, where required (e.g. at short notice), an estimated grade may be agreed with any officer of the HDCA, reviewed by the League Secretary as soon as possible.**

Notes: These changes are designed to formalise the registration process for team and individuals, as well as clarify the process for layers joining mid-season. It also clarifies how to obtain and agree estimated grades and eliminates the need for ungraded status.

Changes to MH Brown Summer League

Following the introduction of the League Management System rules 2 and 5 will be deleted as there should be no players without a grade (even if this is an estimated one) as the results will be input and verified by the players (new 3.1 refers)

Changes to references to ungraded players

All reference to ungraded players can be removed from the rules.

Additional Notes

These are not specific rule changes, but will be changed in the handbook:

Mike Pollard has run a successful Junior Tournament this year and intends to continue into the future – the words Junior will be added to page 11 (U125 and U165 rules) of the Handbook

The U125 and U165 tournaments will continue in their current form – however, in order to take account of any future changes to the grading limits (for example the current U125 is inscribed U100) the new trophies (to be purchased this year) will be inscribed Major and Minor and reflected in the handbook.