



Minutes

Of the

Annual General Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association to be held at The Meeting Hall of Charterhouse, Charterhouse Lane, Hull, HU2 8AF. 19.15 on Tuesday 17th August, 2021.

1. **President's opening remarks:** The President declared the AGM open at 19.15 and welcomed members of the Charity to the 2021 AGM.

Present:

Beverley Chess Club : Derek Sheppard, Gerry Johnstone and Douglas Vleeshouwer.

Hull Chess Club: Graham Chesters, Dave Cooper, John Cooper, Stephen Greep, Steve Thrower and Bill Wright.

St Andrews Chess Club: Andrew Bettley, David Mills, Mike Pollard and John Thackray.

Victoria Dock Chess Club: Richard Atkinson and Jim Miklevicz.

Individual Member Richard Skog

The Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate. 16 members were in attendance

2. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Kendall (Beverley), Bruce Oliver (Beverley), Peter Perkins (Beverley) and Steve Hodge (Hull),
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** (2020 AGM) were approved:
Yes 16
No 0
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Annual Report and presentation by the President** on a new five-year plan for chess and the current Chess Festival.

The President introduced the Annual Report (previously circulated) : He thanked everyone who had contributed to chess over a difficult year. In particular he thanked Tom Hackett who had stood down as League Secretary and as a Trustee.

The new five-year plan was divided into three workstreams (Chess Online, Chess in the Community and Junior Chess) with the added objective of strengthening memberships of clubs in the HDCA area. The first phase was already underway with the three-month play chess Festival which had had a successful launch at the Deep.

While more volunteers were needed for future events, he thanked all those who had volunteered to assist in activities, including VHEY, HCAL and various departments within the City Council such as the libraries. KCOM had agreed to sponsor a primary schools online league. Absolutely

Cultured had provided volunteers for events. The Deep had assisted with an excellent promotional video of the launch. Events in August would end with an event to co-incide with the Freedom Festival in Trinity Square and market.

Events to date had been very successful with hundreds of people playing at events so far, especially the event at Queens Gardens. Numbers of the summer school had increased from 26 to 61 following the early Festival events. There had been good media coverage, including in the Hull Daily Mail, Look North and Radio Humberside.

Looking forward September would see events in streets, libraries, and cafes. October would see a series of important external events as Hull was hosting the British Championships, the British women's championships and our own Congress were taking place at the University of Hull.

6. **Proposal for Subscriptions for 2021/22:** The Treasurers proposed that no subscriptions be requested from clubs or individual members of the Charity in 21/22, but that normal subscriptions would resume in season 2022/23:

Yes 16

No 0

7. **Proposal for Changes to the constitution:** Derek Sheppard introduced his proposal that elections for Trustees and officers would be for a three-year tenure instead of the current one year. This would ensure continuity, particularly at a time when the Charity was embarking on a new five-year plan. With three-year appointments Trustees would bear more responsibility for the consequences of their actions. This was more in line with other Charities and he noted the recommendation of the Pearce review into governance of the ECF which had also recommended three-year tenure.

The changes required to the Constitution would be:

19 (3) Unless otherwise agreed Trustees shall serve for a period of three years but shall be able to stand for further periods of office

19 (4) Each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of their agreed tenure but shall be eligible for re-election at that AGM.

and renumbered subsequently.

Ther 'staggering' of posts for the first period of tenure was also agreed

President	3 years	(new election at 2025 AGM)
Vice chairman	1 Year	(new election at 2023 AGM)
Treasurer	2 years	(new election at 2024 AGM)
General Secretary	1 Year	(new election at 2023 AGM)
League Secretary	3 Years	(new election at 2025 AGM)
Fixture Secretary	2 Years	(new election at 2024 AGM)
Cup Controller	1 Year	(new election at 2023 AGM)
Summer League Secretary	2 years	(new election at 2024 AGM)
Match Captain	3 Years	(new election at 2025 AGM)
Junior Officer	2 Years	(new election at 2024 AGM)
Congress Organiser	1 year	(new election at 2023 AGM)
Publicity Officer	1 year	(new election at 2023 AGM)
Trustee (1)	3 Years	(new election at 2025 AGM)
(2)	2 Years	(new election at 2024 AGM)

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| (3) | 1 Year | (new election at 2023 AGM) |
| (4) | 3 Years | (new election at 2025 AGM) |
| (5) | 2 Years | (new election at 2024 AGM) |

The initial non-post holding Trustee cycle will to be decided by lot.

The proposal that officers and Trustees be elected for a three-year period, but that this be ‘staggered’ with effect from the 2022 AGM was passed

Yes 13
No 3

8. **Proposals for Rule Changes:** Douglas Vleeshouwer introduced the proposal to change the playing rules to reflect the new 4-digit ratings introduced by the ECF. This required rule changes as follows:

Rule 3.5.3 to read: If a player is not on the ECF list, then players on a previous H&DCA Rating list can be used to calculate an estimate Rating with 40 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 Rating (see 3.5.1 above). Please note – estimated rating are to be used for board order only

Rule 3.6 to read: Teams must play in rating order, though a tolerance of 75 points will be allowed between two players.

Rule 3.9 to read: Any player playing as a reserve in a league match should have a rating no higher than 150 points above that of the regular team member in whose place they are playing. (This is not applicable to the Four Board League

Changes to the tables for cup competitions

The following has been used for conversion for grades: Rating = grade * 7.5 +700

Six Board Cup Matches

Table A:

Difference Handicap

Old grade range	Exact conversion	Proposed conversion	Handicap (unchanged)
0 – 9	0 - 67.5	0 -74	0
10 - 44	75 - 330	75-339	½
45 - 84	337.5 - 630	340-639	1½
85 - 123	637.5 - 922.5	640-939	2½
124-179	930 - 1342.5	940-1349	3½
180 - 265	1350 - 1987.5	1350-1999	4½
266 +	1995+	2000+	5½

Table B: Handicap Ratings to be applied to Defaulted Boards

Board Number	Old grade Div 1	Exact conversion Div 1	Proposed conversion Division 1	Old grade Div 2	Exact conversion Div 2	Proposed conversion Division 2
1	163	1922.5	1925	151	1832.5	1835
2	151	1832.5	1835	139	1742.5	1745
3	147	1802.5	1805	127	1652.5	1655
4	139	1742.5	1745	115	1562.5	1565
5	131	1682.5	1685	107	1502.5	1505
6	123	1622.5	1625	95	1412.5	1415

Four Board League and Cup rules

Handicaps.

Old grade range	Exact conversion	Proposed conversion	Handicap (unchanged)
0 – 40	0 – 300	0 – 300	0
41 – 90	307.5 – 675	301 – 684	1
91 – 140	682.5 – 1050	685 – 1059	2
141+	1057.5+	1060+	3

Defaults

Board Number	Old grade range	Exact conversion	Proposed conversion
1	139	1742.5	1745
2	123	1622.5	1625
3	111	1532.5	1535
4	95	1412.5	1415

MH Brown Summer League

Rating totals: **Section 1** 7675 (was 650) **Section 2** 6550 (was 500)

Defaults: **Section 1** 1750 (was 140) **Section 2** 1375 (was 90)

Junior, U125 AND U165 Tournament Rules

Ratings changed to U1640 (exact conversion: 1637.5), U1940 (exact conversion: 1937.5)

Yes 15
No 0

9. Election of Officers and other Trustees

The following were elected as Trustees and office as indicated. The list was approved

Yes 15
No 0

President	Graham Chesters
Vice President	Andrew Bettley
General Secretary	Stephen Greep
Treasurer	Gerry Johnstone
League Secretary	Douglas Vleeshhouwer
Cup Controller	Steve Thrower
Summer League Controller	Douglas Vleeshhouwer
Fixture Secretary	Derek Sheppard
Publicity Officer	Vacant
Congress Organiser	Stephen Greep
Junior Officer	Mike Pollard
Match Captain	Dave Mills (non Trustee)
Trustees (without Office):	John Cooper, Jo Hutchinson, Steve King, Jim Miklevicz and Bill Wright

10. Any other notified business:

10.1 John Cooper thanked the planning group (Graham Chesters, Stephen Greep and Richard Atkinson), for the work on the Five Year plan and the play Chess Festival.

10.2 Steve Thrower asked in relation to KPI's in respect of the grant from KCOM. Graham Chesters explained that this would initially take the form of a school's online league.

10.3 Dave Mills asked if any allegations of cheating had been made against HDCA teams.

Douglas Vleeshhouwer explained there had been one, not proved.

The President closed the meeting at 20.25.

NOTE: The proposed conversions for the team ratings for the summer league presented to the AGM were incorrect – the minutes show the correct numbers. After consultation with club secretaries this was accepted as a simple error in calculation and need not be represented to an EGM.

SJG (03/01/22)