



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association Executive Committee, held by zoom, on Tuesday 10th August 2021, 19.15.

Present: Graham Chesters (Chairman), Stephen Greep, Jim Miklevicz, Steve Thrower, Steve King, Douglas Vleeshouwer, Derek Sheppard, John Cooper and Andrew Bettley

In Attendance: Richard Atkinson

1. Apologies for absence: Gerry Johnstone, Jo Hutchinson and Mike Pollard

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1. The minutes of the committee meeting of 20th July were agreed.

3. Matters arising: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda): None

4. Chairman's Business: HDCA Five Year Plan: An Update

GC made a presentation updating Trustees on progress in respect of the five-year plan and the three month Play Chess Festival. The opening event video, produced by NOVA studio, reflected a successful event at the Deep. GC thanked all those who had attended. The first public event in Queens Gardens had been very successful and there had been some good press and radio coverage so far. The next event, in Person Park, was in two days' time.

The small planning group (GC, SG and RA) would continue to meet, and GC outlined future Festival events over the next three months. Discussion with 'outside agencies' continued to be useful, particularly KCOM and Hull City Council (e.g. libraries). GC again stressed the need for volunteers as the Play Chess events developed.

5. Treasurer's report and financial matters: nothing further to report

6. Charity and Trustee matters

6.1. **AGM:** SG reported that arrangements for the AGM to be held at Hull Chess Club venue on 17th August were complete and the necessary paperwork distributed on time. 15 members were required for the meeting to be quorate.

7. ECF Matters: nothing to report - but noted that the ECF AGM was to be held in London on 16th October. SG would try to attend.

8. Member Events/Issues

8.1 Resumption of over the board chess: DS and DV reported that the season was scheduled to begin on 1st September. The fixture list was complete and was to be added to LMS. Team lists were complete, although the ratings list needed some work. There were no league free weeks, but 17 Tuesdays had been left free for 4NCL matches. The number of teams competing in 4 and 6 board leagues were slightly down. The position in respect of total number of players was unclear. One club (HANA) had a new venue.

Covid guidance was discussed, SG agreed to distribute a draft for discussion. Guidance should be agreed before the season

begun. Individual club requirements would also need to be considered. St Andrews would require all players to wear masks. Victoria Dock's position still under review.

8.2. HDCA Online activity: 4NCL online activity was to resume 24th August. There would be 2 HDCA teams and St Andrews were also entering one or two teams. There would be two Hull/York junior teams although local contribution was likely to be minimal.

8.3 Peter Hughes – it was agreed to defer the next Peter Hughes tournament to the 22/3 season (20/21 would have been the appropriate year in terms of the two-year cycle), but ST to review in year.

9. Public Events – Reports and updates

9.1 Hull 4NCL Congress and other scheduled events: SG reported that the British and British Women's events and our own congress would have to move to the University as the Royal Hotel would continue its contract with the government to house asylum seekers until at least the end of the calendar year.

10. Officer Reports: Nothing further to report.

11. Any other notified business: JC reported on the growth of the Hull Junior club – and made an appeal for more help to run the club

12. Date of next meeting. To be agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.40.

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