



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held by zoom, on Tuesday 20th July 2021, 19.15.

Present: Graham Chesters (Chairman), Stephen Greep, Gerry Johnstone, Jim Miklevicz, Steve Thrower, Steve King, Douglas Vleeshouwer, and Andrew Bettley

In Attendance: Richard Atkinson and Ray Ezra

1. Apologies for absence: Derek Sheppard and John Cooper

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1. The minutes of the committee meeting of 1st June 2021 were agreed as a true record.

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

4. Chairman's Business: HDCA Chess Strategy and Planning

GC made a presentation updating Trustees on progress in respect of the five-year plan and the three month Play Chess Festival. The small planning group (GC, SG and RA) had continued to meet frequently since the last committee meeting and had had discussions with eight different 'agencies'. All had been helpful and included KCOM and Hull City Council (e.g. libraries, VHEY, HCAL, Education). JM requested a list of the libraries in the Hull CC area. The need for volunteers as we move towards the start of the Play Chess Festival was stressed.

A copy of the President's presentation is appended to these minutes.

5. Treasurer's report and financial matters:

5.1. A report had been distributed in two parts. GJ introduced the paper. Firstly, a proposal to restructure the budget and its presentation for the future. Secondly, a proposal in respect of the 2021/22 budget. In answer to a question about the reduction of the reserve GJ referred to the paper and explained that with the Charity's significant investments the risk of financial instability was small and therefore we should be confident in reducing the annual protective reserve to £1,000. Both the restructuring of the budget and the 2021/22 budget were unanimously agreed.

6. Charity and Trustee matters

6.1. **League secretary:** SG confirmed to Trustees that Tom Hackett had resigned as League Secretary and as a Trustee. Trustees had already agreed to second DV into this role until the AGM. SG had spoken to TH – it was not felt that there were any HDCA chess issues which had led to this decision.

6.2. **AGM:** SG had already circulated members with the proposed date of the AGM (August 17th) and that any constitutional changes and nominations to become a Trustee or hold office should be placed with him by August 3rd. A further reminder would be sent before that date. Hull CC was being considered for the venue – estimated it could hold over 30 even distanced. It was intended to ask members in advance if they were going to attend to ensure that the space was adequate. It was agreed to strongly recommend that people should wear a mask while they were not seated at the AGM.

6.3. **Safeguarding Matters:** In the absence of the junior officer RA spoke to this item and the updated safeguarding policy which was unanimously agreed.

7. **ECF Matters: None.**

8. **Member Events/Issues**

8.1 Resumption of over the board chess: The target date of 1st September to restart league chess remained but at least one club (Victoria Dock) could not start home games until 13th September at the earliest. DS had provided a 'position statement' in his report as fixture secretary.

8.2. HDCA Online activity: 4NCL online activity was to resume 24th August.

8.3 Yorkshire League: The current plan was to restart from 1st October. Local players had been asked if they wished to play and if they were any concerns in respect of playing conditions.

9. **Public Events – Reports and updates**

9.1 Hull 4NCL Congress and other scheduled events: SG noted that the Royal Hotel had extended the contract for asylum seekers again until the end of August. Discussions were taking place concerning identifying potential alternative venues should they be required.

10. **Officer Reports:** Nothing further to report.

11. **Any other notified business:** The Junior sub-committee had met last week. The minutes would be distributed shortly.

12. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 10th August, 19.15 to be held by zoom. The requirement for this meeting to be reviewed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.45.

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