



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 29th November 2016.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.20pm. The Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

Present: Steve King (President), Stephen Greep, Steve Hodge, Derek Sheppard, Lester Jones, Dave Mills (DaM), Roger Noble, Jim Miklevicz and Bill Wright.

In Attendance: Malcolm Oggelsby

1. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Allison, Andrew Bettley, Dean Morris (DeM), Steve Thrower and Graham Chesters.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 2.1 Committee Meeting of 04/10/16 - unanimously voted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
 - 3.1 **Web Site** – SK reported that the web site had moved forward with SG and RN having access. Access for further committee members was discussed.
 - 3.2 **A History of Chess in Hull.** LJ indicated that Ted Stamp possessed a quantity of relevant material left by George Willoughby and was happy for this to be used.
 - 3.3 **Hull Chess Club:** DS had received an email from John Bycroft concerning the actions taken in respect of the player discussed at the last meeting. DS was satisfied by the response and considered the matter closed.
4. **Treasurers report and papers:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurers Report.** RN was thanked for the work on the chess shirt which had nearly covered its costs. Two clubs, Hana and Hull had yet to provide their subscriptions. It was agreed that penalties should apply as in previous years. Unfortunately the congress had made a loss of just under £1,300. SH proposal as to how to cover this cost, including use of the contingency and reduction in a number of budgets was agreed. SG confirmed that it was still possible to fund a further schools chess day in the current year.
 - 4.2 **Congress Financial Proposal.** SH proposal to restructure the congress budget based on a congress of 110 rather than 150 players, including a contribution of £500 from the current contingency, but also a reduction in prize money was agreed.
 - 4.3 **Club Fees Proposal:** SH proposal to charge fees only on teams entering league events (winter and summer) was agreed, but would require confirmation at the AGM. This could boost cup entry. The overall policy of recovering the costs of running the leagues from subscriptions was reaffirmed.
5. **Strategy**
 - 5.1 **Strategy Review** – SG had previously circulated an assessment of progress with the Strategy over the last three years. It was agreed that, with the exception of the sections on 2017 that the Strategy remained applicable. SG agreed to take the references to 2017 out and redistribute.
6. **Member Events**
 - 6.1 **2017 Coaching:** SG reported that as the first James Adair day had filled (there were two places left) so quickly he had also asked Richard Palliser to also undertake a day's training for players

graded under 150. These two days (at the Lawns in Cottingham) would take place on the weekend of 18th/19th March 2017. In addition SH would seek a day with James Adair for players graded over 150. Assuming 15 players for each day over the weekend and 5 or 6 for the over 150 graded players this should be achievable within budget.

7. Public events – reports and updates

- 7.1 2016 Schools Chess Day:** DeM had written a report on a very successful day, with 38 children (the highest yet) from 10 schools some outside our area. This had taken place at Nafferton School in Drifffield. Feedback from committee members who had been there was very positive. All taking part were thanked for their support.
- 7.2 Hull 2017 Congress:** SK gave a brief update. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting on Thursday January 5th – venue to be agreed.
- 7.3 2016 Individual Rapid Play:** SG reported on a successful event, positively received – a report had already been circulated. 38 players were split into two sections. The event had made a very small surplus.
- 7.4 2017 Hull v Rotterdam Challenge:** Although contact had been re-established there was nothing further to report. SG awaiting further confirmation from Rotterdam.
- 7.5 2017 Hull Masters:** No further action as date for next year's congress required first.
- 7.6 2017. Hull Junior Congress:** A date of February 25th 2017 had been agreed – following discussion, Hymers had agreed to provide the venue free of charge. 4 volunteer helpers were required and discussion still needed about refreshments on the day. Details shortly to be publicised.
- 7.7 2017 GM Simultaneous:** SG confirmed that the fee for Michael Adams for the simultaneous and blitz was £1,000. A date would be agreed early in the New Year.
- 7.8 Chess Social @ The Local and Chess Master @ The Local:** SG reported that the first Chess Social had taken place with some chess player and local interest. The second event was taking place soon, with Mike Butt, 'leading'. For the January event Furley and Co were to provide a trophy as a part of their 2017 City of Culture Celebrations – depending upon numbers a lightning event which PA would run.
SG further reported that the ECF had agreed to provide another £400 for a second Chess Master @ The local event and he was hoping the Michael Adams would agree to do this – possibly alongside a days coaching.

8. Officers Reports

- 8.1- 8.4 The League and Fixture secretaries' and Junior Chess Officers:** had all produced reports, circulated, which were briefly discussed. A number of the tournaments we already behind schedule. PA and Ab to remind people/teams.
Following a discussion on first aid (after an incident at a Yorkshire League game) at matches DaM agreed to contact YCA to discuss with a view to joining in on YCA provision.

9. Any other notified business

- 9.1 Prison Chess:** Malcolm Oggelsby reported on the development of a chess team at Hull Prison from September, led by himself and Nick Whetton. There are currently 12 players, drawn from the longer serving population, meeting every Tuesday in the chapel, although some activity in the prison wings is also taking place. They have purchased 6 sets, boards and clocks – the Association provided a further 4 sets and boards and have helped with funds for books. Current aims are to teach annotation, use of clocks and match rules. They are looking to compete against a HDCA team on a Saturday in 2017. LJ suggested that St Andrews might be able to provide some clocks, sets and books. There was also a discussion on the benefits of correspondence chess.

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday February 2nd 2017 at Willows Club 19.15.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.05

Stephen Greep, Hon. General Secretary, 19/12/16