



Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at Willows Chess Club, Hull, Tuesday 4th October 2016.

The President opened the Meeting at 7.21pm. The Meeting, due notice having been given, was quorate.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dean Morris (DeM), Steve Hodge and Graham Chesters.

At the start of the meeting the agreed Child Protection Policy was signed by all present. SG to ensure the three members not present also sign this.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

- 2.1 Committee Meeting of 26/07/16 - unanimously voted as a true record.

3. **Matters arising:** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- 3.1 Polo/sweat shirts with logo's. RN had received approximately 30 orders – distribution began at the meeting. RN was thanked for his hard work and the excellent end result.

- 3.2 Web Site – SG and RN now had access to the web site and had begun to make some changes. A priority for the future was the home page which SK agreed to prioritise after the congress.

4. **Treasurers report:** – SH had submitted a written report. There were no questions.

5. **Strategy**

- 5.1 **Strategy Review** – SG outlined the need for a review of the Chess Strategy as this was now two years old. Some issues had progressed well, others not. SG agreed to prepare something for the next meeting – contributions from committee members before the end of October would be welcome. PA to be involved.

- 5.2 **2017 Events**

- 5.2.1 **Hull v Rotterdam Challenge:** Little to report – Rotterdam had still not responded to recent emails to confirm the timetable. SG concerned about facility booking before this was received.

- 5.2.2 **Hull Masters:** No further action as date for next year's congress required first – although Richard Palliser and James Adair had indicated their willingness to participate and Matthew Webb also as a candidate for the title.

- 5.2.3 **Hull Junior Congress:** A date of February 25th 2017 had been agreed – contact with John Hipson required. Progress lay with DeM and PA.

6. **Member Events**

- 6.1 **2016/17 Coaching:** SG reported that James Adair had agreed to do two days of training later in the year. Dates to be agreed.

7. **Public events**
- 7.1 **2016 Schools Chess Day:** This was to take place at Nafferton School in Driffield in November, where a teacher, Dave Murray, ran the chess club. SG had purchased some trophies for this event.
- 7.2 **Hull 2016 Congress:** SK gave a brief update. There were 82 entries to date.
- 7.3 **2017 GM Simultaneous:** SG reported that Michael Adams had agreed to come to Hull in 2017, although the date was to be agreed. The costs would be higher than previous years (likely to be £20 per person) although costs could be reduced by holding the event at the Lawns, Cottingham. RN reported that the DVD for the 2016 event was ready and he had already received a number of orders – he was thanked for the hard work in producing this.
- 7.4 **2016 National Chess Day:** PA reported on a good event, although non chess playing participation was limited – probably due to the poor weather. The East Hull v West Hull event was a success. Thanks to RN for producing the banner, LJ and Colin Baxter for organising the blind chess display, SK for the digiboard, and to the many players who turned out to help. The paid advertising appeared to have had limited impact.
- 7.5 **2016 Individual Rapid Play:** SG reported on plans to hold this event on November 27th. Colin Hailstone had agreed to be the abiter. There were already 16 signed up – it had been agreed to proceed with a minimum of 20 players. The venue would be the Lawns in Cottingham and should be cost neutral to the Association.
- 7.6 **ECF Chess Master @ The Local:** SG reported on a very successful event with up to 60 players and members of the public playing chess during the evening. As an experiment it had been agreed to run a ‘Chess Social’ at Furley @ Co every second Thursday of the month – starting in November. A small number of chess sets and boards would be purchased to support this.
- 7.7 **Blindfold Chess Event:** Following consultation by SG with Eric Fisher who had originally raised the issue, progress on this lay with him.

8. **Officers Reports**

- 8.1- 8.4 **The League and Fixture secretaries’ and Junior Chess Officers:** had all produced reports which were briefly discussed. The League secretary further reported that HANA had defaulted their first two matches by not turning up, although contact had since been made.

The Fixtures Secretary had written to Hull CC concerning the actions of one player as discussed at the last meeting, but had not yet received a response. PA (as an officer of Hull CC) reported that the player had been cautioned in respect of his future actions, but it was agreed to request a formal response before taking further action. General concern over Hull CC organisation was expressed.

PA reported that it had been difficult to get sign up for the Peter Hughes tournament beyond the top 10 players, but that was now sorted. All other tournaments (PA and AB), both individual and team, were underway with an agreed timescale, which had been distributed.

9. **Any other notified business**

- 9.1 **Chess Magazine:** SG reported on an article on Hull Chess in Chess Magazine and that the same publication had agreed to take an article on the Grand Master Simul’s next year.
- 9.2 **Chess in Hull: A History:** SG reported that RN, together with Eric Fischer and himself were interested in preparing a history of local chess for publication. This was a big, long term, project and wider participation would be welcome.
- 9.3 **Hull Bridge Club:** SK reported on a discussion with Hull Bridge Club, who had their own premises and might be interested in an approach from the Association to share accommodation. SK to pursue further.
- 9.4 DaM reported on the need to re-arrange one Yorkshire match to 10th December.

10. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday November 29th at Willows Club 19.15.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 21.40

Stephen Greep, Hon. General Secretary, 1610/16