



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Hull and District Chess Association, held at the James Reckitt Reading Room, Hull Central Library, on Tuesday 7th December 2021, 19.15.

Present: Graham Chesters (Chairman), Stephen Greep, Jim Miklevicz, Steve Thrower, Andrew Bettley and John Cooper

In Attendance: Richard Atkinson

1. Apologies for absence: Derek Sheppard, Gerry Johnstone, Mike Pollard, Douglas Vleeshouwer and Bill Wright

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1. The minutes of the committee meeting of 14th August 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. A summary appeared in the presentation alongside the Junior subcommittee minutes. He reminded Trustees of the three workstreams, which were closely intertwined. The Chess Festival had been very successful (e.g. the increased number of participants in the Summer School and increase in members of the Hull Chess Club Junior Club) but had focused primarily on Hull; this needed to be broadened. Libraries in both Hull and East Riding were keen to be involved.

GC introduced the paper and concept of a Junior Chess Academy which had evolved from an idea by JC at the Junior Chess meeting in September at the Brain Jar in Hull. If agreed the Academy would be led by a separate Board, chaired by a Trustee, and be accountable to the Executive Committee. The current Junior sub-Committee would need to be reviewed and would likely be disbanded on the establishment of the new Academy Board. The proposal was agreed in principle with a view to having been developed and taken forward by the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's report and financial matters:

5.1. A report had been distributed outlining the current financial position.

6. Charity and Trustee matters

6.1 AGM: The AGM took place shortly following the last meeting. It was quorate and all the motions were passed. SG drew special attention to the new three-year terms for Trustees, initially phased in over a three-year period. This would come into effect following the 2022 AGM.

6.2 Trustees: It was agreed to appoint Chris Matthews as a Trustee. Dave Mills had indicated he did not wish to continue as Match Captain beyond the next AGM.

6.3 Safeguarding Children. RA had distributed a short paper. Hessel Road Network had been engaged to facilitate our DBS. GC reminded people to read the material in the Junior subcommittee report and associated slides. One Trustee was still to sign the revised Child Protection policy. The recommendation for refresh Safeguarding training every 2 years was agreed.

7. ECF Matters: SG had attended the ECF AGM in London and reported on the key votes. The meeting had been quite

fractious in part, but the one contested votes (Chair of Governance) had not been close.

8. Member Events/Issues

8.1 Review of Covid Advice: It was agreed that the HDCA advice should remain the same, pending further government advice. GC reminded people about the role of the advisory panel. Following a discussion led by ST it was agreed that the 2019/20 Atkinson Trophy final should be voided with no winners for that season. ST noted an issue with the next round of the 21/22 Atkinson Trophy in respect of a match between St Andrews and Willows which should be played before January 16th.

9. Public Events – Reports and updates

9.1 Hull 4NCL Congress and other scheduled events: SG reported on both the ECF led events (British Chess Championships and Women’s Championships) and our own congress held in association with 4NCL. All events had moved to the University as the Royal Hotel was still closed due to housing asylum seekers. noted that the Royal Hotel ad 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.

The Rapid Play was scheduled to be played at the University on Sunday 9th January. This would be reviewed closer to the date by DV.

10. Officer Reports: Nothing further to report.

11. Any other notified business: None

12. Date of next meeting. Thursday 10th February, 19.15. Venue tbc.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.08.

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