

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Carnon Downs Village Hall at 19:00 on Wednesday 19th June 2017

PRESENT:

H. Brown, C. Constable, J. Constable, S. Fanning, I. George, M. Hassall, R. Humpleby, D. R. Jenkins, R. Kneebone, J. Menadue, R. Nancarrow, I. Renshaw, R. Smith

APOLOGIES:

A. Barkhuysen, M. Hill, D. King, D. J. Jenkins

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year and reported that the state of the Association's finances was satisfactory. He outlined the new system regarding ECF membership to be implemented in the 2017/18 season and suggested that clubs should monitor their players' membership status in order to avoid incurring unnecessary game fees.

The accounts were approved. A copy of the accounts and the treasurer's report is appended to these minutes.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President and Junior Secretary (R Kneebone)

Robin noted that, compared to the previous season, the standard of play had improved, but numbers of entries had not increased. The new junior section at the Penwith club had proved to be successful and junior activity at the Carrick club continued at an encouraging level.

Robin thanked Kenton Richings, Jeremy Menadue, Matt Strevens, Hugh Brown and the many members who had helped him organise and run the events during the year.

Treasurer: (I George)

See above under Accounts and Finance.

League Secretary: (H Brown)

Winners of the team competitions were:

County Shield:	Carrick A
Roberts Cup:	Camborne
Betty Roberts Cup:	Carrick "All Stars"
A W Busby Cup:	Penwith
R J Grime Cup:	Liskeard

Match Captain: (M Hassall)

The match captain's report is appended to these minutes.

Mark proposed that at the national stage taxi fares from the nearest station to the venue should be reimbursed to those who travelled by train. This was agreed.

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WECU Delegate: (M Hassall)

Mark proposed that the WECU delegate to the ECF, currently Ben Edgell of Somerset, be authorised to speak and vote on behalf of the Cornwall County Chess Association at ECF meetings This was agreed.

MOTION

That in League Rule 3c the words "or players" be deleted.

This was carried

A proposal to delete Rule 3c was defeated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected:

President:	Jeremy Menadue
Secretary:	VACANT
Treasurer:	Ian George
League Secretary:	Hugh Brown
Match Captain:	Mark Hassall
Junior Secretary:	Kenton Richings
WECU Delegate	Mark Hassall

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:15.

IAN GEORGE – 19th July 2017

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2016/17 Season

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the period ended 7th July 2017

The accounts are appended to this report. They show that the association's finances are in a satisfactory state with reserves totalling £2,559, including £904 in the Napier Fund for junior chess. The bank balance is up from £2,491 at the end of last season to £2,589.

There was a surplus on the General Fund for the year of £63 (2015/16: £276). The fall is chiefly due to a decrease of £130 in the fees payable by the clubs to enter team competitions. There were fewer teams in the Roberts and 500 Leagues and entry fees for the 500 League were significantly reduced. In addition expenditure on trophy engraving increased by £52 while room hire for meetings increased by £55, including £40 for the 2015/16 AGM and Secretaries' Meeting paid in 2016/17 .

The Napier Fund showed a deficit of £27 (2016: £107). This variance arose mainly because of the £70 grant made to the Penwith club to assist with room hire costs for their successful new junior section. This was offset by increases in donations and competition income.

ECF Membership

As in previous years a number of players are still not members of the ECF as at the time of writing. I would remind club organisers that early next season, after paying the ECF game fee invoices in respect of games played by non-members I will include in the invoices I raise to the clubs any game fees paid to the ECF for games played in those clubs' team matches. Whether they absorb the cost or recover it from the relevant members will be for the clubs to decide. As things stand at present this could result in some clubs incurring a significant cost.

I would recommend that throughout the season club organisers monitor carefully their members' ECF status and their clubs' potential liabilities for games played by any of their members who are have not joined the ECF. Members should be encouraged to join or renew online. The process is straightforward and there is a link to it on the ECF website.

New System for the 2017/18 Season

With effect from 1st September 2017 new arrangements will be in force:

1) Game fee will now be a fixed fee of £16 for any non-member who plays more than 3 games in our competitions during the year to 31st August 2018. This is the bronze level membership rate and means that for anyone playing more than 3 games in a season there is now no advantage in failing to become a member.

2) The final date for renewing or acquiring ECF membership for the 2017/18 season is 30th June 2018. The ECF will not accept membership applications after that date. It is therefore essential that membership is applied for or renewed as early as possible.

Please note that it is the player's responsibility, not the association's or club's, to ensure that his/her ECF membership is up to date.

2017/18 Season

I am happy to continue as treasurer and am therefore standing for re-election. This also applies to my position as grader and unofficial role as webmaster.

Ian George

10th July 2017

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Balance Sheet as at 7 July 2017

	2016/17		2015/16	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bank balance	2,589		2,491	
Outstanding club fees	0		62	
Organisers' expenses	14		0	
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		2,603		2,553
Liabilities				
Amount owed to ECF	67		0	
Grand Prix prize fund	0		0	
Accruals	(23)		0	
County match travel fund	0		110	
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		44		110
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		£2,559		£2,443
Reserves				
<u>General Reserve</u>				
Brought forward	1,512		1,236	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	143		276	
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	1,655		1,512	
Transfer from /(to) Napier Fund	0		0	
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		1,655		1,512
<u>Napier Fund (junior chess)</u>				
Brought forward	931		1,038	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(27)		(107)	
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	904		931	
Transfer from /(to) general reserve	0		0	
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		904		931
Total reserves carried forward		<hr/>		<hr/>
		£2,559		£2,443

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Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 1 June 2016 to 7 July 2017

	2016/17		2015/16	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Entry fees (team competitions)	480		610	
Annual congress	489		453	
Other competitions	551		0	
Miscellaneous income	0		57	
		1,520		1,120
<u>Expenditure</u>				
County match expenses (net)	262		240	
Annual congress	446		473	
Other competitions	518		0	
Publicity	0		0	
Website and IT costs	37		31	
Stationery, printing and postage	0		0	
Insurance	77		89	
Trophies and engraving	62		10	
Miscellaneous expenses	55		0	
		1,457		843
		63		277
Sponsorship and donations	100		490	
Travel expenses for county team (national stage)	(130)		(491)	
Purchase of equipment	0		0	
		(30)		(1)
Transfer to county match travel reserve	110		0	
		80		(1)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		£143		£276

Napier Fund movement for the period from 1 June 2016 to 7 July 2017

	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Competitions	352		172	
Miscellaneous income	0		0	
		352		172
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Competitions and other events	154		146	
Trophies and engraving	164		34	
Purchase of equipment	0		0	
UK Chess Challenge and EPSCA	40		55	
ECF membership and game fees	61		44	
Grants and donations	70		0	
Miscellaneous expenses	0		15	
		489		294
Operating surplus / (deficit)		(137)		(122)
Sponsorship and donations		110		15
Purchase of trophies		0		0
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(£27)		(£107)

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 7 July 2017

Surplus / (deficit) on competitions

	2016/17		2015/16	
	Congress £	Others £	Congress £	Others £
<u>Income</u>				
Entry fees	519	551	383	0
Game fee surcharge	0	0	0	0
Refreshments	(30)	0	20	0
Other income	0	0	50	0
	489	551	453	0
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Prizes	180	302	245	0
Room hire	230	128	208	0
Game fee payable to ECF	0	(9)	0	0
Cost of refreshments	0	30	0	0
Organiser's expenses	0	0	20	0
GP prize fund levy	36	67	0	0
Other expenses	0	0	0	0
	446	518	473	0
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£43	£33	(£20)	£0

County match expenses

	2016/17	2015/16
Room hire	172	146
Travel costs	0	0
Refreshments	5	8
Match captain's expenses	25	17
WECU entry fees	81	55
Other expenses	45	15
	328	241
Opponents' contributions	65	0
	£263	£241

Surplus / (deficit) on junior competitions

	2016/17	2015/16
<u>Income</u>		
Entry fees	380	172
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Prizes	51	85
Room hire	0	0
Game fee payable to ECF	21	0
Cost of refreshments	0	20
Travel expenses	0	0
Stationery, printing and postage	82	40
Other expenses	0	0
	154	145
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£226	£27

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Match Captain's Report 2016/7

The first team played four matches and the jamboree. We finished 2nd out of four in the WECU competition and lost emphatically to a much stronger Leicestershire in the first round of the national competition, albeit that we were missing several of our better players.

I was unable to raise a second team against Devon. Somerset were unable to raise one against us, although I doubt we could have raised a team. Hence no second team matches were played.

The idea of asking for commitment at the start of the season proved successful and will be continued.

There is not likely to be any increase in the number of first team counties next year. At present Somerset do not have a captain and will not enter if they cannot find one. Despite this, qualification will be more difficult this year as Devon, who used to enter the u180s, have a new captain who wants to play in the same tournament as us.

I have talked with Devon and they wish to play a second team match on a different day to the first team. The limitation being under 160. If this happened I would try and raise a team from those that did not play in the first team match and fill up to 16 with first team players below 160. I propose that we go back to home and away for these matches. The first team being away next year, so that could be anywhere in Devon. The second team would be in Truro probably Carnon Downs Village Hall, this would enable us to try and get the maximum number of players as less travel would be involved. If the meeting agrees that this has a good chance of success then I will arrange this.

The WECU jamboree which has taken place in Taunton for the last few years was due to move to Millfield School. This venue would have proved impossible for us to get to in a reasonable time. I proposed it take place in Kennford where we played Gloucestershire this year. After a vote this was agreed. This is to take place on Sunday 17th September. After making a fuss about this I seek your support to raise a team.

I intend to contact all potential players for next season soon after this meeting to ask for their commitment for next year.

I propose if we qualify for the national competition next year then the cost of taxis from the nearest station be paid to those that do not travel by car. The travel arrangements were very time consuming this year and too much load falls on those that are prepared to drive. My special thanks to those that fulfill this onerous task.