

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Executive Sub-Committee meeting conducted by email correspondence on 16th May 2020

PARTICIPANTS:

H. Brown (HB), I. George (IG), D. R. Jenkins (DJ), R. Kneebone (RK), R. Smith (RS), C. Gardiner (CG) and R. Gardiner (RG)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting was to consider what action should be taken in relation to the incomplete 2019/20 season arising from the Coronavirus (covid-19) pandemic.

PROPOSALS

The following proposals were made for decision by the committee

- 1) That the 2019/20 County Shield, Roberts Cup and 500 League competitions be abandoned immediately with no winners declared. (RK).
- 2) That, if possible, the Arthur Busby Cup and Roger Grime Cup finals should be played when OTB play is resumed. (DJ)
- 3) That over the next few months, with a view to putting a series of proposals to the members in general meeting, the committee should consider what changes to the playing arrangements and competition structures need to be put in place in response to the risks of OTB play and the concerns of the players. (IG)
- 4) That the Annual General Meeting be postponed to a date, to be fixed, prior to the resumption of OTB play (IG).

DISCUSSION

IG suggested that the Annual General Meeting should not be held until it became possible to restart club meetings and matches. Until then it was unthinkable that it would be safe to hold a meeting with 15-20 people in the same room. When a restart became possible, it was highly unlikely that it would be under the same arrangements as before. For example, some players might refuse or be reluctant to travel long distances to away matches or they might have concerns about playing conditions. He did not propose to call an AGM until there were some concrete proposals to put to the members. He intended to seek the views of the members on their concerns and on what changes might be needed to our arrangements.

RK noted that it was extremely unlikely that that any resumption of normal play would be possible before 2021. This would inevitably lag behind the point at which Government imposed lockdown restrictions had been removed.

DECISION

The proposals were all unanimously approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) IG reported that in his capacity as Grading officer he had already submitted all the results for the season to the ECF.
- 2) RG reported that she would contact the Falmouth Hotel and cancel the provisional booking in October for the Congress.
- 3) IG and RK reported that a successful online club had been successfully created on the lichess platform and had been well received by the players. Those who had not joined should be encouraged to do so.

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)
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