

# WECU

## AGENDA

### Zoom Meeting - Sunday 19th September 2021 starting at 2:30pm

#### 1. Intro and Apologies

Nikki Forster, Ian George, Jon Underwood, Malcolm Steevens  
Phil Meade & Kevin Markey

Apologies were received from

Guy Greenland & Oliver Wensley & John Wheeler

#### 2. Minutes of last Zoom meeting

Circulated and agreed Copy (sent to Nikki)

#### 3. Introduction of New President

Term was discussed Phil Meade confirmed year one then  
second year to become VP to assist president

(Presidential cycle is 4 years DP, P, P, DP (where DP = Deputy President, to avoid confusion with Life VPs etc). Clearly we have skipped Year 1 in Nikki's case. And in fact you are now DP strictly speaking.)

(Footnote Rota Gloucestershire was followed by Dorset who is  
next refer to list Guy Greenland)

Agreed Nikki appointed as President, to be confirmed at  
Council meeting. We should have a vote by Email to agree  
(Ask Guy Greenland Secretary to arrange)

Kevin continued to chair meeting

4. Future of F2F chess discussion (attendees requested to view ECF website for reference)

Local events taking place

Peter & Peggy Clarke memorial, Kidlington (5th & 6th Feb 2022), Cornwall in May Exeter unsure, Torquay cancelled. Simon Bartlett memorial (January 2022)

(later I was able to add Fareham in Oct 2021 & Feb 2022)

WECU championships

Concerns about Venue & lack of organiser.

[Seek an organiser via Jon Underwood & Ian George.](#)

Discussion on attitude to playing over the board

Generation gap junior is more enthusiastic than players of senior age.

Uncertainty in local leagues with North Glos looking to possibly restart in January 2022.

Devon keen to play over the board

Cornwall keen to participate in both Online and Over the board

Travel is also an issue in Cornwall.

Mixed feeling in Dorset, Traveling especially with three others in the car. Ventilation is an issue.

## WECU County championship

Three teams

Devon & Cornwall definite with Somerset.

Agreed to organise on a bilateral basis with the winner decided on points basis.

Jon Underwood Devon Captain happy with OTB

(Why only three counties as we need enthusiastic Captains)

A Junior WECU county championship was suggested by Malcolm. Nikki agreed to organise.

(Ten minute Comfort break)

5. Western Counties Event Online / F2F West of England chess also to include replacement fixture sec/organiser - updates

Ian George outlined his plans for the 2022 event based on six teams as in 2021. Possible junior additional teams to extend from 5-7 rounds was discussed and Ian George said if it reached 9 or more teams a swiss system would be used.

## 6. Affiliation & County Fees updates

Accepted Oliver Wensley's proposal (details from Email)

"In terms of the WECU accounts, the balances as at today are as follows:

WECU main £548.08

WECU savings account £2,222.09

We did not charge for affiliation fees last year. A consensus needs to be reached for this year by members, if possible, please. I would not recommend increasing it regardless of the decision (£11 annually).

Previously, for OTB games, we would charge £10 per team for regional entries. For national entry, it was £24 per team. Since there has been no OTB play, these charges have not

applied. The on-line championships (nationally) have not had any fees associated. I am not sure how next year will play out at present.  
Please let me know if there is a consensus to reinstate the affiliation fee for the forthcoming year."

## 7. WECU Individual Championship 2022 updates

See item 4

## 8. British Championship 2022 Torquay updates (Our nominee if permitted)

Winner of 2022 WECU championship if held.

Dominic Mackle if not.

## 9. Resumption of Council &/or Spring Executive Meeting - updates

Supported though an earlier next meeting Jan 2022 was requested. (Note for Guy Greenland to organise as Secretary  
Ian George can provide Mark Hassal's Email)

There was support for online meetings perhaps on an alternating basis to avoid traveling.

Disadvantage not possible for everyone to participate in

## 10. Webpage(s) development updates

Ian George spoke on his plans and requested organisers to provide information and send updates to him for the WECU site.

11. AOB

Organisers in chess can we get younger organisers.  
Can we involve universities students/lectures

(If you have any other specific topic to discuss please advise the General Secretary at [ggreenland@me.com](mailto:ggreenland@me.com))