

# **CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Kernow Club,  
St Mary's Street, Truro TR1 2AF at 19:00 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
2014**

## **PRESENT:**

A. Barkhuysen, S. Bartlett, H. Brown, C. Constable, J. Constable, T. Dengler  
S. Fanning, I. George, M. Hassall, M. Hill, J. Hooker, D J Jenkins (chairman),  
R. Kneebone, J. Menadue, J. Moore, R. Nancarrow, J. Wilman

## **APOLOGIES:**

B. Childs, S. Cooke, I. Lewis, D. R. Jenkins, C. Sellwood, R. Smith,  
G. Trudeau, C. Webb, P. Williams

## **MINUTES OF THE AGM 2013:**

The minutes, having been circulated before the meeting, were approved  
(proposed S. Bartlett, seconded H. Brown). There were no matters arising.

## **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year. The Napier Fund (a  
bequest towards junior chess in the county) had previously been incorporated  
into the General Reserve due to inactivity in junior chess; the Treasurer has  
now revived this fund because there is substantial effort and activity in junior  
chess.

The accounts were approved (proposed S. Bartlett, seconded A.  
Barkhuysen).

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**President, Junior Secretary and Publicity Officer:** (R Kneebone) felt that it  
was essential for clubs to improve their venues and programmes to attract  
new members and juniors in particular (parents of juniors had told Robin that  
they would not take their children to some of the venues used at present).  
Robin felt that there were only two or three true *clubs* in the county, rather  
than groups of players forming teams to enter league competitions. These  
concerns have driven the many proposals before the meeting.

Junior chess had an extremely active year and Robin's detailed report,  
circulated before the meeting, described the activity in detail and thanked the  
many members who had helped (in particular Jeremy Menadue, Hugh Brown  
and James Hooker).

Many schools would be keen to start chess clubs if an experienced player  
was available to help run them (a member of staff would assist). Robin asked  
that any volunteers contact him.

Hundreds of pounds have been given in sponsorship towards junior chess  
and Bude Trophies, Carnon Downs Garden Centre, DashSW, Seasons At  
Clowance, and two anonymous donors were thanked for their generosity.

Robin felt that clubs' publicity was extremely poor and encouraged members to make their activities known *via* local libraries, schools, supermarket advertising boards, *etc.*

In the following discussion, Christine and John Constable agreed that attracting junior players was pivotal to developing a chess club. They described their previous highly successful club in Coulsden. The club grew over many years by offering a variety of competitions (including introducing divisions) and moving juniors up to the senior club sooner than one would expect (before secondary school). The Constables are following a similar strategy in setting up a new chess club in Bude, which those members who had attended it confirmed was a fine example.

Mark Hassall described an arrangement in Leicestershire in which there was a central venue used by all players one night a week in addition to different venues where individual matches were played.

**Secretary:** (D J Jenkins) had nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** (I George) see above under Accounts and Finance.

**League Secretary:** (I George) had nothing to report.

**Grader:** (I George, acting grader) had nothing to report.

There was some discussion about whether results from league matches should be submitted to the ECF for grading in the January, rather than July, lists. On balance, the membership favoured the *status quo*.

**Match Captain:** (D R Jenkins) circulated a detailed report before the meeting. During the meeting, the members were asked for a "steer" on three suggestions from the match captain, and these were discussed:

1. *That WECU inter-county matches be played on a strict home and away basis, with 'home' matches being played in (e.g.) Truro.*

The meeting was **against** this suggestion.

2. *That the Match Captain be encouraged to seek additional matches, (e.g. with Fiji, Jersey, Brittany).*

The meeting was **for** this suggestion.

3. *That the Match Captain investigate the possibility of Cornwall, now officially a minority, entering the Chess Olympiad.*

The meeting was **for** this suggestion.

In addition, Mark Hassall suggested entering the jamboree next season.

The chairman wished to record thanks to the match captain for his hard work and enthusiasm during his first year in the rôle.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

There being no alternative nominations for candidates for any role, the following were elected *en bloc* (proposed M Hassall, seconded A Barkhuysen):

President:	Robin Kneebone
Secretary:	David J Jenkins

Treasurer: Ian George  
League Secretary: Ian George  
Match Captain: David R Jenkins  
Publicity Officer: Robin Kneebone  
Junior Secretary: Robin Kneebone  
Assistant Junior Sec: James Hooker  
Grader: Ian George  
WECU delegate: Robin Kneebone

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

The proposals below were considered:

**1.** *That the following be added to the Rules applicable to all team matches as item 10:*

*The minimum requirements (except in exceptional circumstances) for a venue for a match are:*

- a) Exclusive use of the room with admittance to club members and chess-related visitors only.*
- b) Suitable tables and chairs to allow adults and juniors to play in comfort.*
- c) Suitable access to the venue and toilets for juniors and the disabled.*
- d) A minimum of intrusive external noise.*

*Proposed: Ian George*

*Seconded: Robin Kneebone*

**Carried**

**2.** *That the following be added to the Rules applicable to all team matches as item 11:*

*If the home venue does not meet all of 10(a), (b) and (c), the away team shall have the right to apply to the League Secretary within 48 hours following the due date of the match for an order requiring, if he sees fit, that the match be played at a venue and date to be decided by the League Secretary.*

*Proposed: Robin Kneebone*

*Seconded: Ian George*

**Carried**

Discussion and clarification: This Rule would only apply if a claim was made, *i.e.* the away team doesn't have to make the claim—it can accept the fixture as shown if it wants to. If a match had already started, then the away team would be deemed to have accepted the conditions at the venue.

In making his decision on the claim the League Secretary should take all relevant factors into account, including submissions from the home team and should not adopt an excessively narrow interpretation of the requirements

The League Secretary did not consider it appropriate to formally approve “acceptable” and “unacceptable” venues in advance.

**3.** *That Rule 1 of the Rules applicable to all team matches be amended to read:*

*"Play will start no later than 7:00pm."*

*Proposed: Robin Kneebone      Seconded: Ian George*

*Alternative: That the time control be altered so that matches are played from 7.30 (prompt) to 10 p.m.*

*Proposed: Robin Kneebone*

**Defeated**

**4.** *That the following rule be added to the Rules applicable to all team matches as Rule 12:*

*"a) Where the Rules of a competition specify a grading limit, the grades to be used shall be those published in the most recent ECF list issued before the start of the season.*

*b) The grades referred to in a) shall apply without amendment throughout the season.*

*c) Before the commencement of the competition the League Secretary shall publish a definitive list of the grades of all eligible players."*

*Proposed: Ian George      Seconded: Robin Kneebone*

**Carried**

**5. a)** *That the County Shield be contested as a double-round all-play-all.*

**b)** *That the Roberts Cup be split into East and West divisions and that the detailed arrangements be agreed at the pre-season Management Committee meeting.*

*Proposed: Robin Kneebone      Seconded: Ian George*

**Carried**

**6.** *That rule 10 of the League Rules be amended to read as follows: "The visiting team shall have white on the odd-numbered boards."*

*Proposed: Ian George      Seconded: David J Jenkins*

**Carried**

**7.** *That rule 8(f) of the Rules for the 500 League be amended to read as follows: "The visiting team shall have white on the odd-numbered boards in the first round of games and black on the odd-numbered boards in the second round of games."*

*Proposed: Ian George      Seconded: David J Jenkins*

**Carried**

**8.** That Rule 3 of the League Rules be amended to read as follows:

a) A player may not play for more than one club simultaneously in the same competition save as provided in b) and c).

b) In the Roberts Cup only no restrictions shall apply to any ungraded player who has never had a published grade nor to any junior with a published grade lower than 100.

c) Notwithstanding Rule 2 a team may include a player or players with a grade higher than 164 provided that the total grades of all four players does not exceed 440 points.

d) For the purpose of determining the total in 3(c) ungraded juniors will be deemed to have a grade of 30 and ungraded adults will be deemed to have a grade of 50.

e) A player to whom b) and c) do not apply and who wishes to transfer to another club may do so by informing the League Secretary accordingly. Thereafter during that season he may not play for any other club in that competition."

Proposed: Ian George

Seconded: Robin Kneebone

**Carried** (sections c and d considered separately)

**9.** That the following be added to the Rules for the 500 League as Rule 7(g):  
"No restrictions shall apply to any ungraded player who has never had a published grade nor to any junior with a published grade lower than 100."

Proposed: Ian George

Seconded: Robin Kneebone

**Carried**

**10.** That Rule 9 of the 500 League Rules be amended to read:

"A player may play for any team in the competition. No player may play for more than one team in any season unless eligible under [new] Rule 7(g)."

Proposed: Ian George

Seconded: Robin Kneebone

**Carried**

Discussion and clarification: Rule changes 8-10 were proposed to offer juniors and inexperienced players the maximum opportunity to gain experience of competition play without harming the integrity of the competition by allowing an excessively strong team to be fielded.

**11.** That Rule 5 of the League Rules be amended to read:

"Three points will be awarded for a win, two for a draw and one for a loss. No points will be awarded to a team that defaults a match."

Proposed: Hugh Brown

An amendment to this motion was proposed by Robin Kneebone: that a win be awarded 4 points, a draw 2, and a loss 1.

**The amended proposal was carried**

*12. a) That the playing sessions in the Emigrant and Falmouth Cups be extended to four hours (40 moves in 100 minutes + 20 minutes to completion).*

*b) If he considers it necessary, the organiser may reduce the length of the session of an evening round.*

*Proposed: David J Jenkins*

*Seconded: Jeremy Menadue*

**Carried**

Discussion and clarification: No one much liked part b) of the proposal. It was included to allow for a case in which an otherwise suitable venue might not be available as late as necessary for the first round.

*13. a) That the subsidy for travel to county matches, currently paid at the rate of £2 per player be abolished.*

*b) That the match captain should have the power to pay travel grants to individual players where he considers such payments to be beneficial to the sound management of the team, the total of such payments not to exceed £150 in a season without the authority of the Executive Committee.*

*Proposed: Ian George*

*Seconded: David R Jenkins*

**Carried**

Proposals 14–16 were dealt with as guidance for the match captain, rather than formal proposals and are recorded under Officers' Reports.

**17.** That a sub-committee, led by Ian George, be authorised to re-establish the Cornwall Chess Grand Prix.

*Proposed: Robin Kneebone*

*Seconded: David J Jenkins*

**18.** That Rule 5 (under A W Busby Cup) be amended to read:

*“If both participants are known before the start of the season, the match will be played before the end of December. Otherwise, the match will be played within three months of the participants qualifying.”*

*Proposed: Hugh Brown*

**Proposal withdrawn.** The League Secretary undertook to propose to the Secretaries' Meeting that all knock-out cup competitions be completed by the end of January.

**19.** That the following rule be added (under A W Busby Cup) as Rule 10:

*“If a team defaults after playing in the competition, its place will be offered to the last team it defeated.”*

*Proposed: Hugh Brown*

*Seconded: Anton Barkhuysen*

**Defeated**

**20.** *That the following rule be added (under A W Busby Cup) as Rule 11:*

*“If there are more than four entries, a team is not permitted direct qualification for the final by way of a bye in the preliminary round and a walkover in the semi-final. If this situation arises, there will be a fresh draw for the semi-finals, with the winner(s) of the preliminary round match(es) having priority for any bye. This will not apply if the other semi-final has already taken place.”*

*Proposed: Hugh Brown*

*Seconded: Anton Barkhuysen*

**Defeated**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. The proposal:

*That in the Roger Grime Cup, the number of players per team be reduced from 5 to 4.*

*Proposed: Terry Dengler*

*Seconded: David J Jenkins*

was **carried**.

2. Ian George declared that the website is the preferred method of communication for Cornish chess. He encouraged clubs to send him details of planned events, match reports, etc., which he would include on those clubs' sections of the site.

3. Robin Kneebone stressed the importance of publicity and invited members to distribute some printed materials he provided.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:52.

**DAVID J JENKINS**

**Hon. Secretary**

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2014

	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank balance	2,311	
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Outstanding club fees	5	
Organisers' expenses	0	
Amount owed to ECF	66	
Accruals	0	
	<hr/>	71
		<hr/> <u>£2,240</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
<u>General Reserve</u>		
Brought forward	1,446	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	4	
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	1,450	
Transfer from /(to) Napier Fund	<hr/> 0	1,450
<u>Napier Fund (junior chess)</u>		
Brought forward	554	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	236	
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	790	
Transfer from /(to) general reserve	<hr/> 0	790
Total reserves carried forward		<hr/> <u>£2,240</u>



CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 May 2014

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Entry fees (team competitions)	330	
Annual congress	459	
Other competitions	142	
Miscellaneous income	0	
	931	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
County match expenses (net)	242	
Annual congress	425	
Other competitions	145	
Publicity	42	
Website and IT costs	56	
Miscellaneous expenses	17	
	927	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£4	

Napier Fund movement for the year ended 31 May 2014

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Competitions	611	
Chess Hub	167	
Miscellaneous income	0	
	778	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Competitions and other events	542	
Chess Hub	180	
Trophies and engraving	67	
Purchase of equipment	23	
UK Chess Challenge	0	
Miscellaneous expenses	0	
	812	
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(34)	
Sponsorship and donations	550	
Purchase of trophies	(280)	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£236	