

# CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Victoria Inn, Roche on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October 2022

## PRESENT:

H. Brown, I. George, D. King, R. Kneebone, R. Nancarrow, C. Gardiner, R. Gardiner, G. Trudeau, J. Constable, C. Constable, R. Smith, N. Kirkman, M. Hill, A. Young, S. Pearce, B. Parkin, P. Nunn, L. Russell, I. Renshaw.

## APOLOGIES:

J. Morgan, J. James, B. Smith, J. Menadue, P. Williams, J. Nicholas.

Acting chairman: I. George

## IN MEMORIAM

Our president, Professor David Jenkins, died in August. The acting chairman paid tribute to David and emphasised the vast contribution that his dynamic presence had made to chess in the county. The meeting stood for a minute's silence in his memory. Also included were Stuart Lee (Liskeard) and any other players who had died since the previous meeting.

## PROPOSAL

That a trophy be purchased to be named the "David Jenkins Trophy" to be competed for in an annual one-day rapid play competition

Proposed by Robin Kneebone. Seconded by Ian George

This was unanimously approved

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Richard Smith was unanimously elected as president. He took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary (Ian George)

i) OTB chess suspended when Covid started in January 2020. Most clubs have now returned to OTB, in different degrees. League chess not yet started (for later discussion). The local congresses resumed in April 2022 (see later report)

ii) Unfortunately, the Newquay club has folded. The six digital clocks purchased for them have been returned to the CCCA. John Fernley is actively working to establishing to regular chess in Newquay and attract juniors and new players. We will support him in his efforts.

iii) An unofficial online operation was set up shortly after lock down to provide competition for local players. This continues.

iv) In June 2021, with the support of the Cornwall Chess Trust, 24 digital clocks were purchased, 6 each being issued to Calstock, Lerryn, Liskeard and Newquay, with the CCCA retaining ownership. Following its demise, Newquay's 6 clocks have been returned to the CCCA. 2 have now been issued to the Redwing Gallery, Penzance, which offers chess playing facilities, attracting new players.

Treasurer (Ian George)

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the period from 1 September 2021 to 10 October 2022 and reported that the state of the Association's finances was satisfactory. Total funds amounted to £2,442, including £768 in the Napier Fund for junior chess. The bank balance at 20/10/2022 was £131. Grants approved by the trust but not yet paid amounted to £2,218 (Spring congress £115, Autumn congress £2,087). With trust support, all congresses have broken even.

The accounts were approved.

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League Secretary (Hugh Brown)

No report as there were no team competitions since the previous meeting.

Match Captain (Jamie Morgan)

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Congress Organisers (Ian George on behalf of Colin and Rebecca Gardiner)

i) 2nd Spring Congress. Falmouth Hotel. 77 entries, 3 sections, £1,200 in prizes.

ii) 1st Autumn Congress. Queen's Hotel, Penzance. 49 entries, 4 sections. £2,400 prizes.

We have received excellent feedback from visiting players regarding both venues.

## 2023 Congresses

iii) 3rd Spring Congress. Falmouth Hotel already booked for 28-30 April 2023.

iv) 2nd Autumn Congress. Queen's Hotel booked for 22-24 September. 3 sections.

Grader (Ian George)

The grader reported that everything was up to date. Online leagues and tournaments were now being rated for the appropriate ECF lists.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected:

Executive sub-committee

President: Richard Smith

Secretary: Ian George

Treasurer: Ian George

League Secretary: Hugh Brown

Match Captain: Jamie Morgan

Junior Secretary: Vacant

Co-opted Robin Kneebone

Colin Gardiner

Rebecca Gardiner

Petra Nunn

Mick Hill

John Constable

Christine Constable

Others

WECU Delegate Richard Smith

Grader Ian George

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## PROPOSAL

4. a) *That the County Shield (division 1), Roberts Cup (division 2), 500 League, A.W. Busby and Roger Grime Cup (knock-out) competitions be resumed as soon as possible.*

b) *That if part a) is approved, matches shall take place in the evenings on a home and away basis" (Lloyd Russell, seconder: TBA)*

Proposed by Lloyd Russell. Seconded by Ian George

a) It was agreed that the league division 1 and the 500 League would start in January 2023 and end in May 2023. Divisions 1 and 2, The A. W. Busby and Roger Grime cups and the 500 League would be played over a full season in the 2023/24 season.

b) This was carried forward to the Management Committee meeting held immediately following the AGM.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The secretary stated his view that the next AGM should be held in May/June 2023 with meetings being held annually thereafter. Accounts would be prepared annually for the period covered by the meeting.

Robin Kneebone noted that he was receiving documentation from the ECF concerning their meetings and affairs. He would continue to review them and bring attention to any items affecting Cornish chess.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)

21 October 2022