

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting held at the Victoria Inn, Roche on Tuesday 11th June 2024

PRESENT:

R. Smith (Chair), I. George (Secretary), P. Williams, J. Morgan, J. Constable, C. Constable, M. Hill., L. Retallick, A. Hands, H. Brown, P. James, A. Fern, N. Kirkman,

APOLOGIES:

R. Kneebone, C. Gardiner, R. Gardiner, P. Nunn, L. Russell, B. Jones

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 be taken as read. There were no matters arising.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary (Ian George)

The secretary noted the introduction of a scheme, with the support of the Cornwall Chess Trust, to provide financial support for travel to away matches.

The family of our late president. Professor David Jenkins had made an extremely generous donation towards a trophy in his name. A cup, named the "David Jenkins Cup", had been purchased to be presented annually to the winner of the Cornwall Rapid Play Championship. A further cup for the new Minor League was also purchased, leaving £290 unspent. It was agreed that a fund, to be called the "David Jenkins Memorial Fund" should be created with this money and put towards the rapid play tournaments organised by the association.

Treasurer (Ian George)

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the period from 2023/24 season and reported that the state of the Association's finances was satisfactory. Total funds amounted to £2,354, including £768 in the Napier Fund for junior chess. The bank balance at 11/6/23 was £1,432. Grants approved by the trust but not yet paid amounted to £1,173 (Falmouth congress £449, club travel expenses £724). With trust support, all congresses have broken even.

The accounts were approved and are appended to these minutes.

The treasurer's recommendation that no fees should be charged to affiliated clubs for the 2024/25 season was approved.

League Secretary (Hugh Brown)

The County Shield and the new Minor League were won by Bude. The A. W. Busby Cup and Quickplay League were both won by Camborne.

Final league tables at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-team/leaguetables2024.shtml>

Match Captain (Jamie Morgan)

4 matches were played: losses to Devon by 7-9 in both the open and under 1900, a loss by 4½-11½, to Somerset in open and a 5½ -5½ draw in the under 1900. He thanked all those who made themselves available and provided transport.

Full results at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-county/county-2024.shtml>

It was agreed that teams be entered in both the Open and Under 1900 competitions for 2024/5

Congress Organisers (Colin and Rebecca Gardiner)

"Over the past year the Autumn Congress in Penzance and Spring Congress in Falmouth have become regular congresses on the wider chess circuit attracting many players from further afield - old and new faces. There were 64 entries (including 4 juniors). Players who played in the Autumn Congress were keen to keep the Queen's Hotel as its venue. September will be the 3rd Autumn Congress and with word getting around the chess circuit of what

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a lovely playing venue it is and being close to a main line railway station, it is all positive and a reason to keep the current model. Full results, standings and prize lists at [https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong\(a\)-2023.shtml](https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong(a)-2023.shtml)

The recent congress at Falmouth Hotel was equally successful, drawing similar comments from the players. There were 69 entries (including 8 juniors). Trophy winners were Rami Talab (Emigrant), James Galloway (Falmouth) and Philip Spargo (Penwith). We would like to express our thanks to Ian for all his hard work as webmaster and treasurer and to John Constable for his hard work as tournament controller. Full results, standings and prize lists at [https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong\(s\)-2024.shtml](https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong(s)-2024.shtml)”

Rapid Play Tournament Organiser (Ian George)

The first rapid play event of the season, held at the Victoria Inn, Roche on 18th November 2023, was won by Trefor Thynne (Newton Abbot).

Final standings at [https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-indiv/qp2023-roche\(1\).shtml](https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-indiv/qp2023-roche(1).shtml)

The Cornwall Rapid Play Championship for the David Jenkins Memorial Cup was held at the Griffin Inn, Newquay on 10th February 2024 and was won by G.M. John Nunn.

Final standings at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-indiv/qp2024-djmc.shtml>

Grader (Ian George)

The grader reported that everything was up to date. Submissions were made as and when results were received.

CORNWALL CHESS TRUST

The trust secretary, Ian George, reported that to date the trust had paid grants of £7,241, with a further £1,549 approved and awaiting payment. These grants included support for the Falmouth and Penzance congresses, assistance to clubs, including a giant outside board and set, and 5 digital clocks for the Newquay club.

The trustees were anxious to support junior chess and clubs and would consider all applications in respect of viable projects contributing to the development of chess in Cornwall.

PROGRAMME FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON – TEAM COMPETITIONS

Admin

The closing date for entries was 7th July 2024 in all cases.

Teams to consist of 4 players unless otherwise stated.

County Shield

7 entries were noted from Bude, Calstock, Camborne, Falmouth & Truro, Liskeard, Newquay, North Cornwall. It was agreed that the format should be a double all-play-all league.

A. W. Busby Cup

5 entries were noted from Bude, Camborne, Falmouth & Truro, Newquay, North Cornwall.

It was agreed that the format should be a knock-out competition with a preliminary match to eliminate one team. The league secretary to make the draw early in July.

Quick Play League

7 entries were noted. East: Bude (possibly 2), Calstock, Liskeard. West: Camborne (2), Falmouth & Truro, Newquay.

It was agreed that the format should be two double-round all-play-alls: followed by a final match between the winners of the East and West sections.

Minor League

4 entries were noted from Bude, Camborne, Falmouth & Truro, Lerryn, Newquay.

It was agreed that the format should be a double all-play-all league.

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Club Jamboree

It was agreed that the jamboree which, at one time was a popular season-opener, should be revived with 5-player teams paired under the Hutton system at a time control of 75/15, the date for the event to be Saturday, 14th September 2024. Closing date for entries: 31st July 2024.

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	Colin Gardiner Rebecca Gardiner Mick Hill John Constable Christine Constable

Others

WECU Delegate	Jamie Morgan
Grader	Ian George

Robin Kneebone did not seek re-election as a co-opted member. All the above were unanimously re-elected.

PROPOSAL: (Ajna Fern. Seconder: Phil James)

a) That rule 7(b) of the Minor League rules be amended to read as follows:

*“Teams will consist of four players. The average rating of the players in a team may not exceed 1450. **Where a team is unable to field four players, any absent players whose boards are defaulted, will be assumed to be rated 1200.**”*

b) That rule 7(a) of the Quickplay League rules be amended to read as follows:

*“Teams will consist of four players, arranged in order of current player ratings. **Where a team is unable to field four players, any absent players whose boards are defaulted, will be assumed to be rated 1400.**”*

The proposal was approved

PROPOSAL: (Lloyd Retallick. Seconder: Ian George)

That rule 4) of the Rules Applicable to All Team Matches be amended to read as follows:

“a) Subject to 4(b), teams will be arranged in order of current player ratings as published by the ECF.

b) Notwithstanding 4(a), players whose ratings differ by less than 100 points may be placed in relation to each other in the order decided upon by the team captain.”

The proposal was approved

PROPOSAL: (Christine Constable. Seconder: Ian George)

The ratings to be used shall be those published in rating list published by the ECF on the 1st July prior to the start of the season.

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The proposal was approved

PROPOSAL: (Ian George)

All games to be played in accordance with the Laws of Chess in force at the time the game is played.

The proposal was approved

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The secretary reminded members of the changes to the ECF membership scheme.

Details appended to these minutes and at <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/rolling-membership-examples-and-exceptions/>

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

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)

13 June 2024