

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Executive Sub-Committee meeting conducted by email correspondence between 6th and 14th August 2018

PARTICIPANTS:

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

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting was to deal with various matters concerning the 2019 annual congress:

- 1) To consider the responses to a poll seeking opinions on whether the congress should remain closed or be open to players from outside the county.
- 2) To decide on the organisers.
- 3) To decide on the controller.
- 4) To decide on the venue.
- 5) To fix a date for a meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee (ESC) to decide on various operational matters.

OPEN OR CLOSED?

The results of the poll on this question (closing date: 31st July) were Open 11, Closed 6, No preference 3. A discussion ensued amongst the committee members. A vote was taken and the outcome was 4 to 1 (1 abstention) in favour of opening the congress to players from outside the county.

ORGANISERS

CG and RG offered to act as organisers. The committee noted their experience in organising congresses outside the county and unanimously appointed them as organisers.

CONTROLLER

CG and RG informed the committee that FIDE Arbiter John Constable had indicated that he would be willing to act as controller. John's great knowledge and experience in this role were well known to the whole committee and he was unanimously appointed as controller.

VENUE AND DATE

CG reported that he and RG had visited the Falmouth Hotel. A room holding up to 60 people was available at a cost of £185 per day for Saturday and Sunday with Friday evening being available for an additional £110. A side room (suitable for use as an overflow or analysis room) was available for a further £40 per day. This area was available for hire on the weekends ending on Sunday 7th and 14th April and 5th May.

As no decision had yet been taken on whether to have round 1 on a Friday evening or Saturday morning CG and RG were authorised and requested to book both available rooms for any of the following dates: 5-7 April, 12-14 April or 3-5 May at the quoted price.

RK's support was with the proviso that adverse factors such as potential clashes with or proximity to other congresses/events be taken into consideration before the booking is confirmed.

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EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE CO-OPTION

It was agreed by all committee members that congress organiser being a very important position, it was in the best interests of the association that the persons(s) holding that position should be members of the ESC.

Colin and Rebecca Gardiner were therefore co-opted to serve on the Executive sub-committee with immediate effect.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

IG expressed the view that email correspondence was a clumsy way of making the operational decisions that would be necessary for finalising the arrangements for the congress.

He proposed that a meeting of the ESC should be held on 28th August 2018 at the Plume of Feathers, Pool to discuss and decide these points. This was unanimously agreed and IG undertook to prepare and distribute a notice and agenda for the meeting.

FINANCE

1) IG, in his role as treasurer, informed the committee that he intended to open a new bank account for the congress with IG, CG and RG as signatories. This would streamline administration by allowing entry fees to be received online and prizes to be paid out without cluttering up the main account.

2) IG noted that at this stage it was impossible to predict numbers or quantify the potential financial outcome. The higher quality venue and more "professional" arrangements would involve much higher costs than in previous years. In professional sports there were many traditional events that would not be able to take place without sponsorship and if entries to our congress were insufficient to meet costs, we would be in a similar position, the potential impact on the association's finances being significant.

IG therefore undertook to underwrite any financial deficit in excess of £50. This would help avoid unnecessary penny-pinching so that the committee and organisers could concentrate on laying on the best event possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the correspondence ceased.

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)
14th August 2018