

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting held at the Victoria Inn, Roche on Wednesday 4th June 2025

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, R. Gardiner, C. Sellwood, B. Jones. D. King, I. Renshaw, J. Menadue. G. Trudeau

APOLOGIES:

C. Rothery, J. Fernley

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2024 be taken as read. There were no matters arising.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary (Ian George)

The secretary reported that the matters he would otherwise have reported on were covered elsewhere in the minutes.

Treasurer (Ian George)

The treasurer presented the accounts for the 2024/25 season and reported that the state of the Association's finances was satisfactory. Total funds amounted to £2,327, including £768 in the Napier Fund for junior chess and 290 in the Jenkins Fund for rapid-play events. The bank balance at 4/6/24 was £1,677. Grant applications to be submitted to the Cornwall Chess Trust amounted to £1,038 (Falmouth congress £408, club travel expenses £630). With trust support, both congresses broke 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 2025/26 season was approved.

League Secretary (Hugh Brown)

The County Shield and A. W. Busby Knock-out Cup were won by Bude who defeated Camborne in the final of the latter. the Minor League was won by Lerryn. The Quickplay League was won by Carnon Downs who defeated Calstock in the East-West final.

Final league tables at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-team/leaguetables-2025.shtml>

Match Captain (Jamie Morgan)

4 matches were played: losses to Devon in the Open and a win in the under 1900; losses to Somerset in both competitions. He thanked all those who had made themselves available and provided transport.

Full results at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-county/county-2025.shtml>

It was agreed that teams be entered in both the Open and Under 1900 competitions for 2025/26

Rating Officer (Ian George)

The rating officer reported that everything was up to date. Submissions were made as and when results were received. ECF Ratings from the 1st July list would be used for the 2025/26 team competitions

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Congress Organisers (Colin and Rebecca Gardiner)

Autumn congress

This was held at the Queen's Hotel. Penzance in September 2024

Full results, standings and prize lists at [https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong\(a\)-2024.shtml](https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong(a)-2024.shtml)

In view of falling numbers and there being no suitable venue available, this event would not be held in 2025.

Spring Congress

This was held at the Falmouth Hotel in May 2025. Trophy winners were Rami Talab (Emigrant) for the third time in succession, David Pemberton (Falmouth) and Christine Constable (Penwith). They expressed their thanks to Ian George 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\(s\)-2025.shtml](https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/archive-cong/cong(s)-2025.shtml)

The feedback from the local players and visitors was universally positive and the Falmouth Holtel has been booked for 2026.

Rapid Play Tournament Organiser (Ian George)

The next Cornwall Rapid Play Championship for the David Jenkins Memorial Cup will be played at the Victoria Inn, Roche on 20th September 2025. Full details will be posted to the website shortly.

CORNWALL CHESS TRUST

The trust secretary, Ian George, reported that to date the trust had paid grants of £9,439, with a further £1,038 awaiting payment subject to approval. These grants included support for the Falmouth and Penzance congresses, assistance to clubs, including payments for motor expenses

PROGRAMME FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON – TEAM COMPETITIONS

County Shield

7 entries were noted from Bude, Calstock, Camborne, Carnon Downs, Liskeard, Newquay, North Cornwall. It was agreed that the format would be a double all-play-all league.

Roberts Cup

There were 3 entries from Bude, Lerryn and Newquay. It was agreed that the format would be a double all-play-all league.

A. W. Busby Cup

7 entries were noted from Bude, Calstock, Camborne, Carnon Downs, Newquay, Liskeard and North Cornwall. It was agreed that the format would be a knock -out competition with a preliminary match to eliminate three teams. The league secretary to make the draw early in July.

Roger Grime Cup

4 entries were noted from Bude, Lerryn, Newquay and Liskeard. It was agreed that the format would be a knock -out competition. The league secretary to make the draw early in July.

Quick Play League

7 entries were noted. East: Bude, Calstock, Liskeard, Lerryn. West: Camborne, Carnon Downs, Newquay. It was agreed that the format should be two double-round all-play-all: followed by a final match between the winners of the East and West sections.

Minor League

2 entries were noted from Bude and, Newquay. It was agreed that the format should be a double all-play-all league.

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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
Rating Officer	Ian George

All the above were unanimously re-elected.

PROPOSALS

1) Ian George, seconded: Christine Constable

"That travel expenses be paid to participants in county matches at the following rates: drivers 15p per mile, return rail fares: the lower of the actual fare paid and £10 (Plymouth) or £15 (Exeter)"

The secretary informed the meeting that the Cornwall Chess Trust had agreed to offer financial support.

The proposal was approved

2) Lloyd Russell. Seconder: Christine Constable

"That all Cornwall team competitions take place provided that at least two teams wish to enter"

It was agreed that decisions on this should be left to the league secretary. The proposal was not voted on.

3) Lloyd Russell. Seconder: Christine Constable

"That Minor League rule 7(a) and (b) be amended to read as follows:

"a) The competition is restricted to players rated below 1500

b) Teams will consist of four players. The average rating of the players in a team may not exceed 1300. Where a team is unable to field four players, any absent players whose boards are defaulted, will be assumed to be rated 1100."

The proposal was approved

4) Hugh Brown, seconded: Ian George

"That rule 5 of the League Rules and rule 5 of the Minor League be amended to read as follows:

"If two or more teams finish level on match points, the tie shall be broken on the basis of average game points per match played, with defaulted matches disregarded. If this fails to break the tie, the trophy shall be shared."

The proposal was approved.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Liskeard club secretary announced that the centenary of the club's foundation would be celebrated on 15 March 2026. It was intended to hold an event which all Cornish players would be welcome to attend. No final decision had been taken on the format. It would probably be a rapid-play tournament but alternative suggestions would be welcome.

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

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)

6 June 2025