

Attendees

Phil Meade
Ian George
Jon Underwood
Oliver Wensley
Guy Greenland
Kevin Markey.

Apologies
Roger Hardy
John Wheeler
Vince Southcott

Face 2 Face

Covid Spring on ECF website Key dates for Road map

21st June Key date

British Postponed again till 2022

ECF Calendar most online events with July 4NCL organising an OTB event

Subject to restrictions
Paignton Not discussed yet?
Torbay usually November

General feeling
What will happen
Will clubs meet

Will players feel confident and what arrangements to be made by organisers to allow club chess & congress chess to continue.

Speculation on what numbers will participate OTB as many players are not keen to participate online.

Western counties and West of England County Championship

Discussion on placing results of County events on a website

Wiltshire/Hampshire/Gloucestershire struggling to raise OTB teams

The need for organisers is also a problem

Happy for Ian George to organise online again though the view was online chess was harder to get players for as Devon struggled

Yorkshire and Devon struggled in ECF 12 board event.
Strong players are not interested in internet chess.

Agreed that it was not an either all People can choose to participate in both

WECU counties has been reduced to 3 where as all 7 countries participated in Western Counties.

Opinion We are agreeable to see both continue

Affiliation & County Fees

Should we charge for the Covid period?

Discussion agreed No and the funds held was sufficient

WECU meetings

Discussion on traveling to meetings against the fact that one or two who can not use Zoom.

Compromise the solution: a meeting at the venue with one person using a laptop and Zoom using the free version and having breaks after 45minutes.

Depends on the garden centre continuing to be available.

Can items be discussed and agreed by Email?

WECU Championship 2022

Do we have an organiser for the event if we want to hold it in 2022?

If we did not hold it or had no organiser alternatives would be to use a five

Meyrick did express the view he wished to step down

Changes of ownership of venue was a problem as the venue preferred the more lucrative weddings

Bob Jones often arranged the venue though it was possible he no longer would be interested

Oliver Wesley to contact Meyrick Shaw & Bob Jones re WECU Championship

West of England President

Dorset due to nominate next president Kevin Markey to contact

Council & Executive Meeting

If we hold another meeting, get reports.

Agreed to discuss issues by Email and if a meeting was needed then use Zoom again although this may mean we will lose regular participants.

AOB

Issue of a website for County results.

Ian George agreed the use of The Cornwall site with WECU page for this.

Follow up Emails received

“ It was very successful !

I think we should have another in six months time if possible.”

Guy Greenland

Thanks you for organising and hosting the WECU Zoom meeting. I'm sorry that I was unable to participate in the section about county matches. I'm afraid my connection down here in the Wild West kept on dropping until the last 25 minutes.

I gathered from the the later discussion that it was agreed that we should have another online Western Counties Championship. I confirm that I'll be more than happy to organise it at the same time of year and along the same lines as the one that's just finished.

Phil Meade brought up the subject of a WECU website. I update Cornwall Chess website daily and I would be very happy to add a WECU section and put there whatever material people within the WECU wanted me to put there. You would then be able to publish the link to it as www.cornwallchess.org.uk/wecu

Best wishes

Ian George