

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Bickford Smith Bowling Club, Tuckingmill at 19:00 on Monday 25th June 2018

PRESENT:

H. Brown, C. Sellwood, S. Fanning, I. George, J. James, D. King, D. R. Jenkins, R. Kneebone, J. Menadue, R. Nancarrow, I. Renshaw, R. Smith, B. Jones, G. Healey

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND REMARKS:

The president welcomed all present to the meeting and noted that it had been an eventful season. He paid particular tribute to Mark Hassall's excellent captaincy of the county teams. Adam Hussain played in the England team for his age group during the season.

APOLOGIES:

C. Constable, J. Constable, D. J. Jenkins, M. Hassall, J. Nicholas, G. Trudeau, R. Clark, M. Pilling, P. James, B. Parkin, K. Brewer

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2017 be taken as read. There were no matters arising.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Treasurer (Ian George)

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year and reported that the state of the Association's finances was satisfactory. Total funds amounted to £2,018, including £891 in the Napier Fund for junior chess. The bank balance was £623 lower at £1,966. The main factors contributing to this were the purchase from the ECF of 8 DGT3000 digital clocks at a total cost of £238 and the hire of a minibus with driver for the match versus Surrey at East Huntspill in Somerset. This cost £420. He noted that expenditure at this level on a single match was not sustainable and that the cost of future long-distance travel should be covered by donations or sponsorship. This was agreed.

The accounts were approved. A copy of the accounts and the treasurer's report is appended to these minutes.

The meeting approved the Treasurer's proposal that a sum of £150 be made available to the team captain to be used at his discretion to pay travel expenses to players participating in county matches.

League Secretary (Hugh Brown)

Winners of the team competitions were:

County Shield:	Shared between Penwith and Camborne
Roberts Cup:	Newquay
500 League:	Camborne
A W Busby Cup:	Penwith
R J Grime Cup:	Bude

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Junior Secretary

Although no report was received from the retiring Junior Secretary a discussion took place on the current state of junior chess in Cornwall. Robin Kneebone (RK) said that very few juniors who took part in the junior events carried their interest into adult life or even into secondary school. The clubs had a key role to play in the encouragement and coaching of juniors, particularly by including them in teams and providing opportunities to play competitive chess.

It was agreed that the committee should write to parents generally inviting volunteers so that a team can be formed to run the junior championships.

Match Captain (Mark Hassall)

The match captain's report is appended to these minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected:

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

President:	David R. Jenkins
Secretary:	Ian George
Treasurer:	Ian George
League Secretary:	Hugh Brown
Match Captain:	Richard Smith
Junior Secretary:	Vacant
Publicity Officer	Robin Kneebone
Co-opted	Jeremy Menadue

OTHERS

WECU Delegate	Richard Smith
Grader	Ian George

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MOTIONS

1. That a group of at least 10 people be established to plan, organise, and run chess events in Cornwall.

Proposed: Robin Kneebone Seconded: Ian George

RK explained that, apart from the Kerrier Cup in October, there were currently no plans and little prospect of any events (including the annual championship congress) taking place in Cornwall during the 2018/19 season. No one person should be responsible for all the work associated with an event. In order to have a programme of events during the season a large volunteer group was needed whose members would share the planning, booking, running and finishing of each event.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Note

At the meeting the following people offered to be part of the volunteer group: John James, Ian Renshaw, Ian George, Hugh Brown, David R Jenkins (DRJ), Bryan Jones. DRJ stated that Richard Hendin would be interested in joining and Richard subsequently confirmed this.

IG suggested that the Committee should seek to recruit further members, draw up a list of desired events and invite members of the volunteer group to run them.

The great experience and expertise of ECF qualified arbiter John Constable was widely acknowledged and the meeting unanimously approved DRJ's offer to contact him concerning the possibility of his controlling the Emigrant and Falmouth Cups.

The day after the meeting Colin and Rebecca Gardiner expressed an interest in organising the annual congress.

2. That, in the County Shield and Roberts Cup, if two or more teams finish level on points, the team having gained most points from matches between these teams will be declared the winner (League Rules: no.6)

Proposed: Hugh Brown Seconded: John James

Ian George (IG) proposed an amendment that in these circumstances the trophy should be shared. This was passed by 7 votes to 6.

3. That League rule 13 be amended to read as follows:

"No player ordinarily resident or attending an educational establishment more than 20 miles beyond the border between Devon and Cornwall may be nominated in accordance with Rule 12 above."

Proposed: Richard Hendin Seconded: Ian George

IG explained that this rule was introduced before Bude and Calstock joined the association and at a time when Liskeard was the easternmost club. The "natural" catchment areas of Bude and Calstock include Holsworthy and Tavistock. This motion seeks to allow clubs near the county boundary a degree of parity with clubs farther west by extending the "county boundary for chess" a short distance into Devon. This was passed unanimously.

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4. *That for the 2018/19 season a new competition be inaugurated to provide competitive chess for more of the county's players.*

Proposed: Robin Kneebone Seconded: Hugh Brown

RK said that this proposal was designed to provide a competition aimed at offering newcomers and improvers the opportunity to be the key participants in matches instead of largely filling in on lower boards.

He envisaged a league, where teams would play graded games under match conditions with the time controls, grade limits (possibly team grade averaging less than 100), number in team (possibly 4), etc. all to be agreed between the two competing clubs.

This league would start in the new year at or near the end of the 500 League with the fixtures to be drawn up after the rest of the season's schedule is finalised.

This proposal was well received and passed along with IG's proposal that the target date for finalisation of rules and arrangements be 30th November.

5. *That from the 2019/20 season the Roberts Cup be contested as a total-grade competition*

Proposed: Robin Kneebone Seconded: Ian George

RK said that it was necessary to try and make a more competitive league, to reduce the number of large mismatches which currently occur on boards 3 and 4 between some teams, and to encourage clubs to find and help novices into league chess. Devon's experience was that total-grade systems were the best for bringing in extra players to competitive chess.

The exact means of implementing the change to an total-grade system should be discussed and agreed during the 2018/19 season for ratification at the 2019 AGM.

IG suggested that a combination of total-grade and points handicap systems was worth considering.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Other motions

A proposal from IG to delete the superfluous words "and all its players graded 165 or over" from rule 11(b) was passed

Three proposals to amend the rules concerning player eligibility were defeated.

FEES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

The meeting approved the treasurer's proposal that the entry fees for the team competitions should remain unchanged.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stephen Fanning said that he and Peter Cushion were attempting to revive the Godolphin chess club at Helston and requested that the details be put on the website. IG agreed to do this.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:45.

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)
25th June 2018

CORNWALL COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

2017/18 Season

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the period ended 25th June 2018

The accounts are appended to this report. They show that the association's finances are in a satisfactory state with reserves totalling £2,018, including £890 in the Napier Fund for junior chess. The bank balance is down from £2,589 at the end of last season to £1,966.

There was a surplus on the General Fund for the year of £131 (2016/17: £63). Following the increase in club fees agreed at the 2017 Secretaries Meeting entry fee income increased by £130. A significant reduction in entries and an increase in the cost of hiring the venue contributed to a deficit on the annual congress of £47 (2017: £43 surplus).

Activity on The Napier Fund was minimal, showing a deficit of £13 (2016/17: £27). The small deficit on the Cornwall Junior Championships was borne by the Junior Secretary.

Two significant items of expenditure contributed to the reduction of £623:

- As part of a FIDE initiative DGT 3000 digital clocks were offered for sale by the ECF for £26 each, a discount of 57%. 8 of these clocks were purchased in addition to a further clock at a total cost of £238.
- Following our qualification for the national stage of the ECF Counties Championship it was decided to hire a minibus with driver for travel to the venue in Somerset at a cost of £420. As this sum represents over 20% of our total funds (37% of our general fund) I recommend that, in order to avoid the rapid depletion of our funds, we should only commit to this expenditure in future if we succeed in obtaining sponsorship and/or donations covering most of it.

ECF Membership

As in previous years a number of players are still not members of the ECF at the time of writing. I would remind club organisers that early next season I will include in the invoices I raise to the clubs any game fees paid to the ECF for games played by non-ECF members in their clubs' team matches. Whether they absorb the cost or recover it from the relevant members will be for the clubs to decide. Game fee is now a fixed fee of £16 for any non-member who plays more than 3 games in our competitions during the year to 31st August 2018.

The final date for renewing or acquiring ECF membership for the 2017/18 season is 30th June 2018. The ECF will not accept membership applications after that date. Please note that it is the player's responsibility, not that of the association or his/her club, to ensure that his/her ECF membership is up to date.

Fees for the 2018/19 Season

- As I do not anticipate any significant changes in income or expenditure, I recommend that the fees chargeable to the clubs for entry to the 2018/19 team competitions should remain at £35 per team for the County Shield and Roberts Cup and £20 per team for the 500 League.
- I am happy to continue as treasurer and am therefore standing for re-election.

Ian George
25th July 2018

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Balance Sheet as at 25 June 2018

	2017/18		2016/17	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bank balance	1,966		2,589	
Outstanding club fees	0		0	
Organisers' expenses	0		14	
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		1,966		2,603
Liabilities				
Amount owed to ECF	0		68	
Grand Prix prize fund	0		0	
Accruals	(52)		(23)	
County match travel fund	0		0	
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		(52)		45
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		£2,018		£2,558
Reserves				
<u>General Reserve</u>				
Brought forward	1,655		1,512	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(527)		143	
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	1,128		1,655	
Transfer from /(to) Napier Fund	0		0	
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		1,128		1,655
<u>Napier Fund (junior chess)</u>				
Brought forward	903		931	
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(13)		(27)	
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	890		904	
Transfer from /(to) general reserve	0		0	
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		890		904
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Total reserves carried forward		£2,018		£2,559

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Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 8 July 2017 to 25 June 2018

	2017/18		2016/17	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Entry fees (team competitions)	615		480	
Annual congress	383		489	
Other competitions	0		551	
Miscellaneous income	15		0	
		1,013		1,520
<u>Expenditure</u>				
County match expenses (net)	268		262	
Annual congress	430		446	
Other competitions	0		518	
Publicity	0		0	
Website and IT costs	23		37	
Stationery, printing and postage	31		0	
Insurance	102		77	
Trophies and engraving	0		62	
Miscellaneous expenses	28		55	
		882		1,457
		131		63
Sponsorship and donations	0		100	
Travel expenses for county team (national stage)	(420)		(130)	
Purchase of equipment	(238)		0	
		(658)		(30)
Transfer to county match travel reserve	0		110	
		(658)		80
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(£527)		£143

Napier Fund movement for the year ended 25 June 2018

	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Competitions	0		352	
Miscellaneous income	0		0	
		0		352
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Competitions and other events	0		154	
Trophies and engraving	13		164	
Purchase of equipment	0		0	
UK Chess Challenge and EPSCA	0		40	
ECF membership and game fees	0		61	
Grants and donations	0		70	
Miscellaneous expenses	0		0	
		13		489
Operating surplus / (deficit)		(13)		(137)
Sponsorship and donations		0		110
Purchase of trophies		0		0
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(£13)		(£27)

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Notes to the accounts for the period from 8 July 2017 to 25 June 2018

Surplus / (deficit) on competitions

	2017/18		2016/17	
	Congress £	Others £	Congress £	Others £
<u>Income</u>				
Entry fees	370	0	519	551
Game fee surcharge	0	0	0	0
Refreshments	0	0	(30)	0
Other income	13	0	0	0
	<u>383</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>551</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Prizes	142	0	180	302
Room hire	274	0	230	128
Game fee payable to ECF	0	0	0	(9)
Cost of refreshments	14	0	0	30
Organiser's expenses	0	0	0	0
GP prize fund levy	0	0	36	67
Other expenses	0	0	0	0
	<u>430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>518</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>(£47)</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£43</u>	<u>£33</u>

County match expenses

	2017/18	2016/17
Room hire	208	172
Travel costs	0	0
Refreshments	21	5
Match captain's expenses	0	25
WECU entry fees	94	81
Other expenses	0	45
	<u>323</u>	<u>328</u>
Opponents' contributions	<u>55</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>£268</u>	<u>£263</u>

Surplus / (deficit) on junior competitions

	2017/18	2016/17
<u>Income</u>		
Entry fees	0	380
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Prizes	0	51
Room hire	0	0
Game fee payable to ECF	0	21
Cost of refreshments	0	0
Travel expenses	0	0
Stationery, printing and postage	0	82
Other expenses	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>154</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>£0</u>	<u>£226</u>

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2017/18 SEASON
FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

COUNTY SHIELD

	P	W	D	L	Def	Pts
1 Camborne	10	7	1	2	0	32
2 Penwith	10	7	1	2	0	32
3 Truro	10	5	3	2	0	28
4 Falmouth	10	3	1	5	1	19
5 Liskeard	10	2	2	5	1	17
6 Newquay	10	2	0	6	2	14

ROBERTS CUP

	P	W	D	L	Def	Pts
1 Newquay	12	8	2	2	0	38
2 Truro	12	8	1	3	0	37
3 Falmouth	12	5	4	3	0	31
4 Calstock	12	4	1	7	0	25
5 Bude	12	2	5	5	0	23
6 Liskeard	12	3	2	7	0	23
7 Camborne	12	3	3	4	2	22

500 LEAGUE - WEST

	P	W	D	L	Def	Pts
1 Bude	6	4	1	1	0	19
2 Lerryn	6	2	1	3	0	13
3 Liskeard	6	2	1	3	0	13
4 Calstock	6	2	1	2	1	12

500 LEAGUE - EAST

	P	W	D	L	Def	Pts
1 Camborne	6	5	1	0	0	22
2 Penwith	6	3	1	2	0	16
3 Truro	6	2	0	4	0	12
4 Falmouth	6	1	0	5	0	9

REPORT

An interesting and competitive season with trophies going to four different clubs, with the fifth trophy, the County Shield, being shared.

Out of 106 league and cup matches scheduled, only eight were defaulted. It is an unfortunate coincidence that all four defaults in the County Shield involved Newquay, who only played six Shield matches in the season. Falmouth and Newquay did not meet in the Shield at all, with both teams defaulting their away match. No club defaulted more than twice, so the defaults did not have a significant effect on the destination of any of the trophies.

Camborne defeated Bude by 6½ - 1½ in the East-West final of the 500 League.

In the A.W. Busby Cup Penwith and Carrick drew 2½ - 2½, Penwith winning the trophy on board elimination.

Bude won the Roger Grime Cup, defeating Penwith 4 - 0 in the final.

Cornwall County Chess Association
Annual General Meeting 25th June 2018
Report of Match Captain

The first team had a middling year with a victory over Gloucestershire, a close loss to Somerset and more convincing losses to Devon and Surrey. We finished half way in the intercounty jamboree.

The second team won the second division of the Jamboree on board count from the Torbay league. We also played a second team match against Devon which we lost.

There were other positives in the season. We were able to raise teams comfortably with reserves available. In the second team match v Devon we were able to put out the strongest qualifying team.

I am now a resident of Cyprus so I have stepped down for the future. I would like to nominate Richard Smith as my replacement. I am sure he will do fantastic job in the future. I thank him for allowing me to nominate him for this position and for W.E.C.U. representative for Cornwall which I believe is a job for the match captain.

Finally thank you to all the players who have represented Cornwall in my two years as match Captain. Against my original expectation, I enjoyed the job.

Mark Hassall

11th June 2018