

CAMBORNE CHESS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Lowenac Hotel, Camborne on Wednesday 27th May 2026

PRESENT:

P. Williams (Chair), I. George (Secretary), P. Spargo, C. Sellwood, J. Nicholas, J. Morgan, B. Jones, J. Opie, D. Whelan, M. Keen, J. Lok, J. Hollister

APOLOGIES:

R. Smith, R. Humpleby

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2025 be taken as read.

There were no matters arising

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary (Ian George)

i) Review of the season

The secretary reported that the Lowenac hotel continued to be an excellent venue; there had been a good attendance at the fortnightly meetings, including several new members. The varied programme had proved popular.

ii) Club Championship

Ian George won with 5 points with Jamie Morgan runner up on 4½. The Philip Williams Cup, for players rated below 1700, was shared between Richard Humpleby and Ian Renshaw with 3½ points.

iii) Camborne Grand Prix

Philip Williams won the Grand Prix for the fourth time in succession

Links to the results and final standings of both competitions can be found at <https://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/clubs/camborne.shtml>.

Treasurer (Ian George)

Accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the 2025/26 season showing a deficit of £383. Application would be made for this amount to the Cornwall Chess Trust. The accounts were approved and are appended to these minutes.

Budget

The treasurer presented the budget for the 2026/27 season showing a forecast deficit of £62. An application would be made to the Cornwall Chess Trust for a grant if considered appropriate. The budget was approved and is appended to these minutes.

Fees for the 2026/27 season

It was agreed there should be no change to the fees payable by members, viz:

£25 membership subscription (£15 for those joining after 31 December 2026).

- Various family discounts as shown on the appended list.
- £3 per player board fee for all home and away matches.

Junior Organiser

The fortnightly junior coaching, organised by Jamie Morgan with the assistance of Ashley Jones and Colin Sellwood, had been well received and would be continued into the 2026/27 season.

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Team matches

County Shield (Jeff Nicholas)

2nd or 3rd =/7, 34 points (W6, D4, L2)

A.W. Busby Cup (Jeff Nicholas)

Lost 2.5 – 1.5 to Carnon Downs in round 1

Quickplay League A (Richard Smith)

3rd/3, 5 points (W0, D1, L3)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON

- It was agreed that from September 2026 the club would meet on alternate Wednesdays at Bickford Smith bowling club, Tuckingmill. This would save £20 per session
- The secretary presented a draft programme for the 2026/27 season, to commence on 9th September 2026 and ending with the AGM on 26th May 2027. This was approved and is appended to these minutes.
- It was agreed that the 2026/27 club championship should be contested as a single-section Swiss. The rate of play would be 75 minutes for the whole game with 15 second increments from move 1.
- It was agreed to enter one team each to the County shield, A. W. Busby Cup and Quickplay League.
- It was agreed that home matches should be played at Bickford Smith bowling club, Tuckingmill. The intermediate venue for matches against Bude and Calstock would be the Victoria Inn, Roche.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected:

Executive sub-committee

Philip Williams	President
Ian George	Secretary, treasurer and competition organiser
Jamie Morgan	Junior organiser
Jeff Nicholas	Shield A and Busby Cup
Martin Keen	Shield B
Richard Smith	QP League
Colin Sellwood	Co-opted
Philip Spargo	Co-opted
Percy Gill	Co-opted

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed social membership and keys to Bickford Smith bowling club be obtained for the following: Philip Williams, Ian George, Jamie Morgan, Jeff Nicholas, Martin Keen, Richard Smith, Colin Sellwood. The secretary undertook to arrange this.

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

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)

29 May 2026