

CAMBORNE CHESS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Lowenac Hotel, Camborne on Wednesday 28th May 2025

PRESENT:

P. Williams (Chair), I. George (Secretary), P. Spargo, A. Hunt, R. Humpleby, B. Jones, Colin Sellwood, Jeff Nicholas

APOLOGIES:

C. Gardiner, R. Gardiner, R. Smith, J. Morgan

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2024 be taken as read.

Matters arising: The 2023/24 club championship and Grand Prix was won by David Jenkins on 5/6 with Philip Williams and Jamie Morgan as runners-up on 4½

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary (Ian George)

i) Review of the season

The secretary reported that the Lowenac hotel had proved to be an excellent venue and there had been a good attendance at the fortnightly meetings, including several new members. The varied programme had proved popular. He was confident that the club would continue to build from this satisfactory position.

ii) Club Championship

Jamie Morgan won with 5 points with Philip Williams runner up on 4½. The Philip Williams Cup, for players rated below 1700, was won by Richard Humpleby with 3½ points.

iii) Camborne Grand Prix

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

Links to the final standings of both competitions can be found at the Camborne club page of the Cornwall Chess website.

Treasurer (Ian George)

Accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the 2024/25 season showing a deficit of £56. No application would be made to the Cornwall Chess Trust for a grant following the receipt of a donation in this sum. The accounts were approved and are appended to these minutes.

Budget

The treasurer presented the budget for the 2025/26 season showing a forecast deficit of £155. 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 2025/26 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 2024).

- 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, had been well received and would be continued into the 2025/26 season.

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Team matches

County Shield (Jeff Nicholas)

3rd =/7, 34 points (W7, D1, L4)

A.W. Busby Cup (Jeff Nicholas)

Lost 3 – 1 to Carnon Downs in the final

Quickplay League A (Richard Smith)

3rd/4, 9 points (W1, D1, L3, Def 1)

Defeated Calstock in the final

Quickplay League B (Colin Sellwood)

4th/4, 8 points (W1, D1, L2, Def 1, 1 unplayed)

Minor League (Philip Spargo)

4th=/4, 10 points (W1, D2, L2, Def.1)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON

- It was agreed that the club would continue to meet on alternate Wednesdays at the Lowenac Hotel
- The secretary presented a draft programme for the 2025/26 season, to commence on 10 September 2025 and ending with the AGM on 27 May 2026. This was approved and is appended to these minutes.
- It was agreed that the 2025/26 championship should be contested as a single-section Swiss.
- It was agreed to enter one team to the County shield, A. W. Busby Cup and Quickplay League. In the opinion of the Minor League captain, Philip Spargo, there were insufficient players available at the required level. It was therefore agreed that no entry should be made to the Minor League.
- It was agreed that home matches should be played at the Camborne Community Centre. 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 and Busby Cup
Richard Smith	QP League A
Colin Sellwood	Co-opted
Philip Spargo	Co-opted
Percy Gill	Co-opted

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The first meeting of the 2025/26 season would be at the Lowenac hotel on Wednesday, 10th September.

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

IAN GEORGE (SECRETARY)

2 June 2025