

Minutes for EC Meeting 30th January 2022

1. Apologies. Andrew Walker

In Attendance: Nick London NL

Maurice Hill MH

Graham Neil GN

Steve Burke SB

John Swain JS

2. Chess Leagues and Club review

Long Eaton no longer are a working club and have officially withdrawn affiliation.

No other major problems with clubs/leagues. Div 6 off ground and has 3 teams. (NB. Later increased to 4)

3. Notts Chess Foundation update

NL updated meeting. Registered charity now with necessary options. Now has received part of legacy.

Invested with ethical Investment fund called CCLA. Various options looked at.

There to hand out money rather than organise events.

Investment will hopefully have yield of £10 – 15000

Website up and running in next month or two.

4. NCA Website

SB explained website up and running before Covid. Then Covid happened.

Who else should have access? Considered League secretary should - NL to be added.

Old Minutes on website? Minutes exist going back to 20's. Minutes generally need adding and this will be looked at.

Easier to put games on – using pgn on chessbase.

Discussion regarding linking to various pages.

Considered whether it was readable for those who are colour-blind? For now the colour scheme will not be changed.

If possible, change the order of tabs on the Competitions page, so that Tournaments are the default one shown – SB

5. Rapidplay/Congress

JS explained that the Rapidplay supported by NCF if lose money.

Have 47 entrants so far, three short of minimum. Hoping for more. Discussion about payments. Used Doncaster congress methodology of cheque or pay on the day.

Moving forward in the future may use Worldpay system. Discussion about cost associated with it. Possibly setting it up with Congress.

System of sending cheques is limited as very few may have a cheque book.

Discussion regarding the donations for rapidplay and congress.

6. Centenary Year (ChessFest?)

Malcolm Pein has suggested looking at ChessFest which ran last year in Liverpool/London. Needs some people to assist.

Volunteers needed to look at how to do it. Generally has July dates (last year 19th July 2022)

Discussion about what this may consist of. Suggestions include Grandmaster Simultaneous\jamboree at the end of the season? ChessFest cost £300000 though, so we do not wish anything so expensive.

Agreed to seek out general info from clubs. Who is going to co-ordinate? MH will send out an email and circulate to clubs.

7. Bank mandate/financial review

BS account closed. Bank now Virgin Money. At moment only SB signatory. Signatories to be SB JS and GN and MH and documents were completed.

Discussions about finances. SB indicated the future is uncertain – costs moving forward unknown. Less county chess this year which tends to be expensive. Loss guarantee from NCF on congress will be helpful without which the tournaments would probably not be arranged.

8. AOB

NL raised that NCA funded zoom licence. List of meetings available. More meetings for NCF.

NCF ought to be able to fund it but needs to investigate how that would work and whether it can be shared. Currently licence runs out March. EC happy for NCF to pay. Question mark over who owns licence but NL to investigate.

Facebook page not updated 2 years ago. Shane Bhayat set it up. Enquiries to be made of those who helped to set it up. There is a link to it on website, which would need to be removed if we are going to close it (or if we can't do that, but it stays dormant).

Short of people on EC. JS may be willing to join. EC can co-opt.

Discussion about Junior Chess and the various organisations across the County.