

Minutes of a Virtual meeting held on Thur 17/12/2020 at ...various houses, 8.00 pm

Present: Chris Holt (chair) Nick London (league sec), Mike Naylor (records sec), Phil Morgan, Dave Griffiths, Andy Robins, Graham Ladds

Not available: Chris Budd, Simon Scott
(Virtual meeting conducted via 'Zoom')

1. Minutes of previous meeting (09/07/20)

Accepted as a true record.

Noted that they were not available on NCA web site either old or new, and needed to be made more widely available to clubs as well as LMC members.

Action: NL

2. 2020-21 Season

Proposed that the 'current' league season formally be abandoned, because of the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

Agreed unanimously

3. Completion of the 2019-20 season

- a. It had been decided to defer a decision from July until this month, pending the development of anti-pandemic measures and restrictions on social meetings
- b. It has become clear that a full vaccination programme and the lifting of restrictions will not sufficiently improve the situation until well into 2021, and that an opportunity to play the remaining fixtures may clash with either summer holiday period or early Autumn.
- c. In addition, many existing club and team members are reluctant or refusing to consider OTB chess for the foreseeable future. Existing teams may be depleted or not viable at all to complete the fixtures.

It was **Agreed by a majority of 5-2** to terminate the 2019-20 season with immediate effect

4. Method of Resolving League Season 2019-20 Outcome

- a. The survey conducted in the Summer (prior to previous meeting) showed a narrow majority in favour of concluding the league tables by an adjusted final points score, based on percentage of match and game points score from the maximum possible of matches played.
- b. In most cases this produces league tables in the same order as at the time of suspension of the fixtures (single exception being division 4 2nd place).
- c. It is assumed that numbers of teams and sizes of divisions are likely to be significantly different for a future league season, so the issue of promotion and relegation is not relevant at this stage.
- d. Therefore **Agreed unanimously** to declare the following as division winners, and to present the appropriate trophies as and when this is physically possible:

Div 1: Grantham 1

Div 2: West Bridgford 1

Div 3: Beeston
Div 4: Gambit 4
Div 5: Ashfield 4

e. ***NB: who is to send out message to clubs? NL or CH? Not discussed***

5. Other Business

a. Communication of decisions: minutes and decision should be made visible on web site, migration of which from old to new is in abeyance.

DG to ask the developer to provide a summary of current status of new site

NL to raise with Exec Cte and ask for some action

b. LMC members noted a rise in interest for online chess locally which it is hoped will translate into OTB when the opportunity arises. It was suggested that some summer time OTB events/tournaments could be promoted for Notts as is being planned in Lincs

6. Next Meeting:

Agreed to reconvene after easter period with the hope/intention of planning for the season 2021-22

Nick London, League Secretary
18/12/20