

Minutes of NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm Monday 22nd August 2022, The Wold pub, West Bridgford

AGENDA

1. Apologies

John Swain, Mike Naylor, Tim Walker, Graham Ladds, David Levens, Bob Abrahamart

In Attendance

Christopher Holt, Dragoljub Sudar, Chris Budd, Mick Frings, Gavin Dow, Mark Radford, Jonathan Tait, Alan Johnson, David Griffiths, Steve Burke, Maurice Hill, Graham Neil, Nick London, Simon Scott

2. Previous Minutes

It was asked whether account signatories had been sorted. Indicated that they have.

3. Any matters arising from the minutes

Minutes approved

4. Season 21/22 review

NL explained It was agreed that the LMC had special powers last year. The season started a bit late and finished early May. Went ok. Only one dispute to resolve.

County teams –

U2050. Match not played and withdrew. Some disappointment at that fact was expressed

U1450 – one team reached the semis, both teams reached nationals.

Full team and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Rapidplay/ Congress – see below

5. Season 22/23

Meeting held on the 21st July 2022.

Considered way forward. Variety of issues seen still for clubs - lack of drivers/covid/ venues.

Was indicated Mansfield had 7 players only. So 5 in division one would have assisted them.

40 teams of 5 pre covid, 30 of 4 last year. Indicated that the Gambit website had some statistics on players from last year.

a. Proposal by the EC

Proposal that the LMC be once again allowed to vary some league rules for season 22-23 due to the on-going effects of Covid.

Following the postponement of the AGM on 18 July due to the exceptional heat conditions, the LMC still needed to take the view of clubs on their recommended temporary rule alterations for the 22-23 season in order to get on with organising the new season. This was done at a zoom meeting on the 21 July and the decisions have been notified to all clubs.

Having taken this practical measure, this proposal is simply to ratify the above, without which the start of the season would have been significantly delayed.

Looking forward, at the end of this new season, the EC view is that we will either return to the full league rules, or formally amend these at a normal Rules Revision Meeting as the association deems necessary.

Proposed by Steve Burke

Seconded by Nick London

There was Discussion around the eligibility rule and whether this will be abused. Grading played havoc last year as lots of players without grades or high grade after only few games.

Indicated there will be promotion/ relegation this year. Next year it is intended either go back to old rules or consideration will be given to changing them at a Rules Revision meeting.

Motion carried.

b. County Teams

U1450 only so far. Mick Frings will run the team. Was confirmed there would be no junior team this year. No one else volunteered to run a team.

c. Simultaneous event by Jonah Willow

Someone is needed to organise. Jonah willow now IM. Ludorati possible venue. Simon Scott agreed to look into it. (Subsequently found to be not possible.)

6. Report of NCF.

Website now up and running. Difficult aspect for the year was a website. Modest requests for money so far.

Income of £10000 per year - not granted anything near that.

Considered that Discussions were needed within EC for possible future coaching sessions/ tournament? Maybe a Junior tournament / chess fest? Had been suggested NCF may seek to engage a marketing person. This will be looked at. There is a need to raise publicity of NCF.

7. Presentation/announcement of Prizes

Mansfield won Div one

Beeston 1 and Beeston 2 won div 2 and 5 respectively

Grantham 1 won division 3

West Bridgford 3 won division 4

Gambit 5 won division 6

Prize for best Swindle. One entry. Felipe Lessa therefore wins.

(Subsequently donated back to NCA.)

Prize for best game. Steve Burke

8. Officers Reports (written reports separate unless summary/ additional information given below)

i. President

ii. Secretary

iii. Executive Committee

iv. Treasurer

Proposing 1st team of club is free entry? Seconded by Drag Sudar
Motion passed.

Not proposing to increase £22 fee.If Division 6 will charge half price.

v. Auditor – accounts accepted

vi. League Secretary

Trying to get a 6th division going.

Draft fixture list out – once receive feedback final email with fixtures will be sent out.

vii. Records Secretary

viii. League Management Committee

ix. County Team captains

x. Correspondence Team – SB thinks third

xi. Congress Director/Rapidplay Director/County Championship Controller

No County Championship yet. Suggested should be one off rapidplay in November at Memorial Hall. A Swiss tournament on 13th November 2022.

This was discussed. Suggested should have 2 day event.

Proposal for one day carried.

Chess Direct no longer exists. The Congress Committee may borrow the sets as they have been given to one person.

Simon Scott to run a session for a small group on Swiss manager software – possibly to be funded by NCF.

- xii. ECF Delegate – ECF now rolling membership. May cause issues for congresses.
- xiii. MCCU Delegate – 12th November 2022 provisional adults/juniors competition. Details to follow
- xiv. Junior Committee
- xv. Webmaster (not present)

9. Election of Officers

- i. President - M Hill
- ii. Secretary - G Neil
- iii. Treasurer- S Burke
- iv. Executive Committee- President, Secretary, Treasurer, A Walker, N London (vacancies)
- v. League Secretary- N London
- vi. Records Secretary- M Naylor
- vii. League Management Committee – League Secretary, Records Secretary, C Budd, C Holt, S Scott, D Griffiths, P Morgan, G Ladds
- viii. County Teams- U1450 Mick Frings
- ix. Correspondence- P Morgan
- x. Congress Director/committee S Scott J Swain S Burke
- xi. Rapidplay Director/committee S Scott J Swain S Burke
- xii. County Championship Controller- -Vacant
- xiii. Webmaster- D Coates
- xiv. Website Contributing Editor- P Morgan
- xv. ECF Delegate- C Holt
- xvi. MCCU Delegate- C Budd, T Walker,
- xvii. Auditor- D Griffiths
- xviii. Junior Committee- S Scott, T Walker, M Swanwick

- xix. Lead Safeguarding Officer P Beckett
- xx. Deputy Safeguarding Officer- S Burke
- xxi. NCF B Abrahart, E Jones, G Ladds, M Taylor, N London,
D Griffiths, G Neil, C Budd

Vacancies on EC /LMC/JC remain.

- 10. Discussion of plans for the centenary year of NCA in 2022.
Centenary year. Discussion regarding what the plans could be.
Committee could be established. JS/NL/GD volunteered.

11.AOB

None