

Notts Chess Association

League Mgt Committee Meeting (virtual meeting via Zoom) 12 April 2023

Present: Chris Holt (chair), Nick London (secretary), Mike Naylor-Eade, Simon Scott, Graham Ladds, Dave Griffiths, Phil Morgan.

Not present: Chris Budd, Andy Robins

1. Minutes of previous meeting (6/8/23) & Matters Arising:

- a. Accepted as a true record.
- b. Noted that after the allocation divisions, 2 more teams were added and one withdrew.
- c. Minor League: it was agreed by LMC via email, after the meeting, to establish a separate small league for teams with new/inexperienced/junior players seeking informal match practice, with two games per fixture in rapid play conditions. 4 teams competed and played flexible 3 or 4 board matches, now concluded. Thought by those involved to be a good experience for participants and it should be considered again in similar format.

2. Review of 22-23 Season to date:

- a. 2 teams had defaulted matches (WN3, Uni2), but MNE proposed not to apply financial penalties. **Agreed**
- b. Two postponed matches not yet scheduled. NL had reminded team captains this week. Both are now planned for 15 May – technically the last possible date for the season.
- c. Feedback on suspension/relaxation of standard rules:
 - i. Absence of eligibility rules has reduced the records secretary's burden.
 - ii. 4-board teams and shorter time controls: mixed views on desirability of continuing with this next season. Open to debate at the Rules Revision meeting.

3. Disputes:

Only one formal dispute so far. MNE managed the discussion.

University 1 vs Ashfield 2: UNI failed to provide a home team and ASH initially claimed a default. After recognition of the critical impact it might have on the division 2 outcome, ASH agreed to reschedule the match at their home venue. LMC appreciates Ashfield's sporting behaviour.

4. Rules revision Meeting:

EC has scheduled this for 22 May, so proposals need to be submitted by 1 May.

- a. Proposed that a statement should be sent to clubs clarifying that normal standard League rules as per 2019-20 season will apply unless changes are voted in at RRM. **Agreed**
Action: NL
- b. Review of standard rules and those that should be updated. LMC to agree a draft of proposed changes to:
 - B7 (start time option of 7:45)
 - B13 (to match LMS results procedure)
 - C6 (change to new ECF rating)**Action: NL** to draft proposals and circulate.
- c. New version of Appendix on estimated ratings to be drafted
Action: MNE, SS

5. League Arrangements for 23-24:

- a. These depend on team entries, and decisions about boards per team, but it will be helpful to clubs if LMC makes its current intentions known:
 - i. Aspire to return to 8 team divisions as far as entries allow.
 - ii. 1st division would be a priority for 8 teams.
 - iii. Intention is to run minor league again.
- b. Minor League Rules - **Agreed** that standard league rules do not apply here, but still come under the responsibility of NCA. Rules to be published on the NCA website in due course.
Action: NL