

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 730 pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023 The Wold pub, West Bridgford**

1. Apologies: Graham Ladds, Bob Abrahamart, Mike Swanwick,

Attending: Chris Budd, Simon Scott Nick London, Maurice Hill, Andrew Walker, Dave Griffiths, Steve Burke, John Swain, Chris Holt, Tim Walker, John Tait, Graham Neil, Mike Naylor-Ede, Neil Graham, Marcel Taylor.

2. Previous Minutes (AGM 2022)

Approved by the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

4. Season 22/23 review

Season probably went much better than expected (MH).

Winners:-

Division One: Mansfield 1  
Division Two: University 1  
Division Three Grantham 2  
Division Four: Newark 2  
Division Five: West Bridgford 3  
Minor League: West Notts Rookies

5. Season 23/24

Agreed Minor League would continue. Report produced and attached from Nick London.

League season can start as normal. RRM recently defined rules for coming season, similar to 22/23 season.

League entries in. Report produced by LMC talking about the structure of league (see reports).

6. Report of Centenary Working Group

The Group consists of Nick London, Gavin Dow, Simon Scott, and latterly Mike Naylor, Dave Griffiths and Neil Graham.

a) Organised simultaneous with Jonah Willow at the Dice Cup (Dec 2022).

b) Chessfest is due to take place forthcoming weekend (15<sup>th</sup> July 2023). Volunteers are needed. Andrew Martin is coming to do some commentaries and challenge matches. NCA have paid £1000 and the NCF will cover the majority of costs.

c) GM tournament will take place later in the year at the Mechanics Institute. Funding possibly by NCF but will apply for Chess Trust/John Robinson trust. Hope to stream games live. There will be a side event for 6 juniors during GM event.

7. Proposal to amend the constitution.

Proposer: Simon Scott

Seconder: Nick London

Reason for proposal: In the course of attempts to gain financial and other support for NCA;'s centenary events, it has been found that a standard expectation for a voluntary or community organisation is that it will have:

- an equal opportunities policy or statement

- a provision in its constitution as to how it would wind itself up and dispose of assets

**A] Amend 2 b) to include an equal ops policy:**

***"To encourage the playing and study of chess in the County, irrespective of sex, gender reassignment, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and".***

Comment by proposer: This is a list of protected characteristics (so it's the law!) except I have removed marriage/civil partnership and pregnancy/maternity for simplification as I feel this is more to do with workplace and public services rights - they could be reinserted [SS].  
**Constitutional amendment passed unanimously.**

**B] To add a dissolution policy:**

#### **14. Dissolution of the Association**

- a. ***The Association may be dissolved by a three-quarters majority vote at a general meeting.***
- b. ***On payment of any outstanding debts, the Association's remaining funds and assets, if any, shall be donated to an organisation that promotes chess in Nottinghamshire, or, failing that, to an organisation that promotes chess in England.***

Amendment: AW proposed **two thirds majority**  
(seconded by CH) 9 for 3 Against. **Agreed**

#### **Amended proposal Passed Unanimously**

#### **8. Announcement of Prizes**

Division 1 (Mansfield)  
Division 2 (University 1)  
Division 3 (Grantham 2)  
Division 4(Newark 2)  
Division 5 (West Bridgford 3)

No entries for swindles/best games. Discussion about whether to carry on or not with this section in future years. Is there still some interest? **Agreed** to continue with it in future years.  
Marcel Taylor/John Tait **proposed** increase of prize to £20. **Unanimously agreed.**

#### **9. Officers Reports**

- i. President: No further report.
- ii. Secretary: verbal report
- iii. Treasurer: (report attached)  
Discussion on treasurer's report:
  - Debate about defaulted match fee and whether it should be changed– it is in league rules though so would need to be altered at the RRM next year.
  - Donations relate to donations at the congress.
  - Discussion about clocks - does the NCA need to purchase? Would need twice a year. Leap clocks favoured over DGT versions.
  - Storage in West Notts for the clocks remains ok.
  - Proposal for Tournament Committee to organise clocks if necessary.

Treasurer's report **accepted unanimously.**

- iv. Auditor: in hand, finalised before the meeting.
- v. League Secretary: (report attached)

Discussion:

- Divisional trophies: does the NCA replace those missing or do we get rid of them? Variety of suggestions. Individual trophies were considered but no decision made to replace them at this point.
- League entries on time. Desire to follow promotion/relegation as per last season.
- Minor League: 3 clubs entered 4 teams – 2 games per evening with juniors in mind. West Notts Rookies won. Worked OK. Adults less keen on 2 rapidplay games. Organised as an informal activity. Should it be formal NCA competition? Considered that there should be a drawing up of rules. Do we need a Minor League coordinator?

Nick London indicated he will act as coordinator if post approved.

**Proposal** that we should continue formally with the minor league.

**Passed unanimously.**

**Report accepted.**

- vi. Records Secretary: nothing to report - **accepted.**
- vii. League Management Committee (report attached): **accepted.**
- viii. County Team captains: report from Mick Frings read to meeting: **accepted.**
- ix. Correspondence Team: report read out: **accepted.**
- x. Congress Director/Rapidplay Director/County Championship Controller (report attached): **accepted**
- xi. ECF Delegate: report attached. CH read out the written report: **Report accepted.**
- xii. MCCU Delegate: Gtr Manchester left to join Northern Counties. No MCCU congress. Bank accounts frozen currently. Raised issue of time limits on county teams. **Report accepted**
- xiii. Junior Committee (report attached): Simon Scott raised 4NCL junior online chess is going well. **Report accepted.**
- xiv. Webmaster – David Coates “retiring” from post. Association expressed sincere thanks for all of his work on the website over the years he has been involved.

## 10. Election of Officers

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| i.     | President -                     | M Hill                                                                                              |
| ii.    | Secretary -                     | vacant                                                                                              |
| iii.   | Treasurer-                      | S Burke                                                                                             |
| iv.    | Executive Committee-            | President, Secretary, Treasurer,<br>J Swain, Nick London, T Walker                                  |
| v.     | League Secretary-               | M Naylor-Ede                                                                                        |
| vi.    | Records Secretary-              | S Scott                                                                                             |
| vii.   | League Management Committee –   | League Secretary, Records Secretary,<br>C Budd, C Holt, D Griffiths, P Morgan,<br>G Ladds, N London |
| viii.  | County Teams-                   | <i>Vacant</i>                                                                                       |
| 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- | <i>Vacant: a consultation to run?</i>                                                               |
| xiii.  | Webmaster-                      | Stephen Humphries                                                                                   |
| xiv.   | Website editors                 | S Burke, N London                                                                                   |
| xv.    | ECF Delegate-                   | C Holt                                                                                              |
| xvi.   | MCCU Delegate-                  | C Budd, T Walker, ( <i>vacancy</i> )                                                                |
| 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                                                                                             |
| Xxii   | Minor League coordinator:       | Nick London                                                                                         |

## 11. Proposal For Andrew Walker to become honorary life vice-president

Proposer: Maurice Hill

Secunder: Graham Neil

AW commented that he has been an Officer in many posts over last 60 years.

Meeting thanked AW for his contributions over the years.

**Proposal unanimously carried.**

## 12. AOB

- a) Nick London filed NCF report.  
**Report accepted.**

- b) Reminder to clubs that ECF membership no longer runs 1.9 to 31.8 each year. 13.6 is cut off point for when players can be members.
- c) Noted that University not paying ECF game fees.
- d) NG ask for clubs to check deceased players against list on ECF rating – write to ECF to make sure they are deceased online.
- e) NL reminded about Chess Fest this Saturday

**Meeting closed 22:36pm**