

Minutes of a meeting on Sunday 6 April 2025

Present: N London (gen. secretary), J Swain, T Walker, Stephen Humphreys.

Apologies: N Graham, Stuart Humphreys, D Flynn

1. Minutes of previous meeting 12/12/24).

Draft version corrected and **accepted** as a true record.

2. Matters arising (not on agenda):

- a. Equipment Inventory: NG has liaised with Simon Scott, who checked and accounted for numbers of clocks. No lock on cabinet but held in a storeroom under lock and key.
- b. Repair of faulty clocks: Marcel Taylor's work on this indicated repair was not economic for what may be limited extension to useful life. Better to replace and retain old equipment for spare parts. Purchase of new clocks as previously agreed to go ahead:
Action: JS to purchase 20 new LEAP clocks for tournament use.
- c. County Championship 24-25: No current venue options for Ashfield CC this season. Radcliffe & Bingham's tentative plan for a split event over two Sundays (late June/early July preferred) to be pursued further.
Action: NL, Stu H
- d. Summer Rapidplay league:
 - i. Minor amendments made to NG's initial proposal.
 - ii. Can be incorporated into LMS (and therefore rated).
 - iii. NL volunteered to collect entries.
Action: NL, NG
- e. ECF Grassroots support bid: new deadline for application is 1st June; TW still trying to work up a proposal with Alan Agnew but Notts may have to go alone.
Action: TW
- f. Rules Revision meeting confirmed for Monday 19th May at Radcliffe British Legion. Publicity to go out next week.
Action: NL
- g. Proposal to provide financial recompense for those incurring the costs of FIDE qualifications: this was informally discussed by NCF trustees who are open to providing funds, but feel that a list of named qualifiers should be administered by NCA and payments made via NCA.
Agreed to postpone further actions until the next meeting.

3. Financial Matters

Stu H circulated a report prior to the meeting. In his absence report and accounts were reviewed and accepted.

Stu H thanked for his work on financial matters.

4. NCA Congress 2025

JS gave an update on arrangements:

- a. NCF has agreed a loss guarantee and a prize fund for the Improvers section of £525.
- b. Event will be a qualifier for British Championship for Midlands entrants. Noted that MCCU has not been able to make any commitment about financial support for the qualifier and this will be made clear on the publicity.
- c. Reliance on FIDE/ECF qualified arbiters – the time and costs of local arbiters needs to be recognised and not left put-of-pocket.

5. Publicity and Marketing Ideas

NL had appealed to clubs for suggestions but had received very little so far. Absentees from current meeting meant that a full discussion was not appropriate. However, some action would be needed if any outcome was to be achieved in time for next season.

Action: NL to seek volunteers to form a working group to develop initial list of ideas further.

6. British Blitz Qualifier tournament

Ed Jones had passed on a proposal from Alex Holowczak to run an East Midlands event in Nottingham (probably the High School) in September. More information is needed regarding finances, admin and who would run it. EJ is checking dates with NHS. ECF needs to make a formal approach to NCA on this.

[Subsequent to meeting, further information was supplied via EJ, and EC attendees agreed that it was happy for the event to proceed]

Action: NL to liaise with EJ to confirm NCA's support.

7. Website Matters

- a. Drag Sudar has done extensive work on the organising and publishing on the website of much historical NCA material. EC members extended grateful thanks to Drag for his time and efforts to preserve the long history of the association.
- b. Stuart Humphreys was also thanked for undertaking to scan and publish old bulletins, and Ste Humphreys for liaising with both to get the material on the website.
- c. NG (4NCL reports) and Phil Morgan (League updates) also contributed material for the website
- d. Agreed to create an obituaries page

Action: Ste H

8. Next Meeting

Sunday 21st May starting at 7:30pm.

(Reserve date Sunday 8th June starting at 7:30pm)