



Minutes of Council Meeting 21 March 2015

Held at EIS Local Associations' Office, 1st Floor, 34 West George Street, Glasgow G2 1DA from 11am to 4pm

Attendance

R. Heathwood, K. Stewart, A. Muir, D. Bryson, A. McFarlane, L. McCusker, D. Howie, F. Petrie, A. White, H. Glen, D. Congalton, A. McCulloch, A. Howie, K. Howie

1. Apologies

G Lobley, J Webster, S Mannion Sr, J Montgomery, P McGovern, J Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Couple of typographical errors – to be amended.

KS approved, DHe Seconded

Team Lightning Trophy AH apologised for not bringing to meeting, will be presented after SNCL next week. (Sunday 28th March)

Scottish Chess Championships – dates now confirmed AMcC asked about under 1500 trophy – It will be presented to highest Under 1500 champion.

HG has checked update on City Museum Championship

Amazon Link now up and running on CS Website any amazon purchases done through website generates commission

Basque Country Tournament – Scotland played well – tournament went well. – Finance – they paid expenses 2500 euros. Costs were only £1300 instead of £1900, suggested the monies be returned to the organisers. Original concerns regarding original political concerns in the timing of the tournament – no concerns now after the event. All agreed to offer the remainder back to. DH asked should we have a return tournament. Finances dictate at the moment no. DC asked AM to contact organiser and ask about refund.

Dinosaur chess – DC has spoken to Paul Shafi – he is busy on other things. No real progress at the moment.

3. Financial Update

DC. Budget for 14/15 – projecting for March and April and total projection. The deficit should be less than originally proposed. Should still be on track of proposed deficit for budget. DC mentioned we did a fantastic amount in the last year on the small budget we have. Offered thanks to everything that everyone has done on a voluntary basis which has added to the success given the small budget available. DHo asked £12,289 other debtors is? Is exactly money paid out that financial year for Commonwealth – prepayments for things paid out previous year. Why the delay in getting up on the website? HG said that partly down to miscommunication. Also mentioned maybe it should be made clear why delay in future to save asking the question. AMc querying what is to be paid out with two items being covered under FIDE budget. Original agreement was AM to run a session. AM to ask about refund to Basque tournament is this to come out of his budget. Seniors tournament already covered under 14/15 budget. Agreed £2,000 for team championship including £500 for European Club Championship. General discussion on AMs allocated budget for international.

Fees – DC proposed an increase of fees on last years – has looked at adjusting a couple of fees for this year. Raising adult membership to £22.00. Concerns on the terms of family membership. Discussion on Family membership and wording. Some minor increases on membership fee increases.

Discussion on Junior fees – David Dearie isn't here today so issue is still to be discussed – TBA. Discussion on whether they should be published – TBA for both 14/15 and 15/16. Consolidating and reducing number of categories which serve no real purpose at the moment. Same junior fee for under 14 and under 17.

DH Mentioned timing of accounts isn't ideal. HG suggested it may be more the timing of the meetings.

HG suggested that any other comments for the budget be passed to DC.

DC proposed – AH seconded. DC to send budget over to AH and he will convert to PDF for upload to website. Budget approved.

AM asked what his budget was Budget will remain at £3,000.

4. Update from Directors

HG outlined the progress made by the constitution committee. Plan is still in place to have everything completed before the AGM. Thanked all members of the committee for the hard work over the previous year.

AH done some work liaising with ECF on other issues, working on changing FIDE rules and has more work to do between now and AGM on an international level. Had difficulties in changing date and venue for this council meeting, thanked HG for finding venue.



AM. Talked about the last 6 months – asked the question on whether he should be focussing on Olympiad or should he change his focus. Question on priority on funding HG suggested this be a proposal for AGM.

FP – has done some work but can't get much done until she is officially on the website. Dougie & Fiona to discuss details on email etc. Discussion on who has access to contact list to update also.

KS – Meeting minutes are on the website

DB - Grading proceeding normally. Gordon recently wrote up a plan to move away from the current programme used by area graders, currently being tested. FIDE rating the Richardson & Spens and National League – some complaints from higher graded players. FIDE want email addresses when new players – AH said not until 1st July. There is uproar amongst federation regarding this. Concerns over handing out players individual's email addresses. AMc mentioned that membership is supposed to be via country federation and not individual membership. AH asked to contact FIDE and say CS not happy DB mentioned that FIDE doesn't seem to have thought this through.

DHe – standards committee nothing to report.

AMc Scottish Championships taking place in Edinburgh this year – possibly Glasgow next year. Benefactor agreed to help this year but at a reduced rate, this would result in reduced number of IMs etc.

5. Membership Secretary

DB has agreed to take on calendar

Scottish Championships Entries –not necessarily Membership Secretary's job but KH has agreed to take on this year.

6. Items by Members

a&b) Reason for Council Meeting change of date – original weekend was very hectic on chess calendar – was a complaint about change of date. HG said that it was marked up timeously and hasn't appeared to cause any problems with attendance. Apologised if it has caused any inconvenience.

c) Constitutional Committee Update. – G Lobley has taken on part of role of chair for this. Get notes from HG. Still to sort out sections 7, 8, 9, 10. Very close to completion. Everyone involved has put in a lot of working. Just the defining of the responsibilities and structure. There is a lot to be covered in this area. Once structure decided, it will then be easier to define roles.

Hope to be in a position for something to be available to CS members by middle of June.



AMcF mentioned what happens if moderator doesn't agree with what has been produced what happens. HG confirmed that the timescale will be delayed. If there are areas the moderators don't agree with then the working party will go back and look at the area concern. AH said that we will take the time that is needed.

d) Funding Committee. AH has suggested that he is not the right person for setting this up due to his workload. AH has suggest that he remains on committee but FP heads it up – council agreed.

e) Date of AGM – AH proposes Sat 29 Aug – agreed. HG suggested EIS building – he will look into it.

f) AH has asked to remove this item.

g) CS Archives – HG now has the key. Problem is a lot of stuff stored from Glasgow Chess League. HG spoke to Glasgow Chess League and they will arrange to go through. Discussion on fee £22.95 every 4 weeks. Do CS still want to continue paying? If we want to get rid of locker we need alternative for storage. Discussion on archive. Do we have an inventory? DHe mentioned there is. There is a lot of magazines, minutes, etc. Do we want to get rid of locker? FP suggested we catalogue everything there first then decide. HG asked what do we do if we get rid of locker, where do we store. Possibility of digitising but firstly cataloguing. Lot of work involved. Suggested that we ask for a volunteer on website? HG suggested that we carry out a full audit of what's there and ask for volunteer and HG will go with them. Keep item on agenda in meantime.

h) Chess in Schools. LM runs club in schools – wants to run chess clubs into all the feeder schools. On the CS site, contact is down as Sam Collins for DVD. KH thinks she has copy – will check and pass to AH. HG also suggested that he will also contact Sam Collins to see if he has still has a copy. Yes to Chess – all set up by Barclays so no extra work. FP suggested that if there was stuff in the archives we could use to “re-invent the wheel”

ECU announced chessbase would be sent out to every affiliated federation. AH intimated that this is very unlikely to happen.

7. AOCB

Congratulations to AH, AMcF and Stephen Hilton on their roles within FIDE.

HG suggests: Date of CS year runs from September to August – suggested it's not a good time – presents a number of problems. Possibly change the running of year. Suggested changing to either October or April. AMcF has concerns over change of date regarding the directorship and the roles. HG suggested that this is just food for thought for the future.

Dougie Bryson – access to Noticeboard. Now been fixed. Problems with emails not being received. There are now others on list for access to email.

DHo complaining his item for agenda was censored. Discussion at previous council meeting regarding the working party on Child Protection. Working party disbanded. Argued point that if two



members submit report should be considered. DH said that standards committee were involved and was satisfied that committee has taken appropriate action. Discussion on whether the report was valid as report was from a party which had been disbanded. General discussion on handling of complaint. AM asked if DH had a proposal for council?

Suggestion of directors who can't make meeting provide some kind of reports for Council. Discussion on whether Exec Director should contact them before Council meeting that they provide a report of some description for Council meeting as well as AGM. LM proposed that this happens Seconded by AH.