

# Chess Scotland Management Board

Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

## Minutes of meeting

### Apologies:

A Burnett

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July meeting have been circulated and there were no matters arising.

### 2. Panoptic Events

A document was received prior to the meeting and was rather extensive in its content. It was felt that too much detail required for this document was not available and a detailed examination was required by the Management Board members. The discussions then centered on what we should expect from such a partnership venture and it was felt that the scope was too far reaching at this stage.

It was therefore felt that we should use Panoptic Events for a single event and then assess the results and outcomes before committing to the wider ranging aspects of utilizing a company such as this.

### 3. Scottish Championship 2017

Alex is investigating holding the event in Dundee, alongside the proposed Dundee 150<sup>th</sup> GM Anniversary Tournament. This is likely to be held at Dundee University Bonnar Hall from 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

There will be the following CS competitions as a minimum:

- Scottish Championship and International Open
- Scottish Senior and U1850 events
- Blitz event
- Rapidplay event

Also under consideration is a Civic Reception, possibly inviting potential sponsors and dignitaries.

### 4. Financial Report Update

The accounts were due to be sent to the Auditors within 2/3 weeks of this meeting.

### 5. Sponsorship Update from Marketing Director

Douglas updated the Management Board to say that Chess Essentials is now sponsoring book prizes for the Grand Prix, replacing Quality Chess whose book prize sponsorship has ended.

Fiona then briefed the Management Board on ongoing sponsorship activities. Many companies have already been contacted but this time we are still awaiting from most of those contacted.

A consideration is ongoing with respect to offering Discount Card holders (Civil Service) with the possibility of a membership discount to those applying for their 1<sup>st</sup> membership.

A detailed report was requested, particularly to avoid multiple contacts from differing sources to the same company or organisation.

## **6. International Director**

A question was raised by Andy Burnett (via email) regarding selection processes for international events and what scope was available to him for this.

The board intimated that he has full authority to do this and should prepare a proposal for the Management Board. Andy Burnett was notified accordingly.

Comment by JW, post meeting – there is the probability that this should then develop into a full Operating Procedure and therefore published as such on the website when formalised.

## **7. Website**

- Any updates or corrections to the website are to be passed to Andy Howie.
- Add the ChessBase Shop Banner to the front page of the website, replacing the Amazon shop. ChessBase are offering a 10% return to CS when members use this link to purchase their products through the CS link.
- It would be advisable that CS notices from directors, and matters of interest are placed in the via News option on the Front Page rather than being posted on the Forum.

## **8. Forum**

- In the weeks preceding this meeting there were some concerns with issues being raised on the forum that were considered contentious, provoking and not in line with the published forum practices. This led to a lengthy discussion and the conclusions reached were:
  - A forum member has now been placed on “moderator scrutiny” in that all posts will be reviewed before posting and this action to be reviewed after 12 months. The individual concerned has received a formal letter from the Executive Director to this effect.
  - A further issue was raised whereby a potentially damaging allegation was made in some email correspondence to board members regarding another individual. Again, after much discussion it was decided to refer this issue to both PVG and Standards by the President – the individual concerned would be formally notified in writing of this action by the Executive Director.
  - A director wished it to be added to these minutes that he personally advocated a total forum ban, but does accept the consensus of the Management Board in this matter.

## **9. Next Management Board Meeting**

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, Petal Meeting Rooms, 18:30 – 21:00