

# Chess Scotland Management Board

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## Minutes of meeting

**Apologies:** A Burnett, D Bryson, D Congalton

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

There was one correction to the previous minutes – this has been rectified and the corrected version is now in place.

### 2. Complaint Report/Update

This issue has now been fully resolved and complaint(s) against Chess Scotland have not been upheld. Chess Scotland has, at all times, acted in a fair and correct manner with the issues raised by the complainant.

Due to the confidential nature of this issue, and the legal issues raised during this complaint, these documents will be sealed. The details, and correspondence, of this issue are therefore to be compiled into a zip file and placed in a secure area of the Chess Scotland Documentation area. This is not a topic for public distribution and will remain confidential and restricted to members of the Chess Scotland Management Board.

### 3. Liverpool Quadrangular

All arrangements are in place for this event, which takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Teams have already been announced and a report will be available on the CS website on their return. A financial report is to be provided for Chess Scotland financial records.

### 4. Glorney 2018

4.1. Venue and Dates: Efforts are ongoing to identify suitable venue and the intent is, if at all possible, to have the Glorney immediately following the Scottish Championship and at the same venue.

4.1.1. Venues currently under consideration – See 6. Scottish Championship

4.2. Playing experience: To give more juniors experience of playing conditions similar to those required for the Glorney a team has been entered into the Spens Cup (Glorney Juniors). This team will consist of players not otherwise playing for Richardson or Spens club teams in this year's competition – Home Junior Director will act as the team organiser.

4.3. Fund raising: This is limited at present until such time as we have formal costs and dates available for the venue. We are still looking for suitable sources funding and will continue to do so in the interim.

4.4. Training: Trainers have been identified for all team squads/age groups and we are looking at venues for common training sessions as well as the training offered by the various group trainers.

4.5. Team Squads: Following the Liverpool Quadrangular, the Home Junior Director, along with the Selectors, will compile Squads of players for each team. Inclusion in the squad will not mean automatic selection and each squad will have a larger number of players than places in the team.

Squad sizes (proposed): Glorney: - 10, Gilbert: - 6, Robinson: - 12, Stokes: - 18

### 5. Junior Fees Report

Following the AGM, a working group was set up to assess Junior Fees and to report back to the Management Board for this meeting. A report has been submitted to the Management Board and it has been decided that the recommendations on Grading Fees be accepted. This will be subject a further review after a period of not more three years.

Extract from the above report pertaining to the Junior Grading Fees approved by the Management Board:

- 1) *Proposals on how organisations and events should be charged for CS grading of their data.*
  - a) *Affiliate Junior Organisations: In return for whatever is the annual fee paid at the start of a season an affiliated junior organisation gets all games organised and held under their banner graded "free" at no further cost.*
  - b) *Junior Congress/League (not run by a junior affiliate): An exclusively junior event will be charged a 50p per head grading fee regardless of the number of rounds.*
  - c) *Junior events run by adult leagues: In line with the existing policy with regard to league ancillary fees there should be a reduced fee rate for any junior congress or league run by an affiliated adult league. If the event is exclusive to players in that league then the junior rate is 25p per head. If the event is open to all then it is covered under section b.*
  - d) *Schools Clubs: A school can register with their local affiliate junior organisation or adult league and benefit from free grading of their events.*

## **6. Scottish Championship Venue**

The venue for the 2018 Scottish is still not confirmed although strenuous efforts are being made to put this in place as soon as possible

## **7. Nancy Elder and Mclsaac**

Nancy Elder – Ian Brownlee has agreed to act as Tournament Controller for this season. Andy Howie will forward all submitted entries.

Mclsaac – This will again be run as a Rapid-Play event and a suitable venue is being sought.

Note: The venue used last year (Kirkcaldy) was available but owing to rehearsals for evening events in the afternoon the noise level will be excessive and therefore the venue is not considered suitable.

## **8. Home Junior Board**

The Home Junior Board is being re-formed. The Home Junior Director will forward the names of these Board Members to CS management for the records. It will be necessary to maintain and publish minutes of these meetings

## **9. Youth Development Officer**

A candidate has been identified and a Job Description is to be prepared for the next Management Board meeting.

## **10. Training/Coaching**

Andy Howie has suggested looking at the formal FIDE Training program and its suitability for adoption as a National Training Syllabus in Scotland.

## **11. Council Meeting**

Petal Meeting Rooms are being refurbished in March 2018 and will no longer be suitable for larger meetings such as Council and AGM.

A suggestion that we should consider using Skype Conferencing as an option for Council Meeting, particularly when there is a limited Agenda, is to be examined and its practicality assessed.

## **12. Next Management Board Meeting**

Wednesday 07 February 2018, Petal Meeting Rooms, 18:30 – 21:00