

# Chess Scotland Management Board

Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## Minutes of meeting

**Apologies:** A Burnett, A Howie

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were circulated to all prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting.

### 2. Scottish Championship

The decision to host the Scottish Championship was taken, and details have now been added to the Website. Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July at University of West Scotland, Paisley.

Entry details and arrangements will be posted as soon as they are available

### 3. Glorney International.

3.1. The decision to host the Glorney Gilbert International 2018 was taken, and details have now been added to the Website. Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July at University of West Scotland, Paisley.

3.2. Junior Director (Fiona) to determine squad lists for 4 teams and notify Management within 2 weeks

3.3. Ali Roy has agreed to assist the trainers with the Gilbert teams and if available with some training.

3.4. The list of appointed trainers are:

3.4.1. Andy Muir – Chief Trainer & Glorney

3.4.2. Ali Roy – Gilbert

3.4.3. Hamish Olsen – Robinson

3.4.4. Richard Jennings – Stokes

### 4. Financial Items

#### 4.1. Paypal

Due to legal changes regarding charges for payments using PayPal the 3% charge is no longer applied.

#### 4.2. Grading Fees – Charity Events

Chess Scotland will grade charity events at no cost, provide the application is made before the event and a Charity Registration Number is provided.

#### 4.3. FIDE Trainers Fee

David is to report on the situation whereby Trainers become “inactive” and whether or not it is necessary to pay any fees during periods of inactivity.

Post Meeting Note – Reply from FIDE

*Dear Mr. Congalton,*

*Thank you for your e-mail. When it is about licence, no need for your trainers to re-take again the course. There is only a small penalty of 15 euros. But for the meantime the title will be suspended (but not lost), as per Regulations. Title fee must be paid.*

*All the best*

*TRG Secretary*

*Efstratios Grivas*

#### 4.4. Membership Fees

An annual review of membership fees will be undertaken by David Congalton (Finance Director), David will advise the Management Board at the next meeting.

### 5. Website Proposals/Suggestions

5.1. Contacts – Move the Contacts data to the Website front page. **Action Complete**

5.2. Club Membership Page – Andy Howie will take this action to update all data.

5.3. Forum

5.3.1. There are a considerable number of “bogus” applications and we need to tighten the application for forum membership in some way – perhaps by adding a request for a CS PNUM thereby confirming forum membership eligibility. There will be a few cases where we may permit non-CS members posting rights but that should be done via email and not directly from the forum.

5.3.2. A statement is required on the application information application that actual names are required and all aliases will be declined.

5.4. International Selectors – This needs to be updated – Andy Burnett, please update or provide the names to enable us to do the update.

5.5. CS Selection Eligibility – Note 4 is no longer necessary can this be removed – Andy Burnett to confirm (email)

5.6. Magazine Hyperlinks not yet working – we need do an investigation and try to resolve.

### 6. Home Junior Board

An inaugural meeting has been held and the minutes are appended to these minutes

### 7. Youth Development Officer

Morven Petrie has now been confirmed as Youth Development Officer and has been provided with a suitable Job Description prepared by Executive Committee members and approved by the management board.

### 8. Next Management Board Meeting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Venue TBD

### Appended

- International Directors Report
- Junior Directors Report
- Home Junior Board Minutes

## **CS International Director report 2017/2018**

**First of all I would like to apologise for my non-attendance once again – the dates rarely seem to fit in with my infrequent trips home.**

**A few things to report back on this past 6 months or so...**

### **Adult**

#### **European Team Championships, Crete, 2017**

Scotland entered a team of five in the above event, seeded last in the Open (there was no interest shown in a Women's section team) and performed creditably, exceeding seeding and with some good individual performances (see Scottish Chess magazine 12/17 for details).

As mentioned in my August 2018 ID report, with the help of Andy Howie and David Congalton a grant was secured from the ECU's development Fund which was used to offset the fairly considerable accommodation costs for players. This possible avenue of finance was not widely publicised by the ECU – but may be accessible in future events now that we are aware of it.

Although an extremely tough event (no weak teams, as in the Olympiad for example) it proved that Scotland can, and should, continue to be represented in this event.

The training event which Jacob Aagaard graciously offered to hold and with free places for the five team members was a resounding success – hopefully this format of pre-event training can become a regular part of Scotland's team preparations.

#### **European Individual Championships, Batumi, 2018**

This event will be held next month and both Alan Tate and myself will be participating for Scotland. No funding is available for this (see below) but David Congalton has kindly dealt with the bank transfers to the organising committee. A full report from the event will appear in the April CS magazine.

#### **European Women's Rapid and Blitz Championships, Tbilisi, 2018**

Keti Arakhamia-Grant has entered this event, due to be held in March also, and I am in contact with both David Congalton and the organisers to ensure that her entry is dealt with swiftly. Again no funding is available for this.

#### **Olympiad, Batumi, 2018**

Georgia will also be hosting this event and I have already started the selection process, with those expressing a desire to compete for Scotland, both Open and Women's teams, having until 31<sup>st</sup> March to respond. Selections will be made very shortly thereafter and announced on the CS website.

With no funding available from CS this will be an expensive affair. I am currently considering crowd-funding as a possible means of helping our teams out financially but would appreciate any thoughts you all might have on this approach.

## **Senior**

These past few months have seen something of a lull in official events but we are currently discussing several events for 2018...

### **-European Seniors Team Championships, Poland**

There is some interest in this event, with a decision to be made shortly on whether we can enter one team in each of the 50+ and 65+ sections of this event.

Jim Webster is, as always, a great help in dealing with the senior section of our membership and several of the players themselves are always happy to help out with the detailed planning of such events.

### **World Senior Team Championships, Radebeul, Germany**

This is often a very-well attended event and venue, but this year possible clashes with the Scottish Championship are making matters less clear. I am currently trying to gauge interest and would hope to send teams in both 50+ and 65+ tournaments.

### **Player eligibility and registration as SCO**

Several players have contacted me in recent months looking to transfer federation to SCO but on further discussion appear to have changed their minds or put their plans on hold. It would be useful to know the Board's views on transfers in general.

### **Budget**

Having recently contacted our Finance Director, President and Vice-President for clarification as to whether there will be an International budget this year, I was informed that there would not be.

This is understandable and, although far from ideal, it is something I make players and potential players aware of well in advance of events. I would appreciate you all giving some thought to introducing some financial help as and when things improve financially overall.

Paying team fees and registrations whenever feasible would be one area which shows goodwill towards our international players (which, for example, was reciprocated in 2016 by two players waiving their expenses at the Baku Olympiad).

### **International Team Selection Procedures**

This has been debated quite extensively on the CS forum and via individual email this past year or so. My own plan to introduce a new system has been put on hold, its implementation regarded as not leaving enough time for individuals to comply with the criteria. I will relook at the subject once the Olympiad 2018 selection process is complete. As always, constructive input from all is much appreciated.

**Andrew Burnett**

(CS International Director) 31/01/18

## Report for management board meeting

Junior Director

The first meeting of new junior home board met on 16 December in Perth

Minutes attached to email for reference.

The main discussion was about girls championship and changing primary individual format. This is because parents now travel everywhere with players.

Also, training squad and coaching were discussed

I have contacted Ali Roy who is happy to assist with girls training for Gilbert event at Glorney in summer.

Finances were also discussed briefly, with regard to how events need to manage their finances.

I have had contact from R McKay re sending team to European Schools event in June, I think this would be good preparation for juniors ahead of Glorney

Once we have finalised dates for PI etc I will get update on CS website, in meantime I will use forum to keep parents/juniors/interest others updated.

Also had email from John McIntyre at Phones re junior club and possible new girl who is worth watching, I have replied to him with some general advise at present.

I would like to maybe get something put together that can go out to clubs with juniors or thinking about starting juniors to suggest how to encourage them etc, even if just made available on website (used to have something I'm sure, maybe going back a bit)

Fiona Petrie

Junior Director

CHESS SCOTLAND

JUNIOR HOME BOARD MEETING

SAT 16 DECEMBER 2017

PERTH-SALUTATION HOTEL

## MINUTES

Present- A Howie, F Petrie, R Jennings, G Lobley, R Payne, M Clarke, S Sawaryn

1. FP welcomed all to first meeting of new junior home board
2. Aims of board- there was a discussion about what the board see as their aims and objectives, and also format of meetings etc

It was agreed the following as general aims initially, although can be amended at later date.

- a. Work for the benefit of juniors on behalf of, and with, Chess Scotland
- b. Keep the management committee informed of activities and have total transparency-FP to liaise between both. This includes keeping juniors and CS members informed
- c. Budget- ensure all events are cost neutral

### 3 .Junior events-

Primary Individual- discussion re changing format to remove residential to make it an open Event instead. (as players no longer travel without parents no need to hold residential)

There was broad agreement to this, although MC did comment on the good relationship in Liverpool between the players who had attended PI residential earlier in year. Also, better opportunities for coaching at residential event rather than one day or weekend.

Further discussion on proposed formats agreed the following- top24 primary non-residential 2 day event still with coaches. Still have invitational element to event 'expression of interest' Purpose of event-"to select players for future international events"

Hold a open to all primary in feb/march followed by invitational in June,

AP FP TO SEND OUT DETIALS OF DATES ASAP

AP AH TO EXPLORE GRANGEMOUTH VENUE

There is option of free venue in Grangemouth (old sncl) the invitational in June could be in Adam Smith centre

MC highlighted a possible LJC/NEJCA event international with junior team from England for next season- could include Scottish junior team ( bit like Liverpool)-next season

AP MC TO PROVIDE DETIALS TO ALL ASAP

Scottish Girls Event- now in 5<sup>th</sup> year at Aberdeen venue, was meant to be rotated, currently Running at loss by NEJCA, however overall NEJCA not losing money. Concerns that moving it Could result in bigger loss of funding and then event is lost, question re better to keep in NEJCA or risk moving it.

Lathallan are keen to get more involved, able to give venue, which has limited accommodation For planning ahead.

Primary Team Event/Secondary Team Event-look at for next season as calendar too full for this One, if run secondary along with primary and invitational could it possibly have coaching issues- Further discussion to be had on the above

Glorney and other teams- training squad. RJ is currently coaching u12, Hamish Olsen u14, A Muir Glorney team, RJ and FP gave input re numbers for training squads and discussion followed, it Was felt that girls although good to bond by training together would benefit from inclusion with Players in other teams squads at correct age group, details of training squad to be finalised once Dates Glorney sorted, but probably min 2 events where all players in same venue for day of Coaching with some games included. Probably need to have 50% more in squad than will be Selected to play to cover for holidays/sickness/ other reasons Ali Roy to be approached re girls

#### 4. Finance

While it was agreed not to discuss previous issues with junior finance it was agreed we need to have an idea of any previous problems to avoid repetition. Moving forward total transparency.

RP raised possible aiming chess at socially deprived areas for juniors to make more appealing To potential sponsors.

Discussion re MSP request for funding, being more coordinated, looking at organisations that are philanthropic eg Robertson Trust for possible funding.

Key concern is that all events must be able to run cost neutral. (at least short term-to be reviewed again once funds healthier)

Coaching into schools (D Leslie prev NEJCA area)

AP RP AND MC TO CONTACT S MARSH RE CHESS IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES AND UPDATE ALL,

Possible applications to MSPs re coaching in schools once more details available.

#### 5. Other- due to time not all topics were able to be discussed.

MC raised concerns re girls being bullied at events, discussed briefly and agreed needs to be

Discussed further, inc possible actions to be taken

It was agreed that the committee should minute a formal recognition of the input of Doug Bryson in achieving a satisfactory outcome to the junior review

Meeting closed with thanks given for productive and positive first meeting