

Agenda for 2019 AGM

CHESS SCOTLAND



Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM and matters arising therefrom (The minutes will be taken as read and are available on the CS website)
3. Approval of Annual Report, including accounts for year ending 30 April 2019 (The report and accounts are available on the CS website)
4. Elections:

President – Jim Webster.
(Proposed Andy Howie, Seconded Hamish Glen)

Admin Director – Ian Brownlee.
(Proposed Jim Webster, Seconded Douglas Bryson)

Junior Home Director – Fiona Petrie.
(Proposed Andy Howie, Seconded Karen Howie)

Junior International Director – Fiona Petrie.
(Proposed Andy Howie, Seconded Karen Howie)

Arbiter and Rules Director – Alistair Maxwell
(Proposed David Congalton, Seconded Hamish Glen)

No candidate nominations received for: -

- International Director
- Marketing Director
- Home Director



5. Matters raised by members

Chess Scotland awards, exceptionally in 2019, the title of Scottish Champion jointly to GMs Matthew Turner and Colin McNab.

Proposed by Matthew Turner,
Seconded by Alan Tate and Jonathan Grant.

Context: The main contenders in this year's Scottish Championship, including GMs Matthew Turner and Colin McNab, were unaware that event organisers considered Matthew Turner to be eligible for the title until after the final round. The lack of awareness led players to adopt strategies for the tournament they otherwise would not have followed and there was surprise on announcement of the winner. Colin McNab headed the Scottish field, excluding Matthew, on tie break.

Player perceptions were based on Matthew heading the 2016 event but being deemed ineligible for that year's title. Technical changes to criteria were subsequently made. Rather than focus on the rights and wrongs of the actual eligibility criteria and the organisers' application of them, the motion recognises the widespread lack of awareness of eligibility criteria and the impact on all concerned.

A joint award was the solution adopted by FIDE on one occasion when the World Senior Championship was awarded to one player and the organisers' decision was challenged."

6. AOCB

6.1 Membership Fees 2020/2021

In the absence of a functioning council and insufficient volunteers to likely have one in 20/21, we wish to present the proposed fees for 20/21.

Please see additional document (**Fees**)



6.2 Statement on Eligibility addition to Constitution

The management of Chess Scotland have convened a small Eligibility Working Party to create a single clear and unambiguous set of Eligibility criteria that will be incorporated into the Chess Scotland Constitution. (see President's report).

Four members have been identified and have agreed to take part. Should a member wish be self-nominated to become a fifth member of this group please indicate to either the President or Executive Director before midnight Saturday October 26th, 2019. If more than one member expresses interest then an election will be held involving on-line voting (by midnight Thursday October 31st) or through direct voting at the AGM on November 2nd.

Note – Constitution changes can only be made by the members at an AGM or SGM and will require a 2/3 voting majority to pass.

6.3 International Director

Andy Burnett is standing down as International Director and Chess Scotland would like to thank Andy for all the time and work he has put into this post over the past few years.

6.4 Statement on Clubs list on website.

Chess Scotland would like to intimate that that all clubs check their details and submit any corrections to Andy Howie, Executive Director. All new submissions and corrections must also include a simple statement authorising publication of the personal data (email, phone number, telephone numbers) in order to satisfy the requirements of GDPR.

No authorisation statement = no publication of details.

6.5 Communications (including Scottish Championship).

During the review of the Scottish Championships by the Investigation Panel a list of communication shortcomings were identified, and possible improvements were recommended.



Please see the additional document (**Scottish Championship 2019 Review**) which is a detailed summary, observations and recommendations made by the Investigation Panel on the way forward and aimed at improving, not just the Scottish Championship communications but a general improvement for all Chess Scotland matters. The CS Management Board strongly support most of the recommendation from the Investigation Panel and will ask support for implementing these proposals from the CS membership.