

# Minutes for 2018 AGM

CHESS SCOTLAND



**Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting**

**Novotel – 3 November 2018**

**Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence  
Alex McFarlane, Lara Barnes, Andrew Burnett, Gerald Lobley
2. Minutes of last AGM and matters arising there from (The minutes will be taken as read and are available on the CS website) Proposed by Hamish Glen, seconded Ian Brownlee.
3. Approval of Annual Report, including accounts for year ending 30 April 2018 (The report and accounts are available on the CS website)

President's report. Correct the spelling of Simon Gillam. Jim wished to record his thanks to the Glorney team for running a successful event, juniors were a credit to Scotland and played well.

Admin Director's Report. Youth Development Officer – there has been miscommunication on the role – may need to be re-advertised. It was discussed that whoever took on the role would need to be PVG cleared through Chess Scotland.

Discussion on Spens and issues with the final last year.

Richardson – regarding teams being moved down to Spens. General discussion on rules. Hamish has asked for Andy to report back on last year's Richardson Cup. Rules are to be tightened as from today to rectify what happened last year.

Finance Director. Hamish thanked David and rest of team for the work he has done in turning round and appreciates the work that was involved.

Question on what figure is agreed as a surplus to maintain – 20k would be a good figure for core running costs.



Discussion on transitory figures and what that actually is – i.e. money paid in for seniors, junior tournaments etc which have to be paid by the Federation but must show on accounts as leaving from bank account.

Andy added congratulations on turning accounts round.

Alan Borwell thanked David for organising payments for Senior tournaments also.

David added that it has really been a team effort on getting the accounts turned around.

Alan Borwell has asked that appreciation being shown for the 5k donation which allowed the Chess Congress in Dundee in 2017. AGM agreed with this

General discussion on where grant funding should come from and the various areas where chess should receive attention, not just juniors.

Andy mentioned that according to FIDE development we are only classed as Class 2 due to older GMs etc. Once they stop playing will be downgraded and should technically receive funding.

Hamish mentioned that we should send something to anonymous donors to thank them for their contribution whether it just be in the minutes or website.

JW to draft a letter of thanks and will pass to DC and AH for comment.

Home & International Director – HG Page 2 – reference to Scottish Junior Chess should be changed to Junior Chess in Scotland to avoid conflicting with separate organisation.

Home Board has met a few times – JW hasn't seen any draft minutes. Mentioned that all meetings be listed on the website so that it can be visibly seen that the boards are working behind the scenes.

Arbiters Rules – Ken is pleased Alex McFarlane ran Fide Arbiters Course and is hoping he will run another at some point



. AH congratulated Fiona for obtaining her FA title.

Scottish – Scottish 2020 will need to be earlier. Hoping to run “Festival of Chess” for next year’s Scottish. We need more arbiters.

Grading – a lot of congresses using pairing software and getting annoyed at having to retype to send to Dougie for grading. Dougie mentioned that the grading PDF be on the website for all members to download rather than selling it KH confirmed that only around 16 are sold a year which doesn’t generate much income.

PVG – running along as it is. Could be changes in the future – consultation in the pipeline with no dates.

Membership Secretary – HG asked if membership can be changed to one renewal date and asked if this could be looked at in general for next year’s AGM.

Disability Officer – Fiona has given a vote for thanks for Ruaridh’s help during the last year.

Anti Cheating commission – trying to get details from alleged person to hear his side. AH wants to thank management committee for letting him set this up.

JW read constitution he noticed we didn’t have an inventory of equipment. One issue with inventory – insurance is not covered at events if not with a Chess Scotland official. Discussion on how to proceed with Chess Scotland being covered for sets going missing at congresses. JW is going to undertake producing a form for congress organisers to sign on receiving/returning CS equipment.

Accounts accepted by George White, seconded by Alan Borwell.

Alan proposed a vote of thanks to David and team for all the hard work undertaken in turning the accounts round.



4. Elections:

Finance Director – David Congalton (Proposed Andy Burnett, Seconded Jim Webster)

38 votes for, 1 against, 1 abstension.

Executive Director – Andy Howie (Proposed Ian Brownlee, Seconded Fiona Petrie)

39 for, 0 against, 1 abstension.

International Director – Andrew Burnett (Proposed Jim Webster, Seconded Andy Howie)

40 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Arbiter and Rules Director – Ken Stewart (Proposed Andy Howie, Seconded Ian Brownlee)

40 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

No candidate was nominated for Marketing or Home Director

Members of Council

Paul Blair, John McNicol, Gerald Lobley, Alistair White.

Clubs – Kilmarnock, Bellshill

Congress –

Standards Committee – 3-year term is up – all happy to stand again. Duncan Campbell indicated that he was considering standing down as chair but remain as a member of Standards Committee.

Should we receive a formal resignation then Gerald Lobley will be asked to act as stand-in to receive any complaints. This interim measure would then continue until



the Standards Committee select a new chairperson from within the current committee members.

Andy proposed Jim seconded and accepted nem con

## 5. Matter raised by members

- 5.1 There has been confusion with some clubs around how club membership works with some believing it is a year from application (despite being told to the contrary). We would like to propose the following. "Club membership runs from 1 September to 31 August and must be paid by 31 December of the current year" Proposed change to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Proposer Karen Howie, Seconder Andy Howie

After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was carried 23-1 with 2 abstentions

Meeting ended 16:30



## AGM Attendance

Jim Webster, Ken Stewart, Alan Borwell, Alastair White, Douglas Bryson, Hamish Glen, Fiona Petrie, Andy Howie, Karen Howie, Andy McCulloch, Ian Brownlee, George Murphy, David Congalton

## Clubs and Leagues

Dunfermiline Chess Club, Glasgow Polytechnic Chess Club, Dundee Chess Club, Bellshill Chess Club, Giffnock Chess Club, Stewarton Chess Club, East Kilbride Chess Club, Central League,, TAFCA, SCCA, SNCL, CAA

## Online votes were received from the following

Adam Bremner, Paul Blair, John Montgomery, William Hulme, Douglas Bryson, Crawford Macnab, Glynis Grant, David Clayton, Stuart White, Craig Pritchett, David Deary, Sanjith Madhavan, Gerald Loble, Matthew Turner, Ruairidh McKay, Alice Lampard, Andrew Green, Lee Bishop, Hamish Glen, John Watkins