

Chess Scotland
Management Board Minutes
Location: Online
Date: Wednesday 4th May 2022

Chair: Ian Brownlee

Attendees: Ian Brownlee (Admin Director) , Jim Webster (CS President), Andy Howie (Executive Director), Alistair Maxwell (Arbiters and Rules Director), Douglas Bryson (Grading Director), Harry Marron(Home Junior Director), Alan Tate (International Director)

Apologies: David Congalton (Finance Director)

Agenda

1. AGM (delayed from 2021/ nominations and structure)
2. International Junior Director
3. Scottish Championship 2022 and ancillary events post championship
4. Olympiad/FIDE report
5. Sponsorship
6. Open Discussion
7. Next Meeting

1. AGM (delayed from 2021/nominations and structure)

It was agreed the post of Executive, Finance, International and International Junior Director would be scheduled for reelection in November 2022 as the positions had been filled in line with the constitution in the absence of an AGM and approved by council. It should be noted that neither Andy nor David voted on this.

2. International Junior Director

Andy Howie reported to the board that Sherry Porwal has accepted his invitation to be International Junior Director. Sherry's first duties will be to manage the Scottish Glorney Cup team. Sherry's appointment was endorsed by the Management Board

3. Scottish Championship 2022 and ancillary events post championship

Alan Tate gave a report on the progression of entries. It was agreed to postpone the ancillary events for the moment. Ian Brownlee reported that as Tournament Director he could confirm the entry limit to be kept to a maximum limit of 16 players and that the grading bar is set to the FIDE grade of 2050

4. Olympiad/Fide report

This section was mostly taken up by a FIDE report by Andy Howie bringing the management board up to date of events, including the developments of Papua New Guinea whose aims, and policies could affect the membership and voting rights of Scotland within FIDE should they ever be successful in their current ambitions. The Olympiad will take place in India since Russia was stripped of the right to host the event.

5. Sponsorship

Ian Brownlee reported that he had secured sponsorship for the Scottish for £1500 which made the budget tight this year combined with the limited entry which normally would normally provide funding due to entry fees. Ian Brownlee also reported that he was seeking a more robust sponsorship deal and methodology which would (if successful) would be unavailable until after the Olympiad.

6. Open discussion

Following on the discussion about funding in general Harry Marron enquired about the possibility of a charitable arm within Chess Scotland. Jim Webster undertook the task of looking into the feasibility of facilitating this and will report back to the Management Board in due course.

7. Next Meeting

The next Management Board is scheduled for Wednesday May 25th at 7.30 pm which again will be online