

# Chess Scotland

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 29/08/2010

Location: Busby Hotel, Field Road, Busby, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 8RX,

Time: 14:10

Attendees : Michael Hanley (Chair) (MH), IM Douglas Bryson (DB), Derek Howie (DH), IA Alex McFarlane (AMc), Donald Wilson (DW), Paul MacDonald (PM), Stuart Lampard (SL), IM Andy Muir (AM), Christopher Hampton (CH), Steven Hamilton (SH), John Montgomery (JM), Jacqui Thomas (JT), Phil Thomas (PT), Andy Howie (AH)

### Minutes

#### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ken Stewart, Mac McKenzie, Lara Barnes, Peter Woods, Peter Devenny, Stephen Hilton and Dick Heathwood

#### 2 Minutes of last AGM and matters arising therefrom

JM Raised several issues with AH prior to the AGM and AH read out the following e-mail

**From:** wellfan0606@gmail.com [mailto:wellfan0606@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Andy Howie  
**Sent:** 21 August 2010 08:24  
**To:** John Montgomery  
**Cc:** Mike Hanley  
**Subject:** Re: CS AGM and last year's AGM

1. Item 2. Minutes of 2008 AGM - I will again ask if Directors have produced a manifesto as per the constitution

My answer will be the same as it will be every time. No and in the constitutional reform we are undertaking we will be removing this. Each Director has the opportunity to speak at the AGM about what they are going to be doing in the following year.

2. Proposal 2 at EGM – “After a discussion, it was agreed that the motion was not competent in its existing form and was to be remitted to the Man-Com for inclusion in next AGM” – no such item on this year’s agenda.

Again we have correctly concluded that this is best covered when we reform the constitution

3. Item 3 Approval of Annual Directors Reports – “Jacqui Thomas and Ken Stewart advised that they had received the International Directors report just before the AGM.

The AGM decided that as it had not been received in time, it would have to be considered at next seasons AGM.” – again not on agenda for this year’s meeting. It would be covered under directors reports and not under its own section. It is freely available from the CS website

4. Election of office bearers – “A suggestion was given at the meeting for the position of Honorary President. The AGM left this to the Management board to approach the person about it.” What happened about this ?

Until such time that we change the Hon Pres from an annual vote to what it should be, we are going to struggle. Again this will be dealt with with the reform

5. Supplementary note 3. “The issue of proxy votes is something that we are seriously going to have to look at this year. We had the situation where the proxies outnumbered the people at the meeting. This is something the whole director team are going to have to look at. “ – what action has been taken on this ?

None, so far this year we have had a smattering of proxies + the ones for your motion. Again this is going to be dealt with under constitutional reform

Andy

JM asked if the Standards Committee met. AH after consultation replied that to his knowledge they had not.

DW asked if the minutes could be corrected to reflect that the Presidents Awards are instigated by John Glendinning and not DW.

DW asked if the board had met concerning the Development Officer. AH replied that it had not been considered as we are moving to reform the constitution and it would be part of this.

Minutes proposed by JT,seconded by PT. Carried nem con.

3 Approval of Annual Report, including accounts for year ending 30 April 2010

JM noted that the International Director Report from last year was received too late for consideration and should be considered this year. AGM agreed

### **Schools Development**

DH asked what was done for Schools Development in the last year

JT replied that 2 training days were run , one in Edinburgh, one in Dundee and funding for a strong tournament in France.

DH Enquired as to what happened with the budget for that.

PT replied that the remainder of the Schools budget and some from his own had gone on the tournament in France

SL asked if Schools and Clubs can apply for money from the budget

JT replied that there is a very small budget for this and none available for that.

SL asked if it could be used for a coach.

JT replied that when she had been Schools Development Officer, this had been one of the projects she wanted to get off the ground. Unfortunately it had not and she was hopeful that someone following her would take the project up

AH Outlined what both he and MH see as the direction for chess in schools. Both AH and MH had met with Geoff Borg in the summer with a view to how FIDE could assist us in setting up a viable Chess In Schools scheme. AH warned that this is something that cannot be done quickly and would take a few years to get the infrastructure in place.

### **Home Director (Open)**

DB asked when the residency rules had been agreed and who had attended the BICC meeting when it had been agreed?

DW confirmed it was himself and John Glendinning who had attended in 2007 when it had been agreed to change the residency rules for the national championships

DB remarked that we should have updated to avoid the confusion from the summer

DW stated that he would check to see if he still had the minutes from that meeting so they can be recorded.

AM asked when this was changed with respect to the Scottish Championships

AMc stated 2008

DB noted that there was some disquiet that a non Scot who was eligible to win the Scottish title through residency was not required to be a Chess Scotland member. After a discussion it was agreed that the rules be amended to make membership of Chess Scotland a specific requirement of eligibility to win one of the titles

### **Finance**

CH asked about the grant if there was provision for should we not get it.

DH asked if we had made representation to Government

AH stated that yes he had and it would be December / January before we knew anything. This years budgets are fine, it is next years that would be affected. We would be looking like having to make about £10K in cuts if we lost the grant On paper this does not sound a lot but it is about 1/3 of our income.

Reports were nominated by AMc, Seconded by DW and carried Nem Con.

### **Olympiad**

AM asked if this could be added into the report section. AM informed the AGM that the Organisers had changed the timings of the flights at short notice meaning that we had to spend money on cancelling flights and rearranging others. There was a danger that we would go over budget

AH agreed that he would contact FIDE concerning this and to look for a refund.

Meeting adjourned for 20 minutes for a break.

#### 4 Elections:

AH Stated that both MH and himself thought that all office holders had done an excellent job and as such they were prepared to nominate and second anyone who wanted to continue. As a result, all positions were nominated by MH and Seconded by AH unless stated

President	Michael Hanley
Nominated PT	Seconded JT

MH stated that he was continuing as before and thanked AH for his help in the year.as stated by AH earlier MH and AH had met with Geoff Borg and we were planning the future not only for Junior Chess, but for chess in Scotland as a whole. MH stated it was good to see other clubs doing well and highlighted the success of East Kilbride Chess Club this year with winning the Spens and taking 7 of the 11 Junior titles as well.

Elected Nem Com.

Honorary President	No nomination received
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Executive Director	A. Howie
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AH expressed his frustration at the lack of volunteers coming through. He noted that already it was the same faces that were arbiting, running congresses and running clubs. He pointed out the empty directorships and referred to John Dempsey's notice board post in that if we do not start to get new people coming through, Chess Scotland will cease to exist. AH stated that this has to be one primary priority, we need new congresses, we need new faces helping.

JM commented that one of the reasons that this could be is the descriptions for the Directors.

AH Agreed and stated that this is something that needs to be modernised.

Elected Nem Con ,

Finance Director	L R McKenzie
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AM asked if we could have a breakdown of donations.

Elected Nem Con.

Schools Development Director	No nomination received
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AH Opened to the floor and stated that he had received interest from Graeme Forbes for the position

Home Chess Director (Open) S. Hilton

JM asked if we could note that given the happenings of the previous AGM, could we note that Stephen was successful in this role?

AGM agreed

Elected Nem Con,

Home Chess Director (Junior)	No nomination received
Opened to the floor	

Stuart Lampard agreed to take on the role, Proposed JT Seconded CH

Elected Nem Con.

Customer Services Director	No nomination received
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International Director (Open)	A. Muir
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Elected Nem Con.

International Director (Junior)	P Thomas
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PT noted that we have a group of very strong U12's coming through. Before each event PT has asked local clubs to assist with coaching local juniors, 2 aims, increases juniors at clubs and gives juniors constant. Response has been poor. With the younger juniors, we are needing 1-1 mentoring to bring them on.

PT thanked JT for her invaluable assistance during the year.

AM asked if we could have won the Glorney

PT replied that we had been close, ½ a point in both Glorney and Faber..

SL asked if we could send promising juniors to overseas tournaments as had been done this year for example to France

PT replied that with limited budget, it would be unlikely

Elected Nem Con.

Marketing Director	No nomination received
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AH opened to floor (as a foot note there has been interest from Paul Blair since)

Technical Director	K W C Stewart
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Elected Nem, Con

FIDE/ECU delegate

A. Howie

AH remarked that he had sought director agreement on Scotland announcing support for Karpov in the upcoming elections

Elected Nem Con.

Auditor

Karen Clark CA

Elected Nem Con.

Appointments were also to be made of the following representatives on Council:

Four representatives of Club Members, at least one of which must be a school

Kirkhill Primary School

Milngave Juniors

Stewarton Chess Club

Pentland Hills Chess Club

Proposed JT Seconded AH

Carried with 1 abstention

Two representatives of registered congresses

Grangemouth

Lothians

Proposed CH seconded AMc

Carried with 2 abstention

Four individual members, one of whom must be female and one under age 18.

IA Alex McFarlane

Jacqui Thomas

Peter Devenney

IM Douglas Bryson

Proposed JM seconded CH

Carried with 1 abstention

Disability Officer

MH noted that CH has been performing this role, and it was missed off last years AGM

Nominated Chris Hampton Proposed MH seconded AH

Carried with 1 abstention

## 5 Matters raised by members

### **Motion 1**

That the AGM shall advise on their preferred candidate for the upcoming ECU Elections by means of a vote

Proposed by Andy Howie Seconded by Mike Hanley

A vote was taken at the AGM, result Ali 10, Richard 1 Silvan 0

### **Motion 2**

The position of Tournament Director be created in accordance with the constitution. The Director will be responsible for the Scottish Championships each year and will report to the Management Board.

Proposed by Andy Howie Seconded by Mike Hanley

Carried by a majority

### **Motion 3**

Following are the two original documents of the Standards committee and code with the proposed amendments from Ayrshire Chess Association annotated in red. Words to be deleted are in red and scored through. Words to be added are in red and underlined. Sections to be re-worded are also in red.

(please note the documents are available from the website under motions for the AGM and not reproduced in the minutes)

Proposed by Ayrshire Chess Association, seconded by John Montgomery

After a good discussion on the motion, it was agreed that the Ayrshire Chess League and representation of the Standards Committee would meet to cover the points of this motion with a view to calling an EGM with the findings.

AH agreed to call the EGM once notified by both parties of agreement.

## 6 Any other business

None

Meeting concluded 18:00

Note from Andy Howie

The lateness of these minutes is my fault and I want to take this opportunity to apologise to everyone for this. I was aware with the birth of my son that my time was going to be reduced, however what I did not bargain for was a 4 month period of complete change at work which has caused me to work longer and harder than I ever anticipated.

Thankfully that is now resolved and I now have the time that I had before.

I can only apologise unreservedly for the lateness and give my assurances that this will not happen again

Regards

Andy Howie