

Presidents Report

I think it is fair to say that had you has said to me a couple of years ago that I would be writing a report on my first year as Chess Scotland President, I'd be questioning your sanity.

This year has both been a steep learning curve and has really opened my eyes. We as a chess playing nation are lucky with both the calibre and number of volunteers that are willing to come through and help out when it is needed. The challenge facing us now is to keep this going and recruit more volunteers to fill the spaces we have in the directorate. There has to be an element of succession planning to allow the ideas and activities of a previous director to be carried forward.

The current Directors are doing a very good job and both Andy and I have the utmost confidence in them. To reflect this we decided this year that we would not be seeking people to nominate and second the existing directorate, but to show our confidence in them by nominating and seconding them ourselves.

There are challenges that will be facing us next year and Andy will cover this in his report, but I am truly say I am looking forward to my second year as President

Mike Hanley