

Minutes from 2017 AGM

CHESS SCOTLAND



Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting 2017

Date and time: 12:00 19th August, 2017

Attendees: Jim Webster (Chair), Andy Howie, Karen Howie, George Murphy, Steven Sawaryn, Gerald Loble, Alan Borwell, Douglas Bryson, Ken Stewart, Ian Brownlee, Alex McFarlane, David Congalton, Duncan Campbell, Stephen Hamilton, Hamish Glen, David Chambers, Andrew Muir, Ruairidh McKay, Fiona Petrie, Phil Thomas

Online Votes: Martin Clarke, Liz Sams, Richard Jennings, George Neave, Alice Lampard, John Watkins, John McNicoll, David Burke, John Montgomery, Keith Rose, Pranav Arcot, Andrew Todd, David Deary, Andrew Burnett, Adam Bremner, Hamish Olson, Mike Ridge, Siddharth Berera, Robin Moore, Richard Heathwood, Ian Brownlee, David Clayton, Ruairidh McKay, Andrew Green, Lee Bishop, Alexander Bond, Joe Parks, Lukah Connolly Sams, Andy Howie, Brian Stokes, Alan Jelfs, Dietah Connolly Sams, Stuart White, Karen Howie, Alastair White, Crawford McNab, Jim Webster, Jennifer Wilson, Aiden Clarke, Alex Gillies, Rosemay Giulian, Philip Giulian, Alistair Campbell

1. Apologies

Steve Hilton

2. Minutes from last meeting

Dates and time from last minutes not listed – this will be amended.

Online Voting as was mentioned has now been implemented and used for this AGM. 44 people registered their vote online for the AGM

Andrew Burnett – Is International Director not International Junior Director as listed in the minutes



3. Annual Report

Ian Brownlee talked about bring in player registration and the problem of bringing incremental time controls with the Richardson.

Action – To be discussed and revised at the next Management Board Meeting.

PVG Report – number of coaches now down to 59 primarily due to people not renewing their membership.

PVG is a confidential matter. If individuals are starting to be discussed in meetings it must shut down.

Standards Committee. There has been one resignation from the committee, vacancy to be filled. Chairman apologies for lack of report.

Accounts – Loss similar to last year. Not approved yet by accountant due to holidays. Lots of work has been done to look at reducing costs. Major changes to fees and costs being implemented. Hoping to have signed out accounts during next week.

Gerald Loble asked if there was a rough figure as to the current balance. As at end of April, £6,300.

Scottish made a slight profit due to venue being shared with another event and some donations received from individuals and control team.

After discussions with Council and Management board, All events should be cost neutral and all budgets must be approved prior to the event.

David shared a 5 year plan to give an indication where we should be if measures we are trying to implement are successful

Andy Howie - We might need to look at compulsory membership if this fails.

Jim Webster - We should have to build up reserves to provide us with funding for at least one year.



Thanks for Anonymous sponsorship for hall hire, banner etc
Fairhurst offered a small donation and 4G for their donations all received with thanks.

David Chambers - LJC asked that did we have an indication when we lost grant if we would be able to apply in future. Is there any problem with approaching government again for funding.

David Congalton – There has been a change of way government award grants. Upshot of discussion with relevant bodies is we don't fit into any category for receiving grants which is UK wide. We can't rely on grants from government we need to be self-sustaining.

Annual report was approved providing the Accounts be made available at the earliest convenience.

Action

Accounts to be published once returned from Auditor

4. Elections

Executive Committee

Administration Director – Ian Brownlee
53 for, 2 against 9 abstention
Ian Brownlee Elected

Management Board

Home Director Junior (HDJ) / International Junior Director (IJD) – Fiona Petrie & Andrew Muir

Glorney statement was moved prior to this election. Statement read out as follows:

Chess Scotland Management Board will put a working party (Glorney Committee) together to manage and organise all arrangements for this event. The intention is to spread the workload away from a single individual.



This committee will be made up with CS Directors and, where necessary, volunteers (parents and others) with appropriate skills. The members of this board will be announced at an appropriate time once the committee is complete and responsibilities are assigned. Further details and updates will be posted on the Chess Scotland website as matters develop.

Candidates gave a brief statement and were asked to leave the room while the vote was made

Votes were

IDJ – Fiona 38, Andy 16, Neither candidate 2, Abstentions 6

Fiona Petrie elected

HDJ – Fiona 53 Andy 5, Neither candidate 2, Abstentions 7

Fiona Petrie elected

Home Director

Marketing & Sponsorship Director

These Management Board positions are unfilled (no candidates)

Council

Club Representatives

Bellshill

Kilmarnock

2 positions unfilled

Individual Members Representative

Alastair White

Gerald Loble

2 positions unfilled

Congress Representative

Dundee

Unfilled Council positions, due to lack of candidates, have been passed on to Management board to fill, providing suitable candidates available.



Request that on online voting form, there is a section to nominate Council positions for the AGM.

Actions:

Management Board to fill

Online Voting form to contain nominations for Council

5. Fees

Jim Webster gave a statement on the work that has been done by the Management board on how to reduce spending as follows

Following a review of Chess Scotland finances by Chess Scotland Management Board and Council, and in accordance with the Chess Scotland Constitution, paragraph 6.3, "An annual subscription payable by Individual, Club and Affiliate organisations of Chess Scotland and as recommended by the Finance Director shall be approved by COUNCIL" the new membership fees and charges will apply from September 1st 2017.

These changes were formally announced on the Chess Scotland website on July 18th, 2017.

6. Matters by members

Motion 1 - Merging of posts

There was opposition in the meeting to this motion and it was decided that the motion was not technically competent therefore could not be voted on.

Motion 2 - Change of membership arrears from 3 month to 2 months.

Motion was overwhelmingly carried.

Motion 3 - Change of date for AGM

Rationale given for this change. August is not the best time for an AGM as it does not allow clubs and leagues to have a chance to discuss changes that are being presented in the AGM.

Motion was overwhelmingly carried



Motion 4 – Change of forum to membership only

Change of forum to membership only. Lengthy discussions on implementation and practicalities of implementation and maintenance. Andy Howie spoke out against this motion quoting from the webmaster the cost to go to a single sign on and the difficulties that will be in doing this. Jim Webster asked admin director to put together committee to look at implementation.

Motion was carried

Action

Ian Brownlee to set up a committee for implementation

Motion 5 - Non affiliated Organisations to be charged grading fees

Dougie Bryson noted the sheer number of schools games and the difficulties with charging the small amounts that would ensure.

Motion 6 - Deferment of Junior Fees

David Chambers. Lack of understanding on mechanics of how charges to be implemented. Hence reason for the deferment for charges for one year.

A minor amendment to this motion was proposed and agreed that this deferment would be until December 2017

It was decided that a committee be set up to address the last two motions, reporting no later than the 2nd Management board after the AGM on the best way forward for these two motions.

Action

Set up junior fees committee to discuss the best way forward. Fees to be set at old levels for Junior Chess until committee reports.

Meeting ended 14:05