

# Minutes for 2019 AGM

CHESS SCOTLAND



**Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting**

**Novotel – 2 November 2019**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Jim Webster, John McNicoll, Karen Howie, Andy Howie, Alastair Maxwell, Douglas Bryson, Alastair White, Gerald Lobley, Iain Fraser, Harry Marron, Fiona Petrie, Alex Gillies, Ian Brownlee, Mick Ash, Ruairidh McKay, Hamish Glen, Andrew McCulloch

Online votes received by: Alistair Campbell, Kenny McGeoch, East Kilbride CC, SNCL, Walter Buchannan, Ian Robertson, Jim Webster, Stepps CC, Aryan Munshi, Mike Ash, Colin McNab, Michael Ridge, Richard Heathwood, Rosie Giulian, John Shaw, George Neave, Gerald Lobley, David Robertsons, Alex McFarlane, Phil Giulian, David Clayton, Jacob Aagaard, Eilidh Howie, Euan Howie, Chess Arbiters Association, Andrew Burnett, Oliver Whalley, Jonathan McKay, Morvin Petrie, Fraser Lees, John Watkins, Jamie Mollison, David Congalton, Alan Borwell, Dundee CC, TAFCA, Keith Rose, Richard Jennings, Andrew Green, Karen Howie, Andrew Muir, Adam Bremner, Salsburgh CC, Lanarkshire Chess League, Bellshill CC, Hamish Glen, Central Chess League, Dunfermline CC, David Burke, Harry Marron, Matthew Turner, Lanark CC, Ian Brownlee, Lenzie CC, Andy Howie.

1. Apologies for absence – Alan Borwell, Walter Buchannan, Andy Burnett, Alex McFarlane, Duncan Campblel, David Congalton, Stephen Sawaryn
2. Minutes of last AGM and matters arising there from (The minutes will be taken as read and are available on the CS website) . Correction of spelling – Alastair.

Matter raised of delay in publishing of minutes. FP asked if draft minutes can be emailed to all in attendance relatively quickly so that they can be checked by all in attendance before being published fully on website.

Motion to accept minutes – Hamish Glen & John McNicol.



3. Approval of Annual Report, including accounts for year ending 30 April 2019 (The report and accounts are available on the CS website) .

Jim Webster highlights lack of numbers to help run Chess Scotland. Hamish Glen asked maybe we should host council meetings and it was mentioned that there are not enough council members to hold a council meeting. Alastair mentioned that it is disappointing that there are no council meetings. Discussion on holding online council meetings as suggested by Gerald Lobley.

Lindores Abbey tournament. Hopefully repeated depending on the backer. Lindores also put a stall up at Dundee Congress.

Alistair Maxwell wanted to thank Andy Howie for standing in for Arbiters and Rules Director.

Admin Director – looking at getting more involved in training, helping out where needed.

Executive Director – as per Report published.

Finance Director – financial review in 2017 – 5 year plan – half way through – beginning to build a cash flow reserve. Thanks to David for turning accounts around.

Discussion on offering option on PayPal for payment monthly – Hamish Glen suggested this be passed to Man Com to discuss.

Junior Home Director – thanks to Ruaridh and all who have offered support and thanks to Harry for offering to come on board. Thanks to Ian for bringing up training. Looking for people to stand on Junior Home Board. JR awards & Jenny Booth awards not offered this year – fiona advised re-starting in September. Thanks to Dougie for help with Primary Individual.

Arbiters & Rules Director. Ken Stewart passed away last November. Alistair has come forward to maintained arbiters position on the arbiters board. Alex McFarlane has been promoted to chief arbiter.



International Director – Andy Burnett. Standing down this year. Is concentrating on writing his articles. Is continuing as magazine editor. Alastair mentioned the report had wrong island down in his report – to be corrected.

Scottish Championship Director – apologies from Alex. We have an option of a free venue. Stewarts Melville have doubled their fee. Looking at RSUC in Liberton. Hamish asked if we are likely to see Junior events back – Andy answered that he would like to see this back as is fundamental part of Scottish

Grading – disappointed that one tournament didn't submit data as promised – first time 25 years. Same sponsors as last year totalling 3k. 100 club numbers are decreasing would like more subscribers.

ECF grading - Andy asked. They are changing to 4 digit grades – Dougie said they are hoping to publish monthly – widely differs from CS. We will wait and see what their numbers are like before we decide on what to do with their grades.

PVG – welcomed Alistair Dawson on board. Bill going through SG. PVG may be renewed every 5 years.

Membership Secretary – FP asked if we can discuss reduction in fees for arbiters – to be discussed by management board.

Disabilities – Ruaridh – few more queries this year – thanks to Fiona, Ian, Andy and others for their input where needed.

Standards Committee – unfortunately no report from. Duncan Campbell has offered his resignation as chair of Standards Committee. JW has asked that the committee choose their own chair from the committee. Gerald to be point of contact in meantime for complaints until new chair has been selected for point of continuity.



Anti Cheating Committee – only one case – FIDE bringing in new rule – if country does not have an anti cheating committee games will not be graded.

Accounts – Andy Heron asked a couple of questions Hamish suggested that he puts in questions in writing to be passed on to David Congalton.

Motion to Accept annual report . Alistair Maxwell, seconded by Berald Lobley.

#### 4. Elections

President – Jim Webster – 58 for, Against 3 – 5 Abstentions

Admin Director – Ian Brownlee - 54 for, Against 5 – 6 abstentions.

Junior Home Director – Fiona Petrie 47 for, 7 against 7 abstentions

International Junior Director – Fiona Petrie 45 for, 9 against, 7 absentions

Arbiters & Rules – Alistair Maxwell – 62 for, none against, 2 abstentions.

No candidates for International Director, Marketing Director & Home Director

Management Board have nominated Harry Marron as Home Director – carried unanimously

Again no formal nominations – Management Board International Director - Jacob Aagard – carried unanimously.



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Clubs, Bon Accord, Bellshill, Kilmarnock

Individuals – Michael Ash, Alastair White, Gerald Loble, Gerald Loble,

NEJCA

Man Com to nominate final individual council member.

6.2 Statement on Eligibility in addition to constitution

Split into 4. General, Scottish, International and Juniors.

Four members on committee. Fifth member to be chosen. One nomination – Walter Buchanan – nem com.

Hoping for an amendment to constitution by end of January 2020 so that an SGM can be called.

6.3 International Director

Take from Agenda.

6.4 Statements on Clubs list on website

Take from agenda.

6.5 Communications (including Scottish Championship)



Take from agenda.

## 5. Matters raised by members.

Minutes from 2016 are incorrect, having major implications. TD was working on incorrect information, general discussion. Discussion on eligibilities – where's the documentation. What do we do now? Discussion on whether CMNab was happy with the motion to share the Title – JW did discuss with Colin and he intimated he had no objection to the motion. Discussion on whether we can amend the motion – as no one who proposed or seconded the motion are present at AGM.

Thanks to the committee for their input.

Players entered under the conditions on the championship website and on entry forms and in these circumstances can't reasonably be changed retrospectively.

Vote on motion

For 30, Against 22 abstentions 12.

Gerald Lobley asked that it be noted that no-one on organising committee at fault it was just a series of unfortunate mistakes which have culminated over a number of years.



Motion – Ian to email me the proposition.

6 AOCB

6.1 Membership Fees – from August 20/21

Question for enticing members to be discussed at management. Fees will increase in 20/21.

Are there are any objections. FP & AH opposing 3% is quite a high increase given current payrises.

Vote to approve ratification - SGM