

Northampton Chess Club AGM

26th August 2018

11 am, Park Inn Hotel, Northampton

Agenda	Item	Issues	Action
	Roll call and apologies	Present: Dion Lindsay, Dave Curran, Shane Ashley, Chris Ross, Shiv Ressel, Nigel Young Apology: George Wyatt	
1	Minutes	2017 minutes accepted	
2	Chairperson's Report	<p>CR updated on his current employment situation giving prior warning to a potential relocation. He is not available certainly until November so cannot commit for any match play. CR is prepared to stay on as Chairperson. He mooted that the AGM must aim to solidify teams and procedures for the year ahead and to be able to take Northampton Chess Club decisions to Chess Mates AGM later in the week.</p> <p>ECF membership? Some members reported difficulty navigating the new on-line registration system.</p> <p>The Minutes book is in the cupboard in the chess club</p>	<p>Those members who are playing league matches to make sure that their ECF membership is up-to-date.</p> <p>SR to scan the book over the course of the year to create an electronic log. Current minutes to be pasted in.</p>
3	Secretary's Report	<p>SR stated that she had designed membership cards as asked to last year but they have not yet been used.</p> <p>SR explained that Eva will not be returning to the club as starting university in October but SR happy to remain to support through the secretarial work.</p>	SR to produce new ones to be launched this year
4	Treasurer's Report	<p>a. DL shared a written Financial Report which shows 4 transactions in the year. The account is with RBS, Northampton. The branch is about to close but no news on where it is relocating to as yet. The monies are so small that DL advises it is not worth incurring costs of moving to an on-line account. We have a</p>	DL to look further into this

		<p>cheque book – DL will find out how the closure of the local branch will affect us. There are 8 bank statements in total. Balance is £1536.64</p> <p>b. We have no income at present but at the rate of current expenditure we could survive another 15 years unless we have to start paying rental on a club room. CR stated he was not concerned that we have capital but that we should be planning for updating old equipment.</p> <p>Transactions need two signatures but cheques drawn on the account need two signatories from Secretary, Treasurer and a club member.</p> <p>c. CR wondered if we wanted the club member <del>needed</del> to be a committee member too. It was agreed to leave GW as the club member signatory while DL checks that with the bank.</p> <p>DC reminded the group that he has yet to claim back £30 for the 2017-18 website fees.</p> <p>DL gave notice of his intention to not stand for the role of treasurer at the next AGM.</p> <p>CR recommended that we start to generate some income for the future such as membership fees. A discussion ensued to how to attract new members at a precarious time when we are losing the three highest graded players and as a result it was agreed that we would instigate fees from autumn 2019.</p>	<p>SR to become a signatory.</p> <p>DL to ask GW if he still wishes to be signatory.</p> <p>DL to arrange</p>
5	Captain's Report	<p>DC to forward match statistics</p> <p>The team did well and have gained promotion. Only two matches were lost in the season The core team was supplemented at times by Andre, Miro and Tim Broad.</p> <p>Do we accept promotion? The decision was unanimous to agree not to take the promotion on the understanding that the top three highest</p>	<p>DC action</p> <p>SR to inform Adrian Elwin (Bedfordshire</p>

		graded players would be unlikely to be playing next year.	League) of the NCC decision.
6.	Website Report	<p>The website is shared with Chess mates. Admin is shared with Greg. 20 e-mail contacts this year which has brought in 7 new members (to Chess mates)</p> <p>One interesting contact made by a UoN student.</p> <p>Conversation moved to Club Nights – see section 8.</p>	<p>DC to continue</p> <p>DC to follow up.</p>
7	Election of new Officers	<p><b>Chairperson</b> – CR proposed by DC/ seconded by DL: <b>CR</b> is Chairperson</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> - SR proposed by CR/ seconded by DC: <b>SR</b> is Secretary</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> – DL proposed by DC/ seconded by SA: <b>DL</b> is Treasurer</p> <p><b>Captain: DC</b></p> <p><b>Vice-Captain: SR</b></p>	
8	AOB	<p>Playing Night:</p> <p>Club Night: There is much dissatisfaction pertaining to the extra-curricular activities going on in the shared club night with Chess mates to include distractions to play such as food and games other than Chess taking place causing excess movement and noise levels. Those affected are aware that they are in the minority hence a consideration to move the NCC club night either to another room or another night. This depends on the agreement with Chess mates and whether the venue can accommodate that. Option one is to keep the club night on a Tuesday but for NCC to move upstairs with members making a decision on which venue they wish to attend (bearing in mind currently all members belong to both clubs). Option two is to move the NCC club night to a Thursday evening which is not convenient for all.</p> <p>How to attract new members. DC is sure that marketing must be done face to face rather than by pamphlet etc. SR stated that both clubs had a very different ethos which is the USP for NCC.</p>	<p>DC to propose options at Chess mates AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> August.</p>

		<p>Match night for the Bedfordshire League is normally Thursday.</p> <p>DL and DC updated the meeting on the need for space in the cupboard for the new digital clocks and asked for permission to dispose of the old analogue clocks. NY would like a couple for repairs. SR to take a couple for school clubs. CR pointed out that an inventory needed to be compiled so that all movement of club stock is monitored.</p>	<p>DL and Dc to create inventory.</p> <p>SR to move digital clocks to club from current storage</p>
		Meeting concluded at 12.30pm	