

Northampton Chess Club AGM

2nd August 2017

7.30 pm, Kingsley Park Working Men's Club

Agenda	Item	Issues	Action
1	Roll call and apologies	Present: Dion Lindsay, Dave Curran, Shane Ashley, George Wyatt, Tom Malley, Chris Ross, Shiv Ressel, Apologies: Eva Ressel	
2	Minutes	CR could track minutes from EGM Jan 2015. These were not distributed at the time. CR offered to distribute. Last meeting was in 2016 at Queens Park Club. A query over the whereabouts of the minutes from then. Were any taken?	CR to distribute Find minutes book – CR to ask IR, DC to check cupboard and TM to check at home.
3	Matters arising	The minutes book appears to have been mislaid. A suggestion was made that it may have gone to Ian Revitt as part of his archiving. CR suggested that we need to look at archiving. IR might do this or have the minutes book professionally transcribed at about £100. The meeting agreed with this as a plan for the future.	
4	Reports		
A	Chairman	CR stated that as a club we were doing fine but need to promote ourselves to a greater degree. DL had in the past mentioned promotion through libraries. DC stated that he had had several e-mails through the website from interested parties such as Hunsbury Chess Club and individuals. They come but because there is little action with Northampton get drawn into Chess mates and we therefore lose them. DC suggested we need a new venue. CR requested that we return to this issue later in the meeting. CR asked if we had paid £32.50 for the website fees. DL was prepared to do that now but it was agreed that receipts etc. had to be followed through Regarding membership fees – CR raised that membership is meant to be free but that members should be members of the WMC. To play for the league team members should be ECF members. DL pointed out that if they were not members it would make the treasurers job more difficult. The agreement of the meeting was that it is the member's own responsibility to pay whatever the	DL to look further into this DL and GW to go through proper due process with financial transactions

		<p>requirements for entry to the club location (WMC) hence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The above agreement to be written into the constitution 2. To be in a team you must be an ECF member 3. The team captain must not select anybody who is not an ECF member. 4. Club members need not be ECF members if not playing in the league <p>In Jan 2015 some amendments were suggested to the constitution and have not yet been put in place.</p> <p>Constitution is not on the website yet</p>	<p>CR to make amendments and distribute the altered constitution to members. Members to sign off electronically</p> <p>DC to place on website once the constitution has been revised.</p>
B	Secretary	No comment	
C	Treasurer	<p>DL reported that with £1,864.14 the club is “very” solvent. The current acc. Attracts no interest but nor does it incur any costs.</p> <p>DL, GW and TM are signatories</p> <p>On average two chequers are raised per year to the sum of approx.... £30, though noted that a chequer for £32.50 will be raised soon.</p> <p>CR questioned if we should dispense with chequers and move to electronic banking, but this was dismissed</p>	
D	Captain	DC reported that after a slow start up until Christmas our fortunes turned and we finished third in the league. We became the only team to beat the eventual league winners, Luton. We used 10 players but the meeting agreed to stick to one team for next season. DC questioned how we should select players for the team and it was agreed that whilst there could be some semblance of regular players on the top two boards, a rotation is worth looking at for lower boards.	
5	Beds League	The meeting acknowledged that DC had been an exemplary captain and he was thanked for his organisation, analysis and motivation throughout the season.	NCC to enter a team in Bedfordshire League for 2017/18 season
6	Venue and Inventory	<p>CR began with assets: 3 trophies? What should we do with them?</p> <p>DC suggested a themed club competition based on a three monthly turn around whereby a member gives</p>	Club to retain the trophies.

		<p>a tutorial on a specific opening and thereafter for a three month period the club members play a tournament based on that opening theory. The meeting liked the concept.</p> <p>CR questioned clocks and led onto a question to the meeting on whether or not to question the increments rule within Bedfordshire league</p> <p>What to do with antique analogue clock?</p> <p>What to do with old digital clock?</p> <p>The question was raised regarding the move to digital clocks as if we buy them we have to declare them and enter into the incremental time controls. The meeting considered that if we do we should buy in digital clocks starting with six. The final outcome was to stick with analogues and see how the internal games evolve.</p> <p>Pertaining to the venue, DC is to visit the Ale House to see if renovations have taken place. We suspect not. Staying at Kingsley means too much of a cross-over with Chess Mates, but it was agreed after much debate that we remain at Kingsley until numbers build. It was also agreed to stick with Wednesdays as this is the least disruptive to Kingsley.</p> <p>Equipment? Agreed that it is vital that it be moved across from Queen's Park asap. Worth investing in a removal to be paid for from club funds.</p>	<p>Pursue themed lube competition idea</p> <p>CR to save that for the future</p> <p>DC to look into selling it</p> <p>Keep it</p> <p>DC to visit Ale House and report back</p> <p>CR and DC to arrange and pay through treasurer</p>
7	Elections		
A	Chairman	CR proposed by DL, seconded by GW	CR remain as chair
B	Secretary	TM wished to step down. SR proposed by CR, seconded by DC	SR to take up secretary role
C	Treasurer	DL proposed by DC, seconded by GW	DL remain as treasurer
D	Captain	DC asked for support from SR as vice. Proposed by TM, seconded by CR	DC to remain as Captain, SR to support when needed
8	AOB	Website was raised by DC: chessinnorthampton.org. DC stated that there is capacity for match games/ match reports. If sent in pgn format games can be put up but DC does not have a lot of time so material must come to him ready to go. The meeting was in agreement to send and it was acknowledged that it is the captain's responsibility to prepare match reports with player's responsibility to prepare games.	All

		<p>TM raised the issue of fees and membership as membership is becoming indistinct through a lack of commitment to pay or evidence of membership.</p> <p>SR has offered to design and produce membership cards and to generate according to the membership register which will be reviewed annually and cards reissued to remaining and new members each year.</p> <p>It was agreed, through a formal vote, not to complicate life for the treasurer to introduce a membership fee at this stage</p>	<p>SR to receive register from DL</p> <p>SR to produce and distribute membership cards</p>
		Meeting concluded at 9.25 pm	