

WILTSHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Chippenham Chess Club on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

In attendance: Messrs N Wingfield (President), J Bourne (Chairman), R Ludlow (Secretary), A Gladwell (League Secretary), A Ransom (Tournament Secretary), P Owen (Grading Officer), R Carver, G Georgiou, P Musgrove and S Ziedler.

1. Apologies: Messrs M Flanagan, T Headlong, N Lee, H Light, P Richmond, J Rose and A Walker.

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted.

3. There were no matters arising that were not otherwise on the agenda.

4. Reports from Officers:

a. President – no report.

b. The Chairman warmly thanked all other Officers of the Association for their hard work, especially the Secretary.

c. Secretary – no report.

d. The Grading Officer reported that all was going well generally. He was ready to send all club games for grading. The bill for rapidplay grading could be avoided if all players were to have membership. AR would check on membership.

e. Junior Chess Liaison Officer – not present. His son, Benjamin Headlong, is currently playing for England in Greece.

f. The Tournament Secretary reported on the four tournaments:

i. Five Minute (3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.) – 10 players: Winner: L Martin (81/2 out of 9)

Second: P Richmond (7)

ii. Rapid-play – 8 teams: winner – Gloucester. Individual winner – S Ziedler

Second – A Champion and P Baker

iii. Wilts Open: Major (7 entries). Winner – N Lee (61/2 out of 7)

Second – F Parker and A Walker (4)

Minor (10 entries): Winner – P Musgrove (5 out of 6)

Second – A Gladwell, R Ludlow, J Rose (4)

The trophy was duly presented to P Musgrove.

iv. Five Minute (25<sup>th</sup> March) – 6 players: Winner: M Jones (81/2 out of 10)

Second: L Martin (8)

g. The League Secretary reported that all matches had been played in both leagues.

There had been only two defaulted games in the 4-a-side and none in the Minor.

Results were as follows: 4-a-side: (4 teams) Winner – Brown Jack; Second - Swindon

Minor: (5 teams) Winner – Swindon A; Second - Chippenham

The trophies were duly presented.

The Swindon Club was warmly congratulated for fielding three teams in the Minor.

h. The Vice-Presidents were not present.

JB is to pursue the question of the vacancy for Treasurer and AR is to approach A Champion re the Match Captain vacancy. We do not need a West of England Rep.

5. All current Officers were re-elected.

6. It was noted with deep regret that our Auditor, Andrew Law, had died. Tribute was paid to his work as Auditor and to his considerable chess playing abilities. He had been an outstanding Board One for the County. JB is to approach R Haydon re this position.

7. Subscription rates are to remain the same.

8. There was considerable discussion re the Programme for the 2013/14 season. AR had been disappointed by the lack of support for the March Five Minute Tournament and he was worried for the future of the Open Tournaments. BJ expressed grave concern for the future of Brown Jack Chess Club; competition from the Witney Club was an important factor. The following decisions were taken:

- a. The Rapidplay Tournament would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> November.
  - b. The September Five Minute Tournament would take place at Brown Jack as usual.
  - c. RC would pursue the possibility of the second Five Minute Tournament taking place at Swindon in April.
  - d. The Open Tournaments would take place at Chippenham on the first Tuesday of the month. AG would try to keep that week free from League fixtures.
- Generally, tournaments would NOT clash with club nights unless they were to be held at the club concerned.

9. Re mobile 'phones, the FIDE rule will apply. It is as follows:

“Rule 12.3: Without the permission of the arbiter a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue, unless they are completely switched off. If any such device produces a sound, the player shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, his score shall be a draw.”

In exceptional circumstances a mobile 'phone will be permitted to be left on without penalty provided this is agreed before the match starts.

It will be the responsibility of the Home Captain to remind all players of this rule before each match.

10. August grades will apply throughout the season for Tournament purposes.

11. AG offered to be Webmaster for the WCCA website. The cost would be £120 for two years and £40 per year thereafter. All were impressed with his work and he was warmly thanked. The current address is [www.wiltshirechess.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirechess.org.uk). RL would be the second password holder.

12. The 4-a-side League would be re-named The Major League.

13. The 2013 Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Chippenham Chess Club. The 2014 AGM will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Chippenham Chess Club.

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