



Minor (7 entries): Winner – D O'Byrne (5 1/2)  
Second – W Cleaves (4)  
Third - A Gladwell, P Owen and R Ludlow (3 1/2)

- iv. End of season Five Minute - 9 players - Winner - J Sherwin (17)  
Second - D O'Byrne (12 1/2)

AG questioned the decision on second place in the Wilts Open (Minor) on two grounds: R Ludlow should have 4 points, not 3 1/2, as he had not been awarded a 1/2 point bye; and, in line with the rules of the Tournament, players due to play A Townend following his withdrawal should not have been awarded any points. This would give R Ludlow second place with 4 points. AR would look into this.

- i. The League Secretary reported that there had been just three (corrected from four) defaulted games: two in the Major and one in the Minor. All matches had been completed.

Results were as follows:

Major (4 teams) Winner – Brown Jack (8 points) ; Second - Swindon (6)  
Minor: (5 teams) Winner – Swindon A (13); Second - Chippenham (11)

- j. The Vice-Presidents were not present.

5. All current Officers were re-elected. General regret was expressed that there was no Match Captain. RL offered to organise the team for the Jamboree in September. CB kindly agreed to take on the role of Junior Chess Liaison Officer.

6. R Haydon had agreed to continue as Auditor.

7. It was agreed that subscription rates would be increased as follows:

- (a) Affiliation fee to be raised from £3 to £5.  
(b) Team fees to be raised, for both leagues, from £10 to £14 for the first team, and from £5 to £9 for each subsequent team.  
(c) The cost of three of the four ECF Yearbooks (total £27) would be spread across the five clubs, giving an additional sum, rounded up, of £6 per club.

8. AR led a discussion on Tournaments for 2014/15. Decisions were as follows:

- a. The Rapidplay Tournament would take place at Nationwide on 23rd November.  
b. The September Five-Minute Tournament would take place at Brown Jack on Monday 1st.  
c. The March Five-Minute Tournament would take place at Swindon, as last year, with the date to be announced.  
d. The Open Tournaments, both Major and Minor, would each be in two sections: The Southern section would take place at Trowbridge on the first Thursday of the month, and the Northern at Brown Jack on the first Monday of each month. The winners of each section would play a final at Chippenham on a Tuesday. AG would try to keep these dates free from League fixtures.  
AR reported a general lack of support for a weekend tournament.

9. The proposed amendment to Rule 13 was carried unanimously. It is as follows:

"When clubs enter two or more teams in a league, it is assumed that Team A is stronger than Team B, which, in turn, is stronger than Team C, etc. Team strength will be determined by the sum of individual grades or estimates thereof."

10. The amendment to the proposed change to Rule 4, which was carried, leaves this Rule unchanged. The Rule is:

"Immediately prior to the start of a match, captains shall exchange team lists. Teams should be arranged in approximate order of strength, with the strongest player on Board 1. (Guideline: A difference of 10 or less ECF points is accepted as a measure of approximate equality in playing strength. Other criteria could also be applied.)"

11. The £100 donation to the Junior Club, which had been made in September, pending approval by WCCA, was unanimously approved. It was agreed that a further £100 be set aside to be used by the Club as and when needed.

12. The ECF report was noted; thanks are to be expressed to Ben Edgell.

13. The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place at Langley Burrell on Tuesday 9th September 2014.

14. The next AGM of the WCCA is to take place at Langley Burrell on Tuesday 12th May 2015.

15. AOB

i. AG informed the Meeting of two FIDE rule changes:

- a. Two bishops of the same colour are to be permitted to each player.
- b. When digital clocks are used, instructions for the imposing of a time penalty must accompany the clock.

ii. ES proposed that players representing a club should be bona fide paid up members of that club. This was unanimously accepted. AG will oversee.

iii. CB informed the Meeting that three members of the Bradford and Avon Valley Junior Club had been selected for the England Under 11 squad. He asked if junior players could enter senior competitions. JB replied that all senior tournaments were open to juniors, but they needed to feel comfortable with the standard of play. (Further to this: the Trowbridge Club will invite players at the Junior Club to play some of their lower graded players in September.)

iv. At HL's request, RL agreed to seek agenda items from people well ahead of the next AGM.

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