

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at Chippenham Chess Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30 pm.

1. In attendance: Messrs. N Wingfield (President and Acting Chairman), R Ludlow (Secretary), A Gladwell (League Secretary), P Musgrove (Treasurer), A Ransom (Tournament Secretary), P Owen (Grading Officer), R Carver, J Comerford, A Cooper, D Fowler, H Light, E Sheppard and C Snook-Lumb.  
Apologies were received from J Bourne (Chairman) and S Zeidler, who were both on holiday.
2. Minutes were accepted.
3. There were no matters arising.

4. RC proposed C Snook-Lumb as County Captain and PM seconded. C Snook-Lumb was happy to accept and was warmly thanked by the Meeting. The Chairman expressed his great pleasure at this news.

5. RC proposed a new league for players graded 110 or below. PM seconded. This was agreed: teams would be four-a-side and would play each other four times (twice home and twice away). One 'wild card', ie a player graded above 110, would be allowed if a team were unable to field four players graded 110 or below. The new league would be called the Minor League, and the previous Minor League would now be termed Intermediate. RL undertook to obtain a trophy at a maximum cost of £100. The current Minor League trophy would be used for the new Minor League.

6. This season there will be six teams in the Major League:

Brown Jack	contact: M Rabbitt	reserve J Bourne
Devizes	A Cooper	
Nationwide	S Zeidler; res. D Parsons	
Swindon A	M Jones; res. R Carver	
B	C Snook-Lumb; res R Carver	
Trowbridge	A Ransom; res. R Ludlow	

There will be six teams in the (new) Intermediate League:

Chippenham	contact: J Rose; res. P Owen		
Swindon	A	G Georgiou (all contacts also to act as reserves)	
	B	G Williams	"
	C	R Carver	"
	D	D Brown	"
Trowbridge	R Ludlow; res. A Ransom		

There will be three teams in the new Minor League:

Chippenham	contact: H Light; re. E Sheppard
Swindon	D Brown; ANO
Trowbridge	R Ludlow; A Ransom

The Devizes club night would be Wednesday.

7. PM distributed the 2014/15 audited accounts. R Haydon had agreed to continue as auditor.

There would be no increase in fees, although the county matches might entail an increase in fees in the future. Only two Year Books were wanted this year. The report of the accounts was accepted and Peter was thanked by the Meeting.

8. CS-L announced the team of twelve, which he would captain and which would represent the County in the Jamboree to be held on Sunday 27th September at 2.30 pm in the Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre in Taunton.

9. CS-L reported that there were to be three matches in the WECU Inter-County Championships, Division 2. The dates were 5th December, 16th January and 12th March. Matches would be played over 16 boards. He had a list of those wanting to play, to whom he had emailed details of dates, venues and opponents.

10. AR reported on a successful 5-minute tournament on Monday 7th September at Brown Jack. There had been 11 players. The winner was L Martin, with 10 points. J Sherwin was second.

The Team Rapidplay Tournament would take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Nationwide at 10.00 for 10.30am. AR would need details of entries by the previous Wednesday (25th). Teams of three would be determined on the day and fees collected.

The Wilts Open Championships would take place at the new Trowbridge Club venue, Wesley Road Social Club, 19/20 Wesley Road, Trowbridge, BA14 0AX, during the weekend of 26th to 28th February. AR hoped for three categories, Minor, Intermediate and Major; there would be five rounds, one on Friday evening, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. Sponsorship might be available. RL had contact details of caterers. AC would assist AR in the running of the tournament. AR would use the County equipment and arrange for the loan of additional equipment from clubs. The closing date for entries would be one week in advance of the tournament. So far 23 players had expressed interest. The maximum was 50.

#### 11. AOB

A. RL asked for any players to be willing to coach at the Bradford and Avon Valley Junior Club to contact him.

B. The President's Shield: AG would propose nominations in consultation with JB.

C. Changes were made to the dates of the 2016 meetings so as not to clash with Chippenham Chess club nights and to ensure RL's availability. The Chairman stressed the importance of ensuring that the new dates would take into account the function of the meetings. The new dates were: AGM - the first Tuesday or Wednesday after the end of the season (AG to advise), and Executive Committee - Wednesday 14th September. RL would book these meetings in the Hall.

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