

# Nottinghamshire Chess Association

## Minutes of the General ['Rules Revision'] Meeting of 6th June 2006.

Meeting held at Gambit Chess Club, starting at 7:30pm.

Present were M. Barnes [President, in the chair], A. N. Walker [Secretary], W. Bryce, S. Burke, A. Carlton, N. Graham, B. M. Hayward, I. Kingston, N. London, S. Morley, D. Sudar and A. J. Wright.

### 1. Apologies; minutes; date of next meeting.

Apologies were received from D. Griffiths, D. G. Levens, A. E. Morrey and J. T. Swain. The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were accepted; no comments had been received. The next meeting, the AGM, was scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July; however, this clashed with the date of an important football match which could potentially involve England. After some discussion, in which it was noted that the Secretary would not be available, the meeting was moved back a week, to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, still to be held at Gambit Chess Club at 7:30pm.

### 2. Proposed changes to the League Rules.

*[Details of the proposed changes were circulated with the agenda for the meeting.]*

(a) **A13** [intra-club matches]: D. Sudar said that the current rules caused problems of scheduling. Allowing an extra month would make construction of the fixture list easier without compromising the principle that these matches be played early. After some discussion of this principle, the proposal was passed 9-2.

(b) **D1** [scanned results]: D. Sudar proposed that a scan of the result card e-mailed to the Records Secretary should be acceptable in lieu of snail mail. N. Graham argued that a simple e-mail could be sufficient; but after some discussion of security and other issues, this amendment was defeated 4-7, whereupon the LMC proposal was accepted *nem con*.

(c) [abolition of adjudications]: D. Sudar said it was time to move on. There were many stressful situations in chess and time management was part of the game. Getting old was not, of itself, a reason for exemption. Removal of the possibility of adjudications would greatly simplify the rules. The proposal was carried *nem con*.

(d) [LMC re-write of rules]: The principle of the LMC re-write was accepted unanimously. There was some discussion of the detail. (i) Two phrases were deleted from [the new] **A2b**, to read 'A member ... may not vote on any issue concerning his or her club'. (ii) The phrase 'not later than 15<sup>th</sup> June' was added to **A3c**. (iii) The second half of **A5d**, 'and may be ... club' was deleted. (iv) Rule **C6** was moved to become **A13d**, with a consequent renumbering in **D2**. (v) Rule **C7**, now renumbered as **C6**, was extensively discussed. But after many attempts to clarify the rule, it was agreed to leave it as printed. After these discussions, the new rules were passed unanimously.

(e) [re-write of rules]: The Secretary said that the Rules had become baroque over the years, and he still felt they would benefit from a fresh examination. The re-write as just agreed was a major step forward and would serve as a good basis. The idea that a sub-committee should look at the Rules was approved *nem con*, and the LMC was asked to report on this.

### **3. Report of Finance Committee**

No report had been received, and the Treasurer was not present. The reason for the item was the potential change to the fee structure between the NCA and the ECF; but events within the ECF had thrown their proposals into confusion. It was agreed that the Treasurer should have A. J. Wright's proxy at the ECF meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **4. Any other business.**

D. Sudar drew the meeting's attention to a paper circulated by the President listing the jobs within the Association that were known to be vacant. These included the President, Open/U175/U125/U100 captains, League Secretary, ECF rep, Congress Director, County Championship Organiser, Special Events Organiser and Junior Training Co-ordinator. The paper also included the remits of these and other posts. If volunteers are not forthcoming, then teams or events will not happen. Those interested were invited to discuss matters with the President.

Meeting closed at 9:46pm.