

## **Minutes of meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**In attendance:-** Graham Neil (GN), Shane Bhayat (SH), Steve Burke(SB), Andrew Walker(AW), Maurice Hill(MH), Robert Richmond(RR), Nick London(NL)

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

4.RR pointed out the mistake in spelling his name in the list of those present. The minutes were otherwise confirmed as accurate by AW, SB and RR

### **2. Matters arising from last meeting**

The instructions for the Digital Clocks will be added to the website. GN to follow up.

### **3. GDPR**

GN to hold centrally relevant information and this information has now been passed to GN.

### **4. The County Championship/Congress/Rapidplay**

There was consensus that the county championships should remain a weekend tournament and in the current format. Given the 4NCL tournament in October in South Normanton, this means an earlier date for the county championship is not attractive.

Further consideration will be given to a possible change of venue for this event as the current venue proves expensive. This is to be further considered again at the next meeting.

The congress will be held in early April/late March 2020.

Further consideration will be given at the next meeting as to the nature of the sections for the events.

### **5. Report from the LMC**

The LMC meeting had not taken place recently.

Outstanding fixtures were discussed.

The last date for League Entry will be 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Some consideration was had as to whether automated uploading of results will be operative next season. NL to check on progress.

### **6. History of NCA**

RR has been conducting extensive research into the history of the NCA. It is hoped that information will be uploaded onto the website in due course. NCA was formed in 1922. 2022 will be the centenary year. Further consideration will be given to any events at future meetings, including the next General meeting.

## **7. NCA Website**

Discussion was held as to whether changes could be made to the website. Consideration is going to be given to this in time for the next meeting.

Consideration will be then be given as to how best to update the website. NL and AW agreed to try and arrange a meeting with David to discuss this, and also possible cover for David in case anything suddenly happens to him.

## **8. Reorganisation of chess activity in Notts**

Consideration is to be given as to how best to organise chess activity in Nottinghamshire. NL has produced a form/questionnaire which will be sent out to clubs/members in due course.

Any changes will then be discussed in future meetings.

## **9. HLVPs and Officers for 2019/20**

Discussion was held regarding HLVP's and how they are appointed. Possible changes in criteria were discussed, including for those who may have substantially furthered the aims of the association.

Neil Graham will be giving up the running the county over the board teams after this season. GN to include this in subsequent emails to see if anyone is willing to come forward. Postal chess team will be unaffected.

A replacement for SB as Deputy Safeguarding Officer. GN to make further enquiries of a possible replacement.

There was discussion about creating a possible new post of NCA archivist.

## **10. Rules Revision Meeting**

GN indicating that no proposals had been put forward yet. If none were received, the meeting would be cancelled.

## **11. Financial Update.**

The latest financial circumstances for the association were considered. This will be updated for the AGM.

## **12. Best Games**

SB indicated there will be 3 prizes again. GN to add to future emails.

## **13. Any other business**

Consideration was given to a motion from Neil Graham, in advance of the MCCU meeting. It was considered that the motion would have the committees support.

Consideration was then given to the ECF proposal to raise membership fees. This was debated between the committee. Although it is recognised that the membership fees help to fund national teams, and this in itself can give rise to greater recognition for chess, the EC voted 5-2 against the increase in ECF subscriptions.

Further proposals from the ECF relate to proposals to ensure that each county team has at least one female player. This was debated. Although it was recognised more female players would be welcome, it was considered that counties may struggle to find the female players at each level. This could not therefore be supported.

