**Rugeley Chess Club**

**2012 Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Date / Time:** Tuesday 8th May, called to order at 19:55
**Chair:** Mike Page

**Attendees:** Matt Carr, Rob Fell, Steve Heath, Catherine Hiley, Bill Hulley, Tony Meakin, Mike Page, Conor Verschoyle, Patrick Waller.

**Not Present:** Nil

**1. Apologies for Absence**  Nil

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed to be a true and accurate record, no issues.

**3. Matters Arising**

None raised

**4. Reports**

a. Chairman

MP announced that it had been another successful year for Rugeley Chess Club. Thanked everyone for their efforts. He thanked Catherine for her enthusiastic captaincy and felt that it had helped the team this season. He also welcomed Conor to the club, and felt that more juniors helped to reinvigorate the club. We look forward to this coming Summer season and next season. MP suggested we wrote a letter of appreciation to Lea Hall for their support, as a good-will gesture = Action (CH).

b. Secretary

CH said that the season was good in that it had been largely uneventful, only having 2 defaulted boards in the WDCL and 1 default in Cannock div 3. Generally it had been a good season but felt that there had been quite a fixture rush towards the end of the season.

c. Treasurer

TM confirmed that the Rugeley Chess Club bank account was currently £550. No summer league fees had been paid yet. He proposed that the subs stay at £20 which would include the ECF membership, and £10 for juniors. The accounts and the proposal were accepted unanimously by the members present.

d. Captains

i. Wolverhampton Division 2

A successful season, it saw us consolidate in Division 2 and even push for promotion for a significant part of the season. Great team effort - everyone performed well. Finished a very respectable 3rd in the league.

ii. Cannock Division 2

An average season for the team, with 3 points from 3 draws. Struggled to rearrange matches in a congested calendar.

iii. Cannock Division 3

RF said that this division wasn‘t taken too seriously and that it had been a competent season, finishing mid-table. It was a tough start, having to default a board. Special thanks went to Steve, who had a very positive impact on results and Conor who tried really hard in his first competitive season against some tough opposition. Sincere thanks to all that played. One match against Cannock had not been played and was now deemed void.

iv. Summer League

Rob Fell captained the side and felt that it had been an acceptable start to the season again finishing mid table. Serves to maintain some match play sharpness over the summer.

**5. Club Championship Tournament**

The club members were in agreement that they had enjoyed this tournament format but felt that there had not been enough opportunity to play games with the congested fixtures. Mike Page was the only member not to complete his games and promised to make a more concerted effort next season.

**6. Club member accolades**

 Championship Trophy Rob Fell

 Blitz tournament winners Tony Meakin (Xmas)

 Player of the Season Steve Heath

**7. Season 2011 / 12 Structure**

CH proposed that because of the small number of regular members available to play and the popularity of the Championship tournament to drop the Cannock div 2 team. This should enable more internal matches to be played and less fixture congestion that plagued us this season. This should be revised for next season should a) membership numbers change b) members are not happy with current number of matches.

The motion was carried 5/2 with 2 abstaining.

**8. Club Equipment**

There are sufficient boards and new clocks were bought, however, 2 of the clocks needed to be replaced and there has been dissatisfaction with the reliability of the new clocks. Action - CH to check the current clocks and purchase 2 digital (DGT 2010) clocks if required.

**9. Rugeleychessclub.co.uk website**

Catherine has had her first full season as webmaster, and is updating the website on a weekly basis up to 2 weeks ago when there has been a technical problem which is to be sorted out with the web host. £28.80 for 2 years. There has been lots of people from around the globe viewing the site and a couple of compliments from other chess members. The now defunct Pixar movie will be replaced by a calendar link. CH

**10. Election of Officers**

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Proposer** | **Seconded** | **Vote Result** |
| a. Chairman | Mike | Catherine | Rob  | Unanimous |
| b. Secretary | Catherine | Patrick |  Tony | Unanimous |
| c. Treasurer | Tony | Steve | Conor | Unanimous |
| d. Captains |  |  |  |  |
| I. Wolves Div 2 | Catherine | Rob  | Mike | Unanimous |
| ii. Cannock 3 | Tony | Catherine |  Patrick | Unanimous |
| iv. Summer  | Tony | Mike | Conor | Unanimous |
| v. Webmaster | Catherine | Tony | Matt | Unanimous |

**11. Summer League 2012**

TM is to organise this tournament. Rob and Cath are ineligible to play due to grade Jan 2012. Next match on Wednesday 30th May away against Stafford B. Fixture lists are on the website.

**12. Any Other Business**

SH felt that there should be opportunities for training sessions perhaps once a month at the club to develop opening strategies and tactics. MC said that he would try to contact Lawrence Cooper of Stafford to see if he may be interested.

Social calendar events - Pre-season BBQ to be held at Patrick’s provisionally for the 27.7.12 at 6pm

Draw for Club Championship

Pool A; Rob, Mike, Patrick , Tony and Conor

Pool B; Cath, Bill, Steve, and Matt

Time of closure of the meeting

Mike closed the meeting at 22:00 and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the 2012 AGM.