**Rugeley Chess Club**

**2013 Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Date / Time:** Tuesday 14th May, called to order at 19:50
**Chair:** Mike Page

**Attendees:** Dave Amour, Gordon Attwell, Rob Fell, Steve Heath, Catherine Hiley, Rob Matthews, Tony Meakin, Mike Page, Conor Verschoyle, Patrick Waller.

**Not Present:** Matt Carr, Bill Hulley

**1. Apologies for Absence**  Matt Carr, Bill Hulley

**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 a good year for Rugeley Chess Club, with respect to results and with the welcome return of some old members and new member Gordon. Thanked everyone for their efforts. Conor was felt to be improving and felt that more juniors should be encouraged in 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 1 defaulted boards in the WDCL. It had been a rollercoaster season with a difficult start losing Matt Carr to uni commitments and the loss of Patrick for the first half of the season, however the boost of Dave and Gordon helped immensely. The social events had been well-attended.

c. Treasurer

TM confirmed that the Rugeley Chess Club bank account was currently £409. Most of the expenditure had gone on clocks and trophies (£580). No summer league fees had been paid yet. He proposed that the subs increase to £22 which would include the ECF and Lea Hall membership, and £11 for juniors. The accounts and the proposal were accepted unanimously by the members present.

d. Captains

i. Wolverhampton Division 2

A reasonable season, it saw us consolidate in Division 2 after an uncomfortable start to the season we were particularly bolstered by Dave taking on the board 1 seat. It had been a true team effort with most of the club contributing at some part of the season. Finished a respectable 5th in the league.

ii. Cannock Division 3

An average season for the team, finishing mid table. Had a great start winning all the first four matches only to lose the last 3, but it had been a closely contested league, and felt satisfied with the season overall.

iii. Summer League

CH stated that although the tournament had come to a conclusion, fixtures had been incomplete and members were reminded that it is a graded event, there was a general agreement to complete games sooner.

**5. Club member accolades**

 Championship Trophy Rob Fell

 Blitz tournament winner Dave Amour (Christmas and End of Season)

 Player of the Season Rob Matthews

**6. Season 2011 / 12 Structure**

DA proposed to increase the teams to allow more games to be played. A team in Cannock division 2 league was proposed.

The motion was carried 9/0 with 1 abstaining.

**7. Club Equipment**

There are sufficient boards and new clocks were bought. 3 digital clocks, 10 working clocks, 1 not working. 9 vinyl boards, 11 full chess sets, 1 mismatched and 2 extra boxes of pieces. 500 score sheets.

**8. Rugeleychessclub.co.uk website**

Catherine is updating the website on a weekly basis. DA offered to upgrade the design of the website for free, stating that the change of its functionality would be minimal and offered to teach CH its technical operations once upgraded.

**9. Election of Officers**

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Proposer** | **Seconded** | **Vote Result** |
| a. Chairman | MP | CV | AM  | Unanimous |
| b. Secretary | CH | MP |  SH | Unanimous |
| c. Treasurer | AM | CH | PW | Unanimous |
| d. Captains |  |  |  |  |
| I. Wolves Div 2 | CH | RF | CV | Unanimous |
| ii. Cannock 2 | RF | DA |  CV | Unanimous |
| iii. Cannock 3 | AM | CV |  MP | Unanimous |
| iv. Summer  | CH | AM | CV | Unanimous |
| v. Webmaster | CH | MP | CV | Unanimous |

**10. Summer League 2013**

CH is to organise this tournament. Rob is ineligible to play due to grade Jan 2013. But Dave Amour is eligible. Next match on Wednesday 23th May away against Cannock. Fixture lists are on the website.

**11. 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. DA offered to do this and set a provisional date for 23rd June at 12pm .

Social calendar events – Patrick kindly offered a pre-season buffet to be held at Patrick’s on the 21.6.13 at 6:30pm

Draw for Club Championship took place

Time of closure of the meeting

Mike closed the meeting at 21:45 and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the 2013 AGM.