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**Rugeley Chess Club**

**2014 Annual General Meeting.**

**Date / Time:**  Tuesday 15th May, called to order at 19:53
**Chair:**             Mike Page

**Attendees:**Dave Amour, Rob Fell, David Hadley, Steve Heath, Catherine Hiley, Tony Meakin, Mike Page, Patrick Waller,.

**1.**                  **Apologies for Absence** Gordon Attwell,Matt Carr, Bill Hulley, Conor Verschoyle

**2.**                  **Minutes of Last Meeting** Agreed to be a true and accurate record.

**3.**                  **Matters Arising** None

**4.**                  **Reports**

a.                  Chairman.

MP said it had been another successful season building on from last season. He thanked CH & AM for stepping up as captains, MC for arranging all the quickplay in-house tournaments, PW and Jean for a lovely end of season buffet (2013) and thanked CH for providing the sandwiches at the AGM.

b.                  Secretary

CH reported that only one dispute arose this season and that was regarding Bushbury fielding a suspicious team by defaulting on board 1. However any deliberate tailoring of the squad was strenuously denied by their captain and no further action could be taken. St George also defaulted their match at the end of the season but this had no bearing on our league placement.

We were praised as a club for fielding the 2nd highest number of members for the Rock/Bidgood cup this season by Frank Wood.

DA’s teaching sessions had been well-attended and very useful, it was hoped by the club that future sessions would be arranged.

CH pointed out that the digital clocks should be used for all matches, this was agreed by the club.

c.                  Treasurer

AM confirmed that club funds were currently £431.59 in credit. Lea Hall membership was still £4. Cannock league fees were £4 per team.

 i. ECF fees

These are to remain the same for the coming season.

 ii. Subs

AM felt that subs could remain at £22 adults (bronze ECF) and £11 children. The accounts and the proposal were unanimously accepted.

d.                 Captains

 i.     Wolverhampton Division 2

CH reported that we finished in 3rd place, having won 4, drawn 3 (including the champions Boldmere and the runners-up Kidderminster) and lost 2.

The majority of the club played at least 1 game and epecially thanked the less regular players in the WDCL for their support.

MC had a great season in the WDCL placed #21 in the top 40 players.

CH thanked RF and PW for deputising as captain.

 ii.     Cannock Division 3

AM reported that we had a successful season, finishing 2nd, having been top for the majority of the season, narrowly beaten by Cannock. AM said that he did have to default one board in the season against Wolverhampton and that finished in a respectable draw. Overall was very pleased with the season.

 iii.     Summer League

CH hadn’t got much to say about last year’s summer league other than we finished mid table.

**5. Club Championship Tournament**

CH reported that this season’s tournament was very successful in that all games were played bar Conor (who had withdrawn part way through). Having had no issues it was agreed to continue with the same format for next year, DH willing to participate.

**6. Club member accolades**

Championship Trophy Dave Amour

 Christmas Blitz tournament winner Dave Amour

 End of season Blitz tournament winner Mike Page

 Player of the Season Gordon Attwell

**7.**     **Season 2014 / 15 Structure**

AM proposed that due to tight grade restrictions of Cannock div 3, and the probability that most member’s grades will increase next season. To change to div 2 with the proviso that the preferable team selection should be aimed towards players who aren’t regularly playing in the Wolverhampton league. This was unanimously accepted by the club

**8. WDCL AGM proposals**

CH verified the clubs position to propose a change at the WDCL AGM on Thurs 22 May to make the defaulted time control as the quickplay time controls and have the adjourned time controls as an option for those clubs who choose to play the longer version.

Club unanimously voted in favour of proposal.

**9.**     **Club Equipment**

It was agreed to purchase more digital clocks. ACTION CH to check prices, and order sufficient clocks for 6 boards.

**10. Rugeleychessclub.co.uk website**

No issues reported with website, agreed that the new design by DA was fresh and appealing, and members enjoyed reading the content. It was agreed to drop the .com domain but keep the .co.uk. Voted unanimously.

**11.**     **Election of Officers**

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

**12.**      **Club Tournaments**

CH agreed to organise the next Club Champs competition with the randomised draw, with a few tweaks to ensure differences in the pool from last year.

**13.**      **Any Other Business**

DA offered to host a BBQ in his soon to be bulldozed garage. Sat 14th June, weather permitting.

PW offered to host the End of Season meal at his house. On Sat 31st May

Draw for the club championship took place.

Pool A= DA, AM, CH, PW

Pool B = RF, GA, DH, MP, SH

Time of closure of the meeting 10 pm