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**Rugeley Chess Club**

**2019 Annual General Meeting Agenda.**

**Date / Time:**  07/05/2019 at 7 :30pm
**Chair:** Patrick Waller

**Attendees:** Bob Edgar,Rob Fell**,** David Hadley, Catherine Hiley , Bill Hulley, Tony Meakin, Mike Page, Luke Sullivan, Patrick Waller, Steve Whatmore

**Not Present:**

**1.**                  **Apologies –** Matt Carr, Steve Heath, Stephane Peddar

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

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

**4.**                  **Reports**

a.   Chairman Report. (PW) Acknowledged that 2018-19 season celebrated the last part of our 50th anniversary celebrations with the Charter Fair, the Christmas meal at the Dun Cow Colton, and bought new chess equipment.

 It was reported that Patrick and Bob are to attend a Chess Tutors course on 23rd May 2019 run by the Chess in Schools & Communities, to help increase junior interest in the club.

The GDPR (privacy policy has been updated) and CH to act as the safeguarding officer and to write a safeguarding policy for the club.

 b.  Secretary Report. (CH) Been a steady year for the club. Nothing substantial to report, but good to see an increase in membership especially welcoming Yash, David and Ryan as junior members.

WDCL AGM date is Thursday 23th May at 7:30pm at Wolverhampton. MC & CH to attend

 Fixture meeting TBC

CDCL AGM is Tuesday 21st May at 7:30pm at Bridgtown Social Club. PW & LS to attend

Fixture meeting TBC

 c. Treasurer (AM) Tony reported that despite having a lot of expenditure (£714.46) this season with subsidising the Christmas meal, engraving trophies, a new clock and sets we still had a reasonable balance of £388.95.

 i. ECF fees. The ECF are proposing to increase fees by £2 in the upcoming season followed by a further increase of £1 thereafter.

 ii. Subs. Currently held at £25. Tony concluded that there was no pressing need to raise the subs this season but felt that they would probably need to go up next year. Bob felt that it may be better to raise them a little this year and then again if needed next year rather than a big rise in one go, this was met with general approval and £27.50 was proposed and carried 5-3. £10 for juniors. It was still felt that it was good value.

d.  Captains

 i.   Wolverhampton Division 2. (RF) Rob reported that the division 2 team finished a reasonable 5th in the league, beating Rushall and Brewood. He felt there had been some fantastic individual performances especially with Steve Whatmore being a new member at board 6 and finishing on board 1. Rob thanked the team as he stood down and wished his successor luck in the new season.

 ii.   Cannock Division 2. (LS) Luke was disappointed to finish runner up in an unfortunate situation where the champions won by a defaulted match. Notable success was Tony drawing with J. Staniforth. He felt that the matches had all been enjoyable, no defaulted boards, and thanked everyone for playing.

**5. Club Championship Tournament-** (PW) See amended rules attached. There had been brief discussion about altering the format of the club champs to accommodate further league fixtures however the Secretary didn’t receive a formal proposal and therefore it was felt by the committee that a proposal is brought forward to next years AGM if desired. There had been minor changes to the rules, mainly addressing the ambiguity of the grading when there are equal match points. It was agreed that the grade is on the July (original season grade). There was also an addition of the option of additional matches being played for grading purposes, but that pool matches take presidence.

**6. Club member accolades**

 Summer Rapidplay Tournament – Steve Whatmore

 Christmas Blitz tournament winner – Luke Sullivan

 Championship Trophy – Bob Edgar

 Player of the Season – Bob Edgar

 Chairmans Cup – Steve Whatmore

 End of season Blitz tournament winner – TBD

**7.**        **Election of Officers**

All officers happy to stand for the 2019-20 season.

WDCL (div 2) captain vacancy Steve Whatmore Proposed BH Accepted BE carried unanimously

**8.**         **Season 2019 / 20 Structure** *See Proposal 1 (SW).* There was much discussion on whether it would be feasible to have 2 or 3 teams in the CDCL. There was appreciation of the desire to win the league, but there was a few issues of whether the stronger players would be available to play, and that it may be demoralising for weaker to players to play potentially much higher graded players. Also whether the focus should be towards the stronger players or more towards the junior members and encourage all members to play competitive chess. After much deliberation it was felt that it was important to be inclusive and to go for a div 3 team. CH volunteered to be captain primarily in a Non Playing role.

**9.**         **Club Equipment** *See Proposal 2 (BE)* Bob felt that the current new sets were being used all the time and had already been mixed up with other sets and pieces had already been broken. The committee had agreed that match sets should be reserved for match nights only and should be separated to keep the sets in pristine condition. MC had already offered to donate 6 sets for such a purpose. Tony and Catherine agreed to sort out the existing sets and leave space for match sets. Bob suggested we had a big box with sets in, to be considered by the committee at a later date. CH reported that she had contacted the chess company and had got replacements for the broken new pieces and had been reassured that there were no inherent weaknesses reported. Mike reminded members that the board numbers (cones) should be used during match nights.

**10. Rugeleychessclub.co.uk website (CH)** Reported issues with completing the league tables as the Cannock website had been delayed with its information and that I had problems with archiving data but I would get this resolved with Dave Amour over the summer. CH thanked both captains for their prompt contributions and that there had been no criticism with the new format.

**11.**       **Club Tournaments**. No proposals for any changes therefore the current tournaments continue as previously.

**12.**       **Any Other Business**

**BE -** Invited everyone to a Thursday curry night out over the next few weeks if anyone is interested. Further details to be made over Messenger.

**MP –** Invited members to a rapidplay tournament at Lichfield on 30th May. If interested please let Mike or David Short know.

**SW –** Thanked everyone for making him feel welcome

**PW –** Invited everyone to a social evening provisionally for 15th June at his place.

Time of closure of the meeting by Patrick Waller at 21:07

**Proposals for AGM**

**1) Cannock div 1 team (SW)**

That we enter a div 1 & div 2 team to try and win the Cannock League and Cup. The object is to improve opportunities to play competitive chess and allow other club members to play more div 2 games. SW is happy to put himself forward as captain if the proposal is accepted. REJECTED

1b) (CH) If the above proposal is rejected that we discuss the possibility of having a second team in a lower division (than 2) to accommodate all club members. CARRIED

**2) Club equipment (BE)**

That the club has 6 sets ONLY for match use, as the current sets are already getting broken and mixed up. That we have a separate area in the cupboard so that these sets are not used on regular club nights. MC has offered to donate RCC 6 sets. CARRIED

**WDCL PROPOSALS**

Proposal to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the WDCL by David Short (Lichfield) doesn’t directly involve us but may involve a special tournament to mark the occasion in 2020. NOT VOTED

**CDCL PROPOSALS**

Des Green (Coleshill) proposes that the time control for all competitions should be that all moves be made in 90 minutes with no intermediate control. A similar proposal is made by Sandy Wilson (Boldmere). If approved, rule 4 of the Competition Rules, rule 5 of the Chase Trophy Tournament Rules and rule 6 of the Robert Ward Memorial Trophy Rules would be amended to read: “Time Control: The rate of play shall be all moves in 90 minutes” REJECTED