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**Rugeley Chess Club**

**2022 Annual General Meeting Agenda.**

**Date / Time:**  24/05/2022 at 7 :30pm
**Chair:** Bob Edgar

**Attendees:**Matt Carr (MC), Bob Edgar (BE), Rob Fell (RF), Steve Heath (SH), Catherine Hiley (CH) Bill Hulley (BH)Tony Meakin (AM) James Perks (JP) Luke Sullivan (LS)

**Not Present:**Mike Page**,** Rory Melough, Tom Woodhall, Dave Hadley

**1.**                  **Apologies –** Patrick Waller

**2.**                  **Minutes of Last Meeting -** True and accurate record - Unanimous

**3.**                  **Matters Arising** Match sets were to be kept downstairs but we now have them in the cupboard upstairs. Bags have not yet been numbered but plan to do so. (AM)

Library chess sessions have now resumed with 1 – 4 youngsters attending. Hope to continue, no interest from Hart school in starting a chess club.

**4.**                  **Reports**

a.   Chairman Report. (BE) Welcomed everyone back to the club pleased to see such a good attendance after what has been a very turbulent and uncertain 2 years. Happy that normal operations appear to have resumed and looking forward to the start of a regular season post-Covid.

 b.  Secretary Report. (CH) Reported the sad loss of members in the Staffordshire area, most notably David Anderton, and Ken Francis. David Scriven (Stourbridge) has left the WDCL. No other issues to speak of the season has run as well as could be expected, and we hope that normal service can continue.

WDCL AGM 14th June 7:30 at Mercia

CDCL AGM 7th June 7:30 at Bridgtown Social Club.

Fixture meeting TBC

 c. Treasurer (AM) We have £465.37 in the bank, finances are reasonably stable and no need to increase subs at present.

 i. ECF fees. £18 bronze £27 silver £39 gold

 ii. Subs unchanged at £20 (£10 will need to paid individually to Lea Hall)

 Proposal 1- Members pay Lea Hall membership directly to them not via chess club (AM). Agreed unanimously.

**5. Club Championship Tournament- (MC)** 2 pools were played via Swiss manager, there was a smaller cohort of players but still managed to get a final playoff which was won by Bill Hulley 1.5-0.5. Matt felt that there was no need to change the original format for the upcoming season and this was agreed.

**Captain Report - WDCL (AM)** Took over from Steve Whatmore who withdrew from the club mid-season, 5 matches were played won 1, drew 1, and lost 3. 7 players were used and Matt and Bob played well throughout season. Had to default a board due to Covid.

**Captain Report- CDCL (LS**) Tough season, played well, Norton Canes were the only team to default the match at the beginning of the season, and there were a few issues with interference during games which was handled well by those involved. Felt that every player had a fair opportunity to play a match and thanked everyone for their contribution.

**Chase Trophy Report (AM)** Semi final we drew and went through on board elimination however in the final v Rushall we drew again but lost on board elimination.

**6. Club member accolades**

 Summer Rapidplay Tournament – Matt Carr

 Christmas Blitz tournament winner – Ryan Wood

 Championship Trophy – Bill Hulley

 Player of the Season – Rory Melough

 Chairmans Cup – James Perks

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

All other officers happy to stand for the 2022-23 season. Time limit for serving Exec officers (AM) discussed and felt that there was no need for a time limit.

WDCL (div 2) captain vacancy Rob Fell happy to take on role. Proposed by AM seconded by CH. Unanimous agreement.

LS offered to become webmaster. CH happy to step down and show Luke the set up.

**8.**         **Season 2022 / 23 Structure**

 Unanimously voted to keep Div 2 team in WDCL and due to grading limits and current membership to have CDCL Div 2

 Proposal unanimously accepted for a team in the Humphries trophy. Teams are 4 boards per side and players must be graded under 1675, in the August 2022 list.

 JP volunteered to take on role of Chase Trophy + Humphries Cup Capt. AM proposed seconded by MC unanimous agreement.

To restart Rapid Summer Tournament (LS) Unanimously agreed with MC’s suggestion to have 25+10 incremental all play all, ECF rated to be finished by 31st August 2022. Interested members to give their names to Matt.

**9. Layout of club room (BE)** Bob suggested that the table layout should be set out in a class room style with tables set out either side of the room for ease of access and felt that it was easier to separate matches from casual club play, rather than central line of tables. This was agreed unanimously.

**10.**       **Club Equipment (BE)**

 Bob has kindly providedboxes for club sets to preserve integrity, box for chess clocks and a plastic wallet for score sheets. No additional equipment required, but asked for members to be vigilant in keeping sets together.

**11. Rugeleychessclub.co.uk website (CH)** No serious issues happy to hand over the running to Luke Sullivan

**12.**       **Club Tournaments**. **(MC)**

Proposal: That the Humphreys Trophy is held as a jamboree event on one evening each season. This was agreed and happy to field a team for the new season to be captained by JP.

To run a team in the Chase trophy, also to be captained by JP

Discussed whether any Staffordshire Cups would be running this year – Action – AM to call Peter Evans to find out.

**13.**       **Any Other Business**

Suggestions box – No interest was shown for the suggestion box and members felt that if they had any issues they were happy to share within the club.

 Social night(s) Lea Gardens (Chinese) 23.6.22 was agreed.

 Pub Christmas meal, suggestions were Chetwynd Arms, Swan with 2 necks and the Owl.

MC informed the club that the ECF had agreed on a rolling ECF membership, this meant that dependent on when in the season members join the ECF, if they do not renew their membership then ultimately there may be a fee to pay for matches played without registration. So far this has not been a problem for Rugeley Chess Club.

AM asked that the captains try to avoid 2 matches in a week, he acknowledged that sometimes it cannot be avoided, but that it may put some members off playing.

Time of closure of the meeting 20:55