

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting - Hertfordshire Chess Association (HCA)

Shire Park Community Hall, Bessemer Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1EL

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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## Present

Barnet	Malcolm Harding (President)
Bishop's Stortford	David Hobden
Hertford	Alan Brewis, Mark Lynch, Corinne Mountford
Little Heath	Stephen Dicks
Royston	Brian Judkins, Peter Rice
St Albans	Peter Baker, Ray Claret, Michael Flatt, John Leake (Treasurer)
Stevenage	Mike Price, Graham Williams
Watford	Roger Kearns (Secretary)
Welwyn Hatfield	Kidge Elder, Mir Wali

## 1 Apologies for absence

Chris Majer, Tim Thurstan, Ian Cross, Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell, Allan Hutton, Ian Mutton, Roger Lancaster, Steve Law

## 2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Deferred until next meeting.

## 3 Matters arising

## 4 Treasurer's Report – John Leake

Following a short Q & A session, the following motions were carried.

- 4.1 Acceptance of the Financial Report.
- 4.2 The Treasurer's recommendation to maintain the current Affiliation and Entry Fees .
- 4.3 The Treasurer's recommendation to retain the services of our current Auditor, Paul Laskier.

## 5 HCA Rules (HCAR)

Appendix 1, HCA Rules, is updated with all decisions carried at this meeting. It replaces any earlier edition. These changes had been circulated earlier, on more than one occasion, by the Secretary and no history of these changes is therefore thought necessary here.

However some new rules were added, whilst others were amended, at the meeting. To clarify, these changes only are detailed below (and are included in the HCAR).

- 5.1 Add to paragraph 3 of the HCAR:-  
"A player that has a previous season 'ECF Game Fee' debt that is not paid to the HCA by the following 15<sup>th</sup> November shall, from this date, be listed as a 'Debtor Player' and the club concerned listed as a 'Debtor Club' until that debt is cleared in full."
- 5.2 Add to paragraph 1.3 of the HCA Closed County Competition Rules (CCCR):-
  - 5.2.1 "Debtor Players' and members of a 'Debtor Club' who are not ECF Members shall be ineligible to participate in any HCA competitions and County Teams."
  - 5.2.2 "If any ineligible player does compete in an HCA competition his/her score shall irreversibly be recorded as a 'Default' and the game shall not be submitted for grading. The penalties for fielding an ineligible player shall apply."

Note: Updating the CCCR is deferred until the September meeting.

- 5.3 All the following references are to the HCAR.
  - 5.3.1 Para 4. The quorum required to make and amend HCAR has been reduced from 15 to 12 and the number

- of officers included, reduced from 5 to 3.
- 5.3.2 Para 5. A decision to include the last line of this paragraph, commencing “*Voting rights...*” has been deferred until the next meeting.
- 5.3.3 Para 14. “An award” replaces “County Tie”. “Playing chess” replaces “over-the-board play” (to allow the inclusion of Correspondence Chess).
- 5.3.4 Para 15. “An award” replaces “County Tie”.
- 5.3.5 Para 17. The smoking ban now includes electronic cigarettes.

## 6 Officers’ Reports

Thanks to all those who submitted reports prior to the meeting. These have been circulated. Copies are available on request from the Secretary.

The following additional information was disclosed:

- 6.1 The President thanked everyone for their work in supporting another good year of chess in Hertfordshire.
- 6.2 A motion for the HCA to support Correspondence Competition Entry Fees was carried.
- 6.3 The Webmaster requested information to be included on the [hertschess.com](http://hertschess.com) website. This is anticipated to extend to include not only County Team results but also contact information and Minutes of Meetings.
- 6.4 In the absence of an Equipment Curator, team captains are requested to be vigilant in looking after boards, sets and clocks under their management.
- 6.5 A provisional date of 4-5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was announced for the Capel, Burn and Bunce competitions. The organiser gave notice that this would be her last.
- 6.6 The Harpenden venue is available for county matches for a further season if required.
- 6.7 The desire was once again expressed that a magazine be produced of Herts chess activity for the benefit of VP’s.

## 7 Election of Officers

President	Malcolm Harding
(County) Secretary	Alan Brewis
Treasurer	John Leake
League Secretary	Steve Law
U120 League	John Leake
Capel, Burn & Bunce Organiser	Corinne Mountford
Old Puller Cup Organiser	Malcolm Harding
Knockout Competition Organiser	David Belton
County Fixtures Secretary	Stephen Dicks
Championship Team Captain	Peter Rice
U160 Team Captain	Mike Price
U140 Team Captain	Stephen Dicks
U120 Team Captain	Peter Baker
Correspondence Chess Conductor	Graham Williams
Webmaster	Stephen Dicks
County Grader	Steve Law
Adjudications Secretary	Brian Judkins
Chief Arbiter	Tim Thurstan
Congress Organiser	Kidge Elder
Archivist	Roger Kearns
Magazine Editor	Tim Thurstan
Equipment Curator	
Trophies Secretary	
Junior Chess Coordinator	Michael Flatt
SCCU Representative	Michael Flatt
EACU Representatives	Peter Rice, Mike Price, Brian Judkins
ECF Representative	Malcolm Harding

Special thanks were given to all retiring officers for the part they have played in supporting chess activity

in Hertfordshire.

**8 Election of Honorary Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents (VP)**

Carried.

Graham Williams accepted nomination to become a VP which was carried.

**9 Presentation of Trophies**

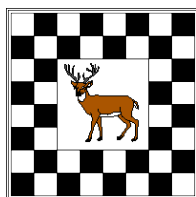
	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Represented by</u>
League Division 1	Watford 1	Roger Kearns
League Division 2	St Albans 1	Ray Claret
League Division 3	Letchworth & Hitchin 2	No trophy available!
League Division 4	Stevenage 2	No trophy available!
League Division 5	Royston 3	No trophy available!
League Division 6	Welwyn Hatfield CF 4	Kidge Elder
Flear Trophy	Venkat Tiruchirapalli	Roger Kearns
Wright Trophy	Mir Wali	Mir Wali
Russell Trophy	Royston	Brian Judkins
Sharp Trophy	Bishop's Stortford	David Hobden
U140 Trophy	Stevenage	No trophy available!
U120 Trophy	Hertford	No trophy available!

The meeting expressed disappointment that competition winners were let down by past winners who appeared to ignore the request to return their trophies in time for the AGM.

**10 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Alan Brewis and Mark Lynch to recommend, with details of costs, a projector for use by the HCA at meetings and tournaments, etc, to display reports, results, websites – as required.
- 10.2 With the stock of County Ties almost exhausted, examples of medallions, glass trophies, etc, as alternate awards were shown by Kidge Elder and John Leake. (Kidge and Tim Thurstan had investigated on behalf of the HCA). A decision was deferred until the next meeting at which full information with costs should be available.
- 10.3 Meeting closed at 10.25 pm. Next meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> September, TBA.

Alan Brewis



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