**ST ALBANS CHESS CLUB AGM 19th June 2017**

**1.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Aidan Ellis, Rosemary Phillips, Ian Cross

**2.** **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM (20th June 2016); Matters arising.**

There were no Minutes from 2016. There were no actions.

**3. OFFICERS REPORTS**

**a) President – Dr J Fraser-Mitchell**

Nothing significant to report

**b) Secretary – A Ellis**

Nothing significant to report

**c) Congress Director – R Claret**

Another good year for the congress. Just under 200 played, and the profit was £1,337. The usual thanks go to the congress team for making it all possible.

**d) Early Knights – Mrs R Phillips**

There are 20 regular juniors, and a waiting list that is “embarrassingly long”. A number of the older (11+) juniors have also joined the adult club.

**e) Website / Equipment Curator – M Flatt**

The usual plea for articles, photographs etc to keep the website material up to date. Help can be provided to those wanting to submit anything.

Digital clocks are increasingly being used for matches. The analogue clocks are becoming unreliable. The wooden sets are getting increasingly battered and thought needs to be given to replacing them with new ones.

**f) Team Captain’s Reports**

Results from the various teams were presented.

**g) Treasurer – S Narbeth**

The adult club’s activities made a loss of £1,749; however this was more than covered by income from the Early Knights of £635 and congress profit of £1,337. Overall the net income for the club was £234.

**4. BUDGET & PROPOSED ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2017-18 –  S Narbeth**

The budget for 2017-18 was drawn up to be the same as actual sums for 2016-17. Subscriptions unchanged at £50 for full sub, £25 for reduced / Early Knights.

**5. CLUB COMPETITIONS FOR 2017-18**

**a) Number League Teams**

We would attempt to run 6 league teams again (obviously this depends on having enough members, and also captains).

**b) Lavers Ladder**

The competition had not been completed by the end of the season. *(Post-meeting note: won by John Gemmell in September 2017)*.

**c) Silver Rook**

Very few games (8) played in the qualifying stages. The final was won by Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell, beating Aidan Ellis. Next year the qualifying games will not be graded in the hope of encouraging more games to be played (the hypothesis being that weaker players don’t want to lose grading points being beaten by strong players).

**6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The existing committee all re-elected nem com:

President – Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell

Secretary – Aidan Ellis

Treasurer – Simon Narbeth

Congress Organiser – Ray Claret

Website – Mike Flatt

Equipment – Mike Flatt

Early Knights – Rosemary Phillips

**7.** **PRESENTATIONS**

**a) Turner Prize**

Won by Paul Lawrence with a score of 7.5 / 10.

**b) Laver’s Ladder**

Unfinished (post-meeting note: John Gemmell)

**c) Silver Rook**

Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None