

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held on 16 June 2011

1. Attendance

The meeting was attended by Norman Wedley (Chairman), Francis Bowers, Patrick Ribbands, Norman Hutchinson, Paul Kemp, Tom Hazel, John Bygrave, John Dunn, Chris Norton, Marcus Misson, Ossie Day, Paul Hanks.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Bob Henderson, Stephen Pride, Chris Russell, Clive Donald, Kevin Clark.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 16 June 2010

The minutes were summarised and agreed.

4. Matter arising

Several items (Tournament Secretary's Report, Chess Improvement Initiative and County Championship Rules) had been forwarded to the Executive Committee Meeting and dealt with there. Engraving of the Division 2 trophy had been updated but the Team 550 trophy remained missing.

5. Reports of Association officers for 2010/11

League Secretary : The league was well contested with New England A winning Division 1 on game points after finishing level with Royston on match points. Buckden A were clear winners of the Division 2 title with all other teams finishing equal! Both teams in the final of the Fenland Trophy came from Cambridge with the "Boffins" team triumphing whilst Warboys beat New England for the first Fenland Plate. The end of the season had been hectic due to postponements during a spell of bad weather before Christmas and a more rapid start for next season was recommended.

Tournament Secretary : Twenty-two entrants contested the County Individual in an event taking place over a Saturday and Sunday at Peterborough Sport and Leisure club. This was a big increase in interest and with a £10 fee, it returned a modest profit. Ashley Stewart was the winner after a tie-break and Akito Oyama won the Junior title. Thanks were given to P Ribbands and C Davison for their organisational help.

Team 550 Organiser : This competition was also keenly fought with Cambridge Rowers from the South beating New England 1 in the play-off by virtue of lower aggregate grade after the match finished 2 - 2.

Special Events Organiser : The South again won the annual match against the North by a reduced margin. The Jamboree saw Linton make a late surge to win the event. The Rapidplay was very successful with a record entry of 74 and a healthy surplus. Grandmaster Mark Hebden won the Open tournament and kindly agreed to present the prizes. Local winners included : Jack Taylor Trophy - R Tozer, Major - J Beck (shared), Challengers - S Sitaram. Thanks for the smooth running were given to F Bowers and P Ribbands. As a result of his performance, John Beck took an unassailable lead in the Cambridgeshire Grand Prix.

Junior Organisers : A junior individual championship had been organised in January but no details were known.

County Team Captains : The Open Team had come last in its EACU group and went forward into the Under-180 section of the championship where they lost heavily to Yorkshire. The Under-160 Team had an enjoyable but unsuccessful time finishing 3rd out of 3 within the EACU. The Under-140 competition did not materialise. The Under-120 Team had matches against Norfolk suffering narrow losses.

Website coordinator : Due to understandable circumstances, sections of the website had not been updated and the poor server reliability had been noted.

ECF & EACU delegates : Chris Davison won the EACU Grand Prix. An unsuccessful attempt had been made to ease problems with the county teams by realigning the Under-160 limit as Under-170. The ECF has lost its government funding and at a finance meeting in April, agreed an increase in fees.

6. Report of the Treasurer and Adoption of the 2010/11 Accounts

See attached statement. Problems with the transfer of authorising signatures have eventually been resolved. Outgoings fell with grading of internal club games dropping out of the accounts and there was less engraving

this year. Income had risen with the profits from the Rapidplay and County Championship so that the Association returned a balance healthily increased by £510. The treasurer still needs to consult with the grading officers to finalise fees for league games during the season.

7. Election of Officers for 2011/12

The following officers were elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Norman Wedley	Francis Bowers	Paul Kemp
Vice-Chairman	Chris Russell	Paul Hanks	Francis Bowers
Secretary	Paul Hanks	Marcus Misson	Paul Kemp
Treasurer	Norman Hutchinson	Paul Kemp	Francis Bowers
League Secretary	Paul Kemp	Norman Hutchinson	Francis Bowers
Team 550 Organiser			
Tournament Secretary	Francis Bowers	Marcus Misson	Paul Hanks
Special Events Organiser	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks	Francis Bowers
Junior Organisers	Nick Jackson ¹ Francis Bowers	Paul Hanks	Patrick Ribbands
Match Captains: Open	Rob McCorry ²	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks
U160	Patrick Ribbands	Paul Kemp	Tom Hazel
U140	Charles Richmond	Marcus Misson	Paul Kemp
Website Co-ordinator	Lee Chapman ³	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks
Grading Officers	Patrick Ribbands Chris Russell	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks
Auditor	Paul Kemp	Patrick Ribbands	Tom Hazel
ECF Delegate	Marcus Misson	Patrick Ribbands	Francis Bowers
EACU Delegates	Norman Wedley Paul Hanks Francis Bowers	Marcus Misson	Norman Hutchinson

1 Patrick Ribbands to approach to check willingness

2 Francis Bowers to serve as Vice-Captain or Captain if Rob McCorry does not wish to take the post

3 Paul Hanks to review website update process with Phil Turp aiming to simplify and maybe transfer management.

8. Any Other Business

ECF Grading Changes : The ECF intends to publish grading lists for the year up to the end of June and December. This causes difficulties with competitions that run throughout the year and it was agreed to ignore the interim grades in January although club and league secretaries may confer about revising any estimated grades. The league secretary would include this decision in a covering letter to captains at the start of the season. The operation of this policy will be reviewed after one year.

Southern Rapidplay : There seems to be an opportunity to hold a second Rapidplay congress in the South of the County. It could be run at Whittlesford though the venue would not be free and could aim to break even with an entry of 60. Approval for the event was given and a tentative date of 9th October was suggested. Marcus Misson would attempt to get its inclusion in the EACU Grand Prix.

Team "550" : It was clarified that any default would be automatically regarded as playing someone with the minimum grade.

Recruitment : Clubs were recommended to make greater efforts to improve the rate of recruitment following Godmanchester's example at the local Gala Day.

Trophies : The following trophies were presented :

Trophy	Winner	Received by
Division One	New England	Francis Bowers
Division Two	Buckden	Tom Hazel
Jamboree	Linton	Paul Kemp
Fenland Trophy	Cambridge	Patrick Ribbands
Fenland Plate	Warboys	Marcus Misson
Grand Prix	John Beck	Marcus Misson

The missing Team 550 trophy is to be replaced at a cost of around £66 and engraving arranged by F Bowers.

County Championship : Tentative dates for the County Individual are 19-20th* November and Francis Bowers will check the availability of the Peterborough Sport and Leisure club.

* Subsequent to the meeting, the booking has been made on 12-13th November.

EACU Club Championship : It was not thought acceptable that winners of the EACU Club Championship were made to contribute to the cost of the prize. The EACU are to be urged to promote the event more widely so that it becomes more viable financially.

ECM date and venue : Subject to confirmation, the ECM is due to be held on Thursday 15th September 2011 at Godmanchester Comrades Club (entrance in St Anne's Lane). Godmanchester were thanked for allowing their venue to be used for this meeting.

PAUL HANKS
Association Secretary

Cambridge County Chess Association
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st May 2011

2010	2011		2010	2011
		ECF Year Book	36.00	36.00
		ECF Fees	439.20	423.36
		EACU Fees	65.00	70.00
533.00	610.00	League	30.00	
	187.63	County Matches		174.36
	240.00	County		
	32.00	Championship		103.08
797.50	1179.00	Jamboree		
		Rapidplay Income		
		Rapidplay Expense	842.53	855.65
		Engraving/Trophies	160.53	59.63
		Web Site	17.24	
		Bank Charges	3.50	5.00
1.24	1.04	Interest Income		
		Prior Year Items	25.00	12.00
287.26		Loss		
		Profit		510.59
<u>1619.00</u>	<u>2249.67</u>		<u>1619.00</u>	<u>2249.67</u>

Balance Sheet as At 31st May 2011

Liabilities		Assets		
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Accruals		156.00	Current Account	146.50
Acc Profit	1204.52	1715.11	Deposit Account	1040.02
			Cash	18.00
	<u>1204.52</u>	<u>1871.11</u>		<u>1204.52</u>
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Accounts checked and approved.



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