

# **CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the AGM held on 25 June 2014**

### **1. Attendance**

The meeting was attended by Norman Wedley (Chairman), Francis Bowers, Patrick Ribbands, Paul Kemp, John Bygrave, Kevin Clark, Marcus Connolly, Mike Onyons, Phil Turp, Chris Russell, Paul Hanks.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Norman Hutchinson, Marcus Misson, Stephen Pride and Chris Davison.

### **3. Minutes of the AGM held on 20 June 2013**

The minutes were summarised and approved.

### **4. Matter arising**

- Child protection policy had been dealt with at the Executive Committee Meeting.
- Rules for the Fenland Trophy competition had been published on the website.

### **5. Reports of Association officers for 2013/14**

**League Secretary :** A report for the team competitions was circulated. The season had run without disputes and the new facility for direct entry of results to the website was greatly appreciated. Some improvements in punctuality were required and the Secretary urged everyone to use the system. The trend over the last two years for defaulted boards was unacceptable and after discussing a target for making re-arrangements for postponed matches, appropriate pressure from the Secretary was adopted as the way to halt the slide. Division One was won by Royston and Division Two by Spalding. Cambridge Eggheads won the Fenland Knock-out with Warboys taking the Plate.

**Tournament Secretary :** Twenty entrants contested the County Individual Championship at Fenstanton and A Stewart emerged as champion.

**Team 550 Organiser :** The two Warboys teams won their respective local divisions and tied in a dead heat in the final.

**Special Events Organiser :** The South v North match at the start of the season fell through due to a late loss of venue. A profitable Rapidplay was held at Whittlesford in October which attracted 81 players. Prizewinners were D Graham and A Stewart in the Open (the latter holding the Jack Taylor trophy), R Desmedt, T Herring and S Herring in the Major and S Bott and J Bradley in the Challengers' section. Thanks were given to all helpers and to P Kemp for his organisation. The event in 2014 would be held in late September but the decision as to whether to revive a Rapidplay in Peterborough was left to the ECM. Cambridge won the Jamboree.

**Junior Organisers :** I Garratt was conducting tuition sessions at the City of Peterborough and Stanground Academies.

**County Team Captains :** The Open Team recruited some strong players, managed to beat Norfolk and Suffolk and became EACU champions on a tie-break. They lost 11-5 to Leicestershire at the next stage. After a good start, the U160 team were runners-up but then defeated Kent and Leicestershire before losing to Yorkshire in the semi-final. The U120 and U100 teams were both runners-up in the EACU but did not progress.

**Website coordinator :** The old domain name (cambschess.co.uk) renewed automatically and the CCCA were unable to acquire ownership. Direct entry of league results had been activated and P Ribbands was thanked for assistance with loading databases. Displaying games on the website was possible and the Chairman offered a £25 prize for the Game of the Season in CCCA competitions.

**ECF & EACU delegates :** New rules were being introduced by FIDE on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The ECM was authorised to enact selectively any changes thought to be relevant and appropriate to local chess.

### **6. Report of the Treasurer and Adoption of the 2013/14 Accounts**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the auditor circulated and presented the accounts to the meeting. Partly due to the County Individual Championship, the Association lost £63.88 in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014. Clubs

were warned to expect an increase in league fees. Outgoing treasurer Norman Hutchinson was thanked for the excellent stewardship of the CCCA finances during his tenure.

## 7. Election of Officers for 2014/15

The following officers were elected:

| <b>Position</b>             | <b>Nominee</b>                    | <b>Proposer</b> | <b>Seconder</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chairman                    | Norman Wedley                     | Chris Russell   | Paul Kemp       |
| Vice-Chairman               | Chris Russell                     | Paul Kemp       | Paul Hanks      |
| Secretary                   | Paul Hanks                        | Phil Turp       | Kevin Clark     |
| Treasurer                   | Paul Kemp                         | Chris Russell   | Mike Onyons     |
| League Secretary            | Paul Kemp                         | Phil Turp       | Kevin Clark     |
| Team 550 Organiser          |                                   |                 |                 |
| Special Events <sup>1</sup> |                                   |                 |                 |
| County Championship         | Francis Bowers                    | Paul Kemp       | Paul Hanks      |
| Junior Organiser            | Francis Bowers                    | Phil Turp       | Mike Onyons     |
| Match Captains : Open       | Kevin Clark                       | Phil Turp       | Francis Bowers  |
| U160                        | Patrick Ribbands                  | Paul Hanks      | Mike Onyons     |
| Website Co-ordinator        | Phil Turp                         | Paul Kemp       | Chris Russell   |
| Grading Officers            | Patrick Ribbands<br>Chris Russell | Paul Hanks      | Paul Kemp       |
| Auditor                     | Norman Hutchinson                 | Paul Kemp       | Francis Bowers  |
| ECF Delegate                | Marcus Misson                     | Francis Bowers  | Paul Kemp       |
| EACU Delegates <sup>2</sup> | Paul Hanks<br>Francis Bowers      | Phil Turp       | Mike Onyons     |

1 Paul Kemp stated his intention he was only willing to serve for a further 1-2 years

2 A vacancy was left for a third EACU delegate

## 8. Any Other Business

**Trophies :** The following trophies were presented :

| <b>Trophy</b>  | <b>Winner</b> | <b>Received by</b>     |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Division One   | Royston       | Paul Kemp              |
| Division Two   | Spalding      | Francis Bowers         |
| Jamboree       | Cambridge     | Paul Kemp <sup>1</sup> |
| Fenland Trophy | Cambridge     | Paul Kemp <sup>1</sup> |
| Team 550       | Warboys       | Mike Onyons            |

1 Trophies subsequently forwarded to Cambridge

The whereabouts of the Fenland Plate were unknown at the time of the meeting.

**Rule Changes :** A clarification of the Rules for the Fenland Trophy was passed unanimously :-

*"In the event of a drawn final match, board count and board elimination (in that order) will be used to decide the winning team. Should all the games be drawn the match shall be replayed."*

**Job descriptions :** In order to explain duties to potential new Committee members, it was suggested that a document should be created defining the responsibilities of CCCA officers. This was given outline approval with drafts to be considered by the next AGM.

**New venues :** Clubs were reminded that Royston and Peterborough would be playing at new venues in the coming season.

**Obituary :** – The meeting noted with sadness the passing of Jack Alster at the age of 84.

**ECM date and venue :** The preferred days for the ECM were Wednesdays and Thursdays in the range 3<sup>rd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September with 10<sup>th</sup> September as the favourite at an available central venue.

Warboys were thanked for allowing their venue to be used for this meeting.

**PAUL HANKS**

Association Secretary