

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOTING PROCEDURES

The 124th Annual General Meeting of the Cumbria Chess Association will be held on Saturday 20th June 2015 at The Crown Hotel, Eamont Bridge, Penrith commencing at 2pm

Draft Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. President's Address
3. Minutes of the previous AGM and matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. League Controller's Report
9. Grading Officer's Report
10. Junior Organiser's Report
11. Match Captain's Report
12. Correspondence Captain's Report
13. ECF Delegate's Report
14. NCCU Delegate's Report
15. Website Organiser's Report
16. Endorsement of the Revised Constitution as circulated to clubs reflecting the decisions of the 123rd Annual General Meeting
17. Discussion and Voting on Proposals Previously Notified:
 - a. Nominated players
 - b. Postal Voting
 - c. Others not yet notified
18. Prize Giving
19. Election of Officers
20. Any Other Business:
 - a. Discussion on the possible future use of Electronic Clocks and alternative time controls that take advantage of these (eg 1½ hours plus 15 seconds a move)
21. Date of Next Meeting

Proposals for Change

Proposals for amendment to the Constitution under item 17 above must reach the Secretary no later than Saturday 23rd May 2015.

The following proposals have already been received:

From David Shaw and Others

"We do not have nominated players. Any player who has played 4 games for a team cannot then play for another team in the same league."

For the avoidance of doubt, the requirement that no one may play for more than one club in the League in the same season would still be retained. The proposed rule would only affect clubs with more than one team in the same league by giving some flexibility in team selection without requiring nominations.

From the Secretary (Jonathan Rashleigh)

"That the experiment with postal voting be abandoned and that voting on proposals and amendments thereto should only be available to those attending the Annual General Meeting in person."

The aims of postal voting were well motivated in seeking to assist members for who were not able to attend the AGM for any reason. However it is desirable that proposals are fully discussed at the AGM and that amendments can be suggested and acted upon at the meeting if appropriate. Postal

voting only really makes sense if no amendments are possible to the original proposal which largely negates one of the main elements of the AGM

Voting procedures

Notwithstanding the above, Proposals received with due notice can currently be voted on by post or in person at the AGM. The following procedures will be used for managing postal votes and also for managing conflicting proposals or suggested amendments to proposals.

Postal Voting

1. All formal proposals received will be circulated to Club Secretaries no later than 6th June for them to distribute to their members. They will also all be posted on the Association website.
2. Members wishing to use their postal vote must vote individually directly to the Secretary either by email (to jmvrashleigh@gmail.com) or by post (to 'The Old Piggery', Underbarrow, Kendal LA8 8HF).
3. Votes cast must show the name of the individual, the proposal or proposals being voted on and a simple a 'yes' or 'no' beside the relevant proposal without qualification or explanation.
4. It will not be acceptable for a club secretary or anyone else to 'collect' votes from other people.
5. The names of those voting will not be read out at the AGM but the Secretary will check that anyone voting by this means does not also vote in person at the AGM.

Procedure at the AGM

1. When a notified Proposal is tabled, an amendment can be proposed and voted on at the meeting without it having been the subject of a postal votes. Such amendments will be subject to limits of not being new Proposals, but refinements to existing tabled Proposals.
2. If more than one Proposal is received before the meeting on the same subject, the first Proposal received will be treated as the 'substantive Proposal' and the other or others as 'tabled amendments'.

Jonathan Rashleigh
Secretary - Cumbria Chess Association