

## **Minutes, 118<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Cumbria Chess Association.**

**Held at 2pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at The Beacon Club in Penrith.**

**In Attendance;-** 10 members from 5 clubs. D Cole (President) Barrow, S Cassidy (Lge. Cont) A Friars – Carlisle, T Blower (Barrow), G Horne (Barrow), A McAtear (Penrith), G Rowan (Penrith), C Mounsey (Penrith), Hilary Austin (Grange), N Hill (Grange) and P Gleizon (Cockermouth).

**1. Apologies;-** Received from Ian Hewitson, Bill Hardwick, Tony Baker and Alan Hiatt. (Syd Cassidy kindly stood in for me as Secretary and took the minutes of the meeting for me to type up – Bill Hardwick)

**2. Presidents Address;-** Dave Cole paid respects to the late David Ball, a former Secretary of Cumbria Chess, and also to my wife Moira Hardwick who died this month.

Membership numbers in Cumbria are in “a steady state”. There have been problems in the NCCU, mainly east of the Pennines – to be addressed later. A few “green shoots” nationally in terms of new tournaments. Nationally though attendances at Congresses is down but South Lakes was very well attended again.

### **3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM (Number 117) – Accepted.**

Matters arising :-

- a) Archives in Whitehaven library – Mark Mallard has agreed to investigate – still to be done.
- b) No “additional” details in this years accounts – black mark for George Horne!
- c) Still no progress on Penrith and Keswick regarding teams availability for fixtures on certain days.

**4. Correspondence;-** A letter from Peter Tipper was circulated in the Newsletter. Otherwise, nothing to report which was not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**5. Secretaries Report;-** Bill Hardwick had nothing to report.

**6. Treasurers Report;-** George Horne provided a statement of the 2009 accounts which were accepted as accurate, but are still to be audited and then placed on the Website (as are the 2008 accounts). George reported that the accounts were straightforward this year with a small surplus of £8.81. Last years accounts are audited with two small alterations which have now been made. 2009 Cumbria Individual Championship fees were £480.00, Expenses £60.00 and Prize Money £420.00.

In conclusion he recommended that the Registration fees should remain the same which was voted upon and accepted.

**7. Membership Secretaries Report;-** Syd Cassidy said that membership is holding steady at 130-140.

**8. League Controllers Report;-** Syd Cassidy reported no disputes or defaults. League 1 went well under the new arrangements, as did League 2 (South) but League 2 (North) was poor really and new teams are needed.

**9. Grading Officers Report;-** Thanks were extended to Alan Hiatt for stepping into this role mid-season.

**10. Junior Organisers Report;-** Syd Cassidy said that the Junior Cumbria championships were well attended. Junior numbers were actually well down at primary age in Carlisle but that there is now a new junior club in Penrith. Grange now have two junior clubs – beginners and advanced and Peter Tipper continues to do well in Seascale. At secondary age a schools league has started in which 6 schools from Carlisle/Penrith area participated.

Hilary Austin suggested there is a lack of bodies to provide organisation, possibly partly due to police checks being a problem. Anyone in charge of coaching or organising juniors has to be police vetted.  
**Dave Cole is to make enquiries as to whether Cumbria Chess Association can help in this vetting process at all.**

**11. Match Captain's Report;-** Philippe Gleizon's report will be available on the Website. Dave Cole thanked Philippe for organising a team that nearly beat both Yorkshire and Lancashire.

**12. Correspondence Captains Report;-** Chris Underhill apologised for not being able to attend but his report will be available on the Website.

**13. ECF Delegates Report;-** See NCCU report below – both dealt with together.

**14. NCCU Delegates Report;-** Dave Cole said that NCCU had looked at Jamborees and these took place in February, although not for under-150 which retained the traditional format. Cleveland are pulling out of NCCU. They take no part in any events and no longer wish to pay the affiliation fees. Proposal for setting up NCCU grading list, draft prepared by Dave Cole. ECF refund of £119.00 to Cumbria was received.

Chess for Schools seems to be taking off – 100,000 sets to be distributed shortly. Associated chess events are planned for September 2009.

ECF new Finance Director lasted 6 days.

Strategic Planning – A letter from Andrew Farthing was circulated on the Newsletter and is now on the Website and anyone who wishes to should put ideas forward.

ECF lost £13,000 on the British Championships and ECF membership fees are increasing again (£10.50 to £11.00 and juniors £6.50 to £7.00). When the CCA membership fees are added this would raise the total membership fee to £16 for adults and £8 for juniors. Dave Cole proposed that membership, including membership of ECF, should be reduced to £15.00 adults, £7.00 juniors, to be paid for out of the rebate from the ECF to Cumbria. In other words CCA would send a message to the ECF that in these times membership fees should not keep on rising. This was agreed.

ECF gradings are changing so we will need to alter local competition limits and amend constitution accordingly.

New FIDE rules will NOT be enforced. That is, any player turning up late by even 5 seconds automatically loses.

ECF Year books were circulated but agreed that Syd Cassidy will now send his copy on to Andy McAtear.

**15. Matters Arising;-** None, other than covered elsewhere.

**16. Proposals;-**

Proposed that the Website should go into the name of the President of the Cumbria Chess Association. Agreed.

**17. Prize Giving;-** The Division One trophy was presented to Philippe on behalf of Cockermouth Chess Club.

**18. Election of Officers and Committee:-**

**President:** D Cole – unanimous.

**Secretary:** W Hardwick

**Treasurer:** G Horne

**League Controller:** S Cassidy

**Grading Officer:** A Hiatt (New)  
**Junior Organiser:** S Cassidy  
**Assistant Junior Organisers:** H Austin (New) and G Horne  
**Match Captain:** P Gleizon  
**Assistant Match Captain:** G Horne  
**Correspondence Captain:** C Underhill  
**Auditor:** N Foxcroft  
**Press Officer:** D Cole  
**NCCU Delegates (2):** D Cole and G Horne  
**ECF Delegate :** D Cole (and G Horne)

19. **County Championships 2010 – Date and Venue:** Grange-over-Sands (Barrow as fallback option) on 26/27/28<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

20. **Next AGM 2010 – Date and Venue:** Proposed for Kendal in June 2010 but Secretary to arrange.

**21. Any other business:**

- a) We can use Fischer time controls (optionally), if we have electronic clocks and both teams agree.
- b) Hilary Austin was given a trophy by Penrith Chess Club for the Cumbria Junior South Champion.
- c) South Lakes went well with 168 entries, good competition – lots of compliments offered. Janet Blower also raised £126 for Cancer Research which was well appreciated .

Thanks to all.

Meeting closed.

Bill Hardwick  
(Secretary)

(Minutes typed from Syd Cassidy's notes and my apologies for any errors, omissions or misunderstandings.)