

**MINUTES of Chiltern League AGM Thursday 24th May 2018 at
48 Hazel Road, Purley-on-Thames, Reading RG8 8HR**

The meeting opened at 2.02 p.m. The following were present: -

Nigel Dennis, Ian Hall, Simon King, Witek Koreywo, Rod Langham, Steve Rumsby and John Wiseman

- 1 Apologies for absence were received from: -** Gareth Ward
- 2 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th July 2017** The minutes were agreed.
- 3 Matters Arising out of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2017**

There were no matters arising out of the minutes.

4 Treasurer's Report

Simon King handed out a balance sheet showing a balance on 1st July 2017 of £376.55 and a balance on 24th May 2018 of £332.85 with a total of £135.00 affiliation fees and ECF game fees outstanding to come from Berks (£50.00), Bucks (£62.50) and Oxon (£22.50). It was agreed that the county affiliation fee would remain at £20 per year.

5 Results 2017-2018

In the Open section Oxon won with 23 points, Berks and Hants were equal second with 18 ½ points. Bucks finished with 10 points after competing in two of the four events. In the under 160 section Bucks won with 7 match points. Berks, Hants and Oxon all finished with 5 match points.

6 Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman: Witek Koreywo pointed out that he had been Chairman for three years when he was only supposed to do two years, and it was time for another Chairman to take over. However, there were no other offers for Chairman, so he agreed to be re-elected asking everyone to start looking for another Chairman for the future.

Secretary: Nigel Dennis was elected Secretary with this to include Fixture Secretary and ECF representative.

Treasurer: Simon King was elected Treasurer

Grader: Peter Hemmings was elected grader

7 Format of Competitions

The Open section had not been entirely satisfactory with four events played over 10 boards and with Bucks not competing in two of them, so there were proposals to alter this for the coming season. Ian Hall offered to organise both the Bucks Open team and continue with the Bucks "B" team, and this changed the discussion considerably. It was agreed that there would be an Open section with six matches over 16 boards and an under 150 section over 20 boards similar to previous years.

8 Fixtures

There was a discussion about dates to avoid for our matches in the coming season. The secretary made a note of these and will circulate the fixture list.

9 Digital Clocks

There was a proposal from Hampshire that where digital clocks with an increment option are available for all boards, the time control shall be all moves in 100 minutes with a 10 second increment per move. Not all counties could easily obtain digital clocks with the increment option. It was considered best to have a regular move rate for all matches, and the increment option was not the preferred option anyway, so the move rate was not changed keeping it at all moves in two hours.

10 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the last week in May was a good time to have the AGM, so the next meeting will be held at the end of May 2019 on a date when as near as possible everyone is available.

11 Any Other Business

At an event at the beginning of the season there had been a dispute in a game over a claim in the last two minutes. It was acknowledged that the Chiltern League was not well equipped to deal with a situation when the two team captains disagreed. It was therefore agreed that the league should try to find a qualified arbiter to whom a dispute could be referred. It was also suggested that an onlooker should record the moves when neither player was recording. However, this might be difficult if moves were made very quickly.

Some results had appeared on the website after a long delay. The secretary was asked to look out for any results not appearing soon after the match and ask the teams to submit the result.

There was a brief discussion about data protection including whether it applied to us. It was considered that we might need an appropriate statement on our website.

The meeting closed at 3.30p.m.