

Minutes of the Chiltern League Meeting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at The Dog and Partridge, 105 Reading Road, Gu46 7LR

Present:

Christine Coates

John Upham

Nigel Dennis

Chris Priest

Brian Hicks

Frank Rich

Steve Bennett

Gareth Ward

Ray Cordon

Andrew Hill

Apologies: Fraser McLeod, Paul Janota, Witold Koreywo, Brian Cleves, Claire Lawrence, Simon King and Chris Stothert.

Meeting opened at 14.10

1. Minutes of Last Year are Meeting: Accepted.
2. Matters arising out of the minutes:  
A correction to 3) treasurers report "The Oxford captain proposed that the £5 excess should be used to engrave the cup" to read "The Oxford captain proposed that the excess should be used towards the engraving of the cup". Also a clarification of grading limits of division B and C that the grade of any player should be no higher than 149 in Division B and no higher than 124 in division C.
3. Treasurers Report:  
The accounts were supplied by Brian Cleves who was unable to attend the meeting. There were several questions at the meeting which will be passed to the treasurer for clarification. The accounts are awaiting these clarifications before acceptance. The explanations will be circulated to those who attended the meeting for acceptance.
4. Secretaries Report:  
The Jamboree was a great success this year mainly due to the efforts of Gareth Ward and Witold Koreywo who did an excellent job of organising the event. The only difficulties this season related to the third division which had a large number of defaults.
5. Results:  
Division A (Open): Buckinghamshire.  
Division B (U150): Hampshire  
Division C (U125): Oxfordshire

6. Trophies:  
Division A: Frank Rich for Buckinghamshire  
Division B: Retained by Hampshire  
Division C: Steve Bennett for Oxfordshire  
It was suggested that a trophy should be presented for the Jamboree.
7. Elections of Officers 2014 – 2015 season:  
Officers:  
Chairman; Nigel Dennis. Proposed-S. Bennett. Seconded-R. Corden  
Treasurer; Brian Cleves. Proposed-G Ward. Seconded C. Priest.  
Grader: Peter Hemmings – subject to clarification.  
Secretary; Christine Coates. Proposed-N. Dennis. Seconded-S. Bennett  
Accepted by the meeting as a block vote.
8. The future of division 3 (U125):  
Steve Bennett produced a breakdown of the defaults in the various divisions. The jamboree, Division One and Division 2 had very few defaults. Division 3 had by far the most defaults.  
There was a problem with the communication with the Hampshire C team captain. Hampshire were the worst defaulters in the division and defaulted 2 matches.  
Hampshire would continue to take part in division 3 matches conditional on a suitable captain being found that could address these problems.  
In the event of a suitable captain not coming forward then the division would continue for one year with Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire taking part.
9. Fixtures:  
Nigel will prepare and circulate a fixture list. He supplied a schedule of events but if any member counties have any additional tournaments or congresses please submit these to Nigel so that he can avoid clashes.
- 10 Jamboree:  
It was decided that the jamboree should be held at Wellington again as this appeared to be a suitable venue fairly central for most of the county players. A date of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was agreed subject to the college being available.
11. AOB:  
It was proposed by John Upham that the Chiltern League became affiliated to the SCCU. This was discussed at some length. Berkshire and Buckinghamshire were against this so the proposal was rejected.  
Christine Coates pointed advised of the FIDE rule changes that will come into effect in July.

Actions from the meeting:

- 1) Christine Coates to liaise with the treasurer regarding queries of the accounts.
- 2) An action placed on the Hampshire representative to appoint a captain of the division 3 team who was more able to communicate with the other Chiltern League captains.
- 3) Ray Corden to liaise with Peter Hemmings regarding gradings submitted for the second half of last season and his availability to act as grader for the coming season.
- 4) Nigel Dennis to research past winners of the Jamboree to assess the feasibility of a trophy for the Jamboree and to have it engraved with past winners

The meeting closed at 17.00