

MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD 7.6.93

AT 7.30pm AT THE ROYAL NAVY CLUB, MURRAY ST., HARTLEPOOL.

PRESENT G.F.WALSH, G.R.MARSHALL, B.MYERS, R.PALLISTER, S.P.ROE,
M.WATTS, S.MORGAN,C.P.CARRADINE, J.BANFORD, S.J.HEGEDUS,
P.DUNN,
J.ROGERS, G.SHOTTON, D.SAWDON, R.HOLLAND, S.KESWANI, A.HILL,
A.EADINGTON, D.APPELYARD, H.SHATANAWI, E.GLASS, J.GLASS,
G.MATTHEWS, K.SMITH and D.A.SMITH.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE S.DAUBER, A.KIDDLE, D.AKEHURST,
N.STEPHENSON and S.MARSH.

Prior to commencement of the meeting The President announced the recent death of Tom Wise, former President of Teesside Chess Association and subsequently Cleveland Chess Association. Those present paid their respects with a minutes silence.

The President also announced that in honour of our departed friend and colleague the team K.O. Cup would henceforth be known as The Tom Wise Trophy.

MINUTES OF THE LAST A.G.M

The minutes of the last A.G.M.
should read S.Dauber as the registration secretary, with that amendment the minutes were accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All Officers were re-elected unopposed.

PRESIDENT	G.F. WALSH
SECRETARY	G.R. MARSHALL
TREASURER	S. DAUBER
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	S. DAUBER
GRADER	S.P. ROE
LEAGUE ORGANISER 'A&B'	R. PALLISTER
LEAGUE ORGANISER 'C&D'	M. WATTS
INDIVIDUAL ORGANISER	B. MYERS
TOM WISE TROPHY ORG.	R. PALLISTER
N.C.C.U DELEGATE	G.F. WALSH and M. WATTS
B.C.F. DELEGATE	G.F.WALSH
MATCH CAPTAIN	S. MORGAN
JUNIOR ORGANISER	S. MARSH

OFFICERS REPORTS

SECRETARY:

Entries for the 1993/94 Year Book as soon as possible please. The copy deadline is the 31st July, but late amendments may be submitted with prior warning up to September to allow for clubs with late Annual General Meetings.

TREASURER:

The treasurers report was submitted a copy of which is attached.

LEAGUE ORGANISERS:

A successful season with games played reasonably to scheduled date, with the exception of the D division where due to the late withdrawal of Guisbrough and replacement by Billingham caused many rearranged fixtures. The extra Billingham team were allowed several concession on the understanding that they were ineligible for promotion this season.

GRADER:

The final grading lists are not yet available any club with club championship results not yet submitted please do so as soon as possible for inclusion in the new grading list. Up to date league tables and full season results were issued.

The meeting wished to express their thanks to Steve for considerable efforts during the season in the providing of regular result sheets and league tables, and also his efforts in providing material for the Northern Echo for publication in the Wednesday sports feature.

KNOCK OUT CUP:

The knock out cup was this year won by Middlesbrough who won the final against Middlesbrough Rooks by the narrow margin of 3v2.

JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Junior Chess within the county is in a very healthy state with many young players coming through that are ready to benefit from the experience of senior club chess. It is important for both the juniors and for the senior clubs that every effort is made to encourage young players to take part at senior levels. This situation is exemplified by the performance of the Elmwood Tyros a wholly junior team whom have gained promotion to the 'B' division. It must also be noted, with congratulations to all concerned the achievement of Jay Stockham in his captaincy of the England Under 11 team.

INDIVIDUAL ORGANISER:

Whilst the entry for the past season was slightly disappointing it must be said, those that did play for the full competition enjoyed a good and thrilling competition. In the end Norman Stephenson won the Major and after a play off Steve Measey prevailed in the minor. Entries for the 1993/94 season competitions to Bryan Myers as soon as possible please, and do remember that home venues may be any reasonable venue that the home player nominates, that for instances includes homes.

In an effort to increase the entry for next season it was proposed to increase the prize fund by £60 for next season, this was approved by 20 for and 0 against.

PRESIDENT(Also as B.C.F. and N.C.C.U. delegate);

The controversy over the Short v Kasparov affair has created much confusion within the B.C.F., Gerry in an effort to establish a guide as to his voting mandate, asked for the opinion of the membership over the matter. Opinions at the meeting were as varied as those expressed nationally though it was generally agreed that the B.C.F. should without necessarily participating in the event, endeavour to maximise any potential gains to British Chess.

The future of the B.C.F. is currently questionable particularly with regard to finance. The Game Fee Levy has now been introduced with regard to congresses and firm proposals for the 1994/95 season are tabled but with opposition from various factions and the possibility of various Chess organisations not participating, the future of the Game Fee is uncertain. It must also be noted that Manchester and various other North West Associations are at the moment particularly aggrieved at the B.C.F. over their perceived leniency towards Short over his non acceptance of Manchester as the venue for The World Championship match.

The current make up of the B.C.F. is dominated by the Territorial Affiliates, for instance the N.C.C.U. has three delegates, this situation may well change if the Game Fee goes ahead as proposed, with the congress and independent league organisers gaining representation, this may well change the political make up of the B.C.F. hopefully returning it to the grass roots membership.

MATCH CAPTAIN:

The County entered teams in the under 150 and under 125 competitions which consist of teams of 12 or 16 players good results were achieved including again reaching the final of The Pennine Shield still to be played against Lancashire. In all some 30 to 40 players have been involved this season.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES:

1. The proposal for fees in the light of game fee levy was withdrawn, as this was originally expected to be in force for the 1993/94 season and is now planned for the 1994/95 season, the proposal was left as information only as a basis of discussion within the various clubs. It was proposed that the fees for the next season of 1993/94 should be fixed at the level of those for the 1992/93 season. this was accepted unanimously.

2. Due to the late notification of the agenda it was decided that it was unconstitutional to make any rule changes at the A.G.M., it was therefore proposed and accepted that an E.G.M. be

held on the 1st September 1993 at the Billingham Synthonia Club commencing 7.30pm to consider the rule changes, the agenda for that meeting will be notified by the 1st August 1993 and the minutes of this meeting constitute advance notification of the E.G.M.. Any additional proposals for that meeting to be forwarded to me by the 21st July 1993.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ä Upper Eskdale asked that other clubs should note that due to access problems their home games will normally not commence before 7.15pm.

St. Peters club have now changed their venue to the Parklands.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED.