

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the Ladle on 13.09.00

Present

Gerry Walsh (*President*), Keith Smith (*Secretary*), Steve Dauber (*Treasurer*), Ray Pallister (*League Organizer*), Brian Myers (*Individual Organizer*), Dave Richards (*Grader*), Brian M^cKie (*County U125 Captain*), Jeremy Burnett (*Billingham*), N.Cole (*Stokesley*), Graham Edwards (*Billingham*), Tony Kiddle (*Middlesbrough*), Steve MacCormack (*Teesside Hungs.*), Cedric Maxwell (*Whitby*), Bill M^cGregor (*Peterlee*), Stuart Morgan (*Guisborough*), Mike Mossom (*Redcar*), Bernard Price (*Hartlepool*).

Apologies for absence

P.Weightman, R. Moore, Keith Hatton, Jim Rogers

At this point of the proceedings Item 4 Reports of Officers was taken first, due to the League Organizer having to leave early for an urgent engagement.

Reports of Officers

Mr Pallister issued the fixture lists to the clubs but it was still not clear how many teams would be in the C division. An amended list would be issued in due course.

At the moment there are no Cleveland grades and those that were in the first BCF grading list are inaccurate. Mr Walsh reported that he had asked the BCF to reprint a second version of the list and hopefully this would be available from around 16th/17th September.

Finally Mr Pallister hoped that Guisborough Chess Club could host the 1st round of the Tom Wise Knock-out Cup on 2nd November.

Mr Pallister left the meeting and the proceedings reverted back to the Agenda.

Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted as a true record.

Proposed *Mr. B. Price* Seconded *Mr. G.S. Morgan*

Matters Arising

It was reported that the grading situation was a fiasco – there was a problem with the computer software particularly in relation to League results. A new membership scheme was to be put before the next Council meeting. Juniors were to pay £5, a basic membership was to be available at £10 (this included a grading), for £20 you would get extra items like *ChessMoves* and the Direct membership rate was to be kept at £35. A two-thirds majority was needed to get the scheme through but Mr Walsh thought that might be difficult to achieve.

Finally Paul Douglass was no longer interested in being Correspondence Captain due to work pressures.

Reports of Officers

Mr Walsh reported that the old Stockton Chess Club trophy had been returned to him and it will go back to the Elmwood club as soon as possible. There was a simul arranged at Yarm School on 27th September with Daniel King GM.

The Treasurer reported that the presentation evening had been a financial success with 110 tickets sold and a surplus of £153 on the night.

Mr Walsh brought up the issue of what to do with the old Tees-side Chess Association trophy which should appear shortly on the *Antiques Roadshow*. Several parties had expressed an interest in the trophy and it might be possible to keep it in the county. The four ivory pegs that were missing have now turned up so the trophy is complete. It was agreed that an Extra-ordinary meeting would be held, probably on October 16th, to discuss the matter.

Any Other Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm