

# Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the Hillcarter Hotel on 19.01.00

## Present

Gerry Walsh (*President*), Keith Smith (*Secretary*), Les Boxx (*Hartlepool*), Gordon Dickinson (*Stokesley*), Graham Matthews (*Hartlepool*), Stuart Morgan (*Guisborough*), Bernard Price (*Hartlepool*), Alan Trotter (*Elmwood*).

*At the start of the meeting Mr Walsh regretfully informed everyone of the recent deaths of Howard Bowyer and Steve Welbourne.*

## Apologies for absence

Steve Dauber, N. Cole, Ray Pallister, P. Archer

## Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted.

Proposed            *Mr. G. Dickinson*            Seconded            *Mr. G. Matthews*

## Matters Arising

Mr. Walsh reported that Roger Edwards, the new BCF grader, had issued composite grades for people with more than one grade and Dave Richards has these for the Cleveland players. A corrected grading list is to be issued late January.

## Reports of Officers

Mr Walsh reported for the absent Treasurer and said that a report would be sent to be attached to the minutes for the meeting.

The League Organiser was also absent but he had issued up-to-date League tables and these were circulated to the clubs at the meeting.

The BCF Yearbooks had not been received but are rumoured to be available from the end of January.

Mr Walsh reported that the BCF were to leave their premises in April and that this matter and a new membership scheme were up for discussion at their next meeting. The current Full membership scheme was likely to continue with a new Associate Member being created for around £15/£20 with concessions being available for the unemployed, etc. The name of the BCF could possibly change to the English Chess Federation. In addition the grades could switch to the ELO system and only Full/Associate members would have grades listed.

The Secretary reported on some correspondence he had received from Mr Tennant-Smith, the NCCU Counties Correspondence Organiser. He asked the meeting if anyone was prepared to captain a Cleveland entry into the competition for next year. Mr Walsh reported that Paul Douglass, *The Ladle*, might be interested and he would ask him.

## Any Other Business

Mr Walsh reminded the meeting about the Redcar Chess Congress and that it was at a new venue this year – Coatham Memorial Hall. Mr Morgan reported that Gisborough Hall now shut at 10pm but that it was possible to start the matches at 6.30pm if the teams wished. The meeting was reminded of the Durham 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary jamboree which is on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Durham School.

The meeting closed at around 8.25pm