

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the Ladle club on 14.09.98

### Present

Gerry Walsh (*President*), Keith Smith (*Secretary*), Ray Pallister (*League Organiser*), Brian Myers (*Individual Organiser*), Graham Marshall (*County U125 Captain*), DC Baillie (*Redcar*), N. Cole (*Stokesley*), J.G. Cowle (*Redcar*), G. Dickinson (*Stokesley*), P. Douglass (*Ladle*), D. Dykes (*Redcar*), L. Everitt (*Redcar*), Geoff Garnett (*Teesside Blind*), Bob Hammond (*Hartlepool*), A.L. Hare (*Norton Hall*), K. Hatton (*Darlington*), S. Henderson (*Ladle*), Dave Kelly (*Hartlepool*), Graham Matthews (*Hartlepool*), Bill M<sup>c</sup>Gregor (*Peterlee*), B. M<sup>c</sup>Kie (*Darlington*), M. Mossom (*Redcar*), A. Norman (*Ladle*), B. Norman (*Ladle*), Dave Richards (*Ladle*), Jim Rogers (*Athenaeum*), Gerald Shotton (*Athenaeum*), C. Swales (*Redcar*), Alan Trotter (*Elmwood*), P. Weightman (*Synthonia*).

### Apologies for absence

Steve Dauber, Tony Kiddle, Bernard Price

### Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted.

Proposed            *Mr. G. Matthews*            Seconded            *Mr. B. M<sup>c</sup>Gregor*

### Matters Arising

Mr. Pallister reported on the summer's Presentation evening which broke even and was generally considered successful. He did note that the turnout was disappointingly low considering that the venue this year was more central than the Stokesley venue the year before and that some clubs had shown little interest in attending despite winning prizes. There had also been little contribution of prizes for the prize draw which again was disappointing.

Mr Walsh reported that the Middlesbrough Congress had 50 fewer entries than last year. The Braille Chess Club were successful in their bid to the National Lottery to the tune of £2,500 and £750 is to come to the Cleveland Chess Association to fund a chess coaching course. The four figure grade idea from the BCF has received mixed support within the chess world with a 50/50 split throughout the country.

### Reports of Officers

League Organiser

The fixture lists and rules were issued to all clubs. Mr. Pallister reminded the meeting of the relevant rules:

- 31<sup>st</sup> October is the closing date for registrations to be sent *both* to Steve Dauber *and* Ray Pallister.
- If you have more than one team in the League nominated player lists must be sent to Ray Pallister before the end of September.
- New players must be paid for *before* they play a game – any League official (*see rule 7b in the Handbook*) can accept the registration payment.

He also reported that the First Round of the Tom Wise Knockout Trophy will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Ladle where all the matches are expected to be played at the same time. The Home team in the draw is expected to bring the equipment for their match.

Any team not wanting to play in this competition was asked to let Mr Pallister know by the end of September. The second round draw could be made on the night.

Mr Walsh reported on a problem with the Cleveland gradings this year. The BCF National list mainly contains the last year's grade for most Cleveland players due to computer problems within Cleveland. Another list has been produced for the early part of the season by Dave Richards of the Ladle Chess Club which just contains last year's League results. These grades are classed as *estimated grades only*.

However Mr Richards is hoping to produce a second list shortly which incorporates as much data as possible from the various Cleveland Congresses and internal tournaments.

A new BCF grading list is expected to be issued in February and the target from now on is for them to produce *6 monthly* instead of yearly lists.

Mr. Myers circulated the Individual Championship details to all clubs.

The NCCU Centenary Club competition was promoted again – clubs were urged to enter teams.

Mark Watts has stood down as grader and Dave Richards has kindly stepped in to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Garnett mentioned that Chris Ross came 16<sup>th</sup>/100 in the World Championship for the Blind which was a very creditable performance. A full report of this tournament is to be attached later hopefully.

A request was made for any change of phone numbers to be made known to the relevant Officers.

#### **Any Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at around 8.30pm