

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the Hillcarter Hotel on 13.01.99

Present

Gerry Walsh (*President*), Keith Smith (*Secretary*), Graham Marshall (*County U125 Captain*), Dave Richards (*Grader*), Les Boxx (*Hartlepool*), Geoff Garnett (*Teesside Blind*), Tony Kiddle (*Middlesbrough*), Graham Matthews (*Hartlepool*), Stuart Morgan (*Guisborough*), Bernard Price (*Hartlepool*), Alan Trotter (*Elmwood*).

Apologies for absence

Steve Dauber, Brian Myers, Ray Pallister, Richard Moore, D.Dykes

Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted.

Proposed *Mr. G. Garnett* Seconded *Mr. G. Matthews*

Matters Arising

Mr. Walsh reported that the chess coaching course had indeed taken place at the end of December 1998 in Middlesbrough and it had been hosted by RG Wade. Norman Stephenson and Richard Hall were awarded Regional Coach titles as a result.

There was much general comment on the grading situation – Mr. Walsh had informed the meeting that the January grading list was now expected in the middle of March. The grader Dave Richards had issued provisional grades to last until then but there was some mention of the inaccuracy of the grades already issued - particularly those of juniors. It was noted that the grader has the discretion to adjust the grades as he sees fit.

Reports of Officers

The League Organiser was absent from the meeting but he had issued up-to-date League tables at the beginning of the New Year to all clubs. A notice advertising the 2nd round of the Tom Wise K.O.Cup had also been issued – this was now on the 21st January at Teesside Hungarians Chess Club. There was a possibility that the QF might be held at Hartlepool Chess Club.

Mr Walsh reported for the Treasurer who was also absent and issued an interim balance sheet as at 11/01/99. Most of the subs had been collected and there was £200 left over from the above coaching course. There was to be a meeting in the near future at the Teesside Chess & Games Club for the Blind at the Highfield Hotel, M'bro to resolve what to do with this amount.

The BCF Championships were to be at Scarborough this year and there was a possibility that the Chairmanship of the BCF, currently held by Stewart Reuben, might fall to Gerry Walsh. Tony Kiddle reported on a questionnaire that he had filled in which he had received from the BCF.

The NCCU Centenary Club competition had so far been successful for Cleveland teams with all three of The Ladle, Elmwood and Hartlepool making progress. However Hartlepool had done so through a bye. The next round sees The Ladle v Alwoodley, Hartlepool v Pontefract and Elmwood v Sheffield. Mr. Walsh also reported that the Grand Prix idea is to be repeated next year.

Any Other Business

The Redcar Chess Congress was brought to the meeting's attention.

The meeting closed at around 8.40pm