

**Minutes of the BCCA Annual General Meeting, Held at Wycombe & Hazlemere Club,
Hazlemere Community Centre, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere,
on Monday, 23rd May 2011**

1. Apologies from:

Graham Brown, Steve Law, Darrell Watson, Claudio Marelli, Brian Hicks

2. Present

Nick Butland (chairman), Hans Hansen, Eugene Bolduc, Chris Stothert, Andrew Challinger, Jon Melsom, Andrew Hill, Colin Walker, Andrew Eastwood, Gerry Grimmette, Frank Rich, Ian Hall, Roger de Coverly, Dave Turner, Neville Belinfante, David Langford, George Parker, Carl Weaver, Fred Day.

3. Previous Minutes

Last year's minutes were approved without amendment

4. Matters Arising – County President

The illness of our President, Alex Niedzwiedzki, had been discussed at the last AGM. Sadly he died in February and Andrew Hill and Fred Day had attended his funeral in Walsingham. At the subsequent Executive meeting, it had been agreed to invite George Parker, our former long serving Chairman, to serve in Alex's stead.

In accepting the invitation, George paid tribute to Alex's work for chess, and said that he would like to continue the tradition of the President's prize, initiated by Alex.

The Chairman was concerned that there might not be adequate space on the league shield to add a name plate commemorating Alex, as he had proposed at the Exec meeting – to be reviewed later.

5. Officers' Reports

a) Treasurer

Carl Weaver had circulated the accounts, which showed surpluses on all competitions, totalling £158, and increasing our funds at the bank and building society to £1826. In the light of that, and assuming a similar pattern of events and player numbers next season (2011-12), he considered that there need be no changes in fees or prize monies next season, despite the increase in the ECF game fee from £0.54 to £0.58. The accounts, audited by Joan Gardner, were unanimously accepted, and the meeting concurred with Carl's status quo proposals without objection.

Carl pointed out that a radical review of our competition entry fees and prize monies would be necessary for the 2012-13 season, assuming that the ECF membership scheme replaced game fees. (See further discussion on this topic under item 8).

b) Secretary/Individual Competition/Chilterns League

The Secretary congratulated Eugene Bolduc on winning the top section of the Individual Competition, and the Chairman presented his winner's cheque. Tim Jones was not present to receive his Div 3 winner's cheque.

Fred was disappointed that games had not been completed in Div 2, so that the winner was not yet certain, though Narinder Singh was the front runner. He had introduced provisional rules potentially penalising the laggards, and was considering adding a version of these to Schedule 2 of the constitution, as a deterrent to undue delays (Current tables on website).

Fred had attended the recent Chilterns League Exec meeting with Andrew Hill, when the following main decisions were made:

- Under 200 section will be “open” next season
- Time control will be all moves in 2 hours (“default position”), but captains may agree to play with an intermediate time control of 36 moves in 90 minutes.
- Counties to seek opinions re such time controls (see Bucks survey below).
- The Jamboree, won this year by Bucks with 12.5 points, may become a season opener in September. Venue: Oxfordshire, date: to be advised.

Time Control Survey

BCCA Survey Analyses - total of 38 responses	
Chilterns Move Rates	
Prefer the intermediate time control	18
Prefer the single 2 hour time control	8
Content with either time control	13

c) Club Competition Controller

Jon Melsom congratulated Wycombe & Hazlemere, on winning the championship, and also Slough first team on their return to the championship section, where they would replace Bourne End 2, who were relegated (see final tables on website).

Some 125 players had played in league matches this season. There had been no significant disciplinary problems, and defaults had been lower, except for Slough, where falling membership and accommodation issues had caused concern at the end of 2010. He expressed concern at the very late submission of results by some clubs and urged prompt reporting.

d) County Match Captains' Reports

The Chilterns League tables were presented and the captains reports had been circulated and considered at the Executive meeting.

(Secretary's Note: Brian Hicks has reported since the meeting that Brian Lacey has taken responsibility for the time being for Rosetti Hall bookings for County matches, the previous contact having left – he would need to be contacted as soon as the new Chilterns fixture list is available)

e) Grading Officer/Webmaster.

Dave Turner reported the the number of graded games had again increased slightly. He reiterated his Exec report reminding individuals, clubs and competition organisers that the closing date for submission of results for grading was 31st May. To ensure clear player identification, he emphasised the need for accurately-spelled full names for new players, an indication of their previous clubs, if any, gender, and birth dates for those under 18.

Dave added that consideration was being given by the ECF to issuing a second grading list halfway through next season, the update to include the new season's results. He echoed Jon's request, therefore, that all results should be submitted promptly, and he was considering the practicalities of team captains, or nominated individuals, accessing the website to enter results directly.

f) **Junior Chess**

Hans Hansen's report had been circulated in the Exec minutes. Since that meeting a very successful "Mega-Final" for different age groups in the 7 to 18 age range had been attended by 150 juniors at Wycombe High School

2. Constitution/Rules

No formal changes planned, but Fred's comments re possible penalties for delaying the individual competition playing schedule were noted.

3. President's Prize

Hans Hansen accepted this year's President's Prize on behalf of his son, William Claridge-Hansen, in recognition of his outstanding performances at junior national and international level.

4. Best Game Prize

Nick said that seven games were under consideration, and he hoped to inform the winner shortly.

5. ECF/SCCU Matters

Neville Belinfante's report on the ECF Finance Committee's recommendations had been circulated, the main recommendations being that the game fee for next season will be £0.58, and that game fees should be replaced in the 2012- 13 season by a Membership scheme.

In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that there was much detail to be resolved by the ECF before the membership scheme can be implemented, including how and when the fees would be collected, and what would happen to ECF finances and also the grading system if significant numbers failed to become members.

It was hoped that these questions and other uncertainties would be resolved at the AGM of the ECF in October. It was agreed that an earlier than usual BCCA Executive meeting should be called afterwards to consider the implications for our own competition entry fees etc.

It was noted that in a survey of Bucks players, a majority of members had continued to express a preference for the game fee system, but none had indicated that they would refuse to join the ECF. It was accepted that the responses were largely from regular players, rather than the occasional club members.

BCCA Survey Analyses - total of 38 responses	
ECF Membership	
Will join the ECF	17
Game Fee preferred, but will join the ECF	18
Will not join the ECF	0
Undecided	4

!0. Election of Officers

It was noted that certain officers were not standing again, and the chairman expressed thanks on behalf the association to retiring office holders: Brian Hicks (u200 Captain), Isabel Howe

(u125 Captain), and Fred Day (secretary) for services rendered. The elected officers, with contact details, are listed in the appendix below, which also includes club details, in the ECF Year Book format.

6. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm

Appendix

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE: <http://www.buckschess.org.uk>.

OFFICERS AND CLUB DETAILS FOR SEASON 2011-12

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B Team (u-150) Vacancy

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Grading Officer and Webmaster: David J Turner, 22 Butterfield, Wooburn Green, Bucks, HP10 0PX

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Junior Co-ordinator: Hans Hansen, 1 Reading Room Cottages, Chartridge, HP5 2TN

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ECF Representative: Neville Belinfante, Flat 10, Ostlers Court, Old Coach Drive, High Wycombe.

Tel: 01494 436 534 e-mail: Neville@belinfante.demon.co.uk

SCCU Representative: Vacancy

Auditor: J Gardner e-mail: joannie999@live.com

Executive Committee: The President and the Officers, and one representative of each club, if the club is not already represented by a county officer.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SECRETARIES

Aylesbury: Aylesbury ex-Servicemen's Club, 62-64 Walton Street, HP21 7Q (Tuesdays)

Nick Butland, 24 Coppidwell Drive, Aylesbury, HP21 9QF, Tel: 01296-433672

e-mail nick.butland@ntlworld.com (Juniors 6.30 – 7.30pm).

Berkhamsted: Cricket Club, Berkhamsted Sports and Social Club, Kitcheners Field, Off Castle Hill, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HE. (Wednesdays) Website: [Berkhamsted Sports Club.co.uk](http://BerkhamstedSportsClub.co.uk)

Ian J Hall, 6 Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 2NJ, Tel: 01442 864 097

Bourne End: Bourne End Community Centre, [Wakeman Road, Bourne End,](#)

[Bucks, SL8 5SX, UK,](#) (Wednesdays), Roger de Coverly, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks

SL7 3JA, Tel: 01628 486 676. e-mail: rdc@rdc200.fsnet.co.uk

Gerrards Cross: Memorial Centre, [8 East Common, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 7AD](#)

(Wednesdays) Peter Forrest, Tregaron, Disraeli Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 2QE

Tel: 01494 677 640 e-mail: petforr@btinternet.com

High Wycombe and Hazlemere: Hazlemere Community Centre, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, HP15 7UB
(Mondays) Andrew W Hill, as above. Also Bucks beginners and improvers – all ages, Mondays, 6.30pm to 7.15 pm. at same venue (contact Brian Lacey above)

Slough (Lady Haig): British Legion Club, 70 Stoke Road, Slough (Thursdays)

A Graham Brown, 5 Clewer Park, Windsor, Berks, SL4 5HA

Tel: 01753 868 720 e-mail: Graham.brown68@btinternet.com

Hamilton School Junior Chess/BYCA, Priory Road, HP13 6SG, High Wycombe (Fridays -6.30pm.) Open to any Bucks juniors, beginners and improvers - Contact Paul Basham Tel: 01494 531 275 email: paul.basham@crowcon.com,

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