

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Hamilton School,
Priory Road, High Wycombe, HP13 6SG, on Tues 27th May 2008**

1. Present

Nick Butland (Chairman), John Melsom, Neville Belinfante, George Parker, Manfred Egby, Roger de Coverly, Brian Lacey, Paul Basham, Andrew Hill, Chris Stothert, Graham Brown, Brian Hicks, Frank Rich, Carl Weaver, Fred Day.

Also present: Chris Majer, ECF Chief Executive

2. Apologies

Alex, Peter Forrest, Ian Hall, Dave Turner, Nigel Jennings, Colin Walker

3. Previous Minutes

Approved Nem Con.

4. Matters Arising

None not covered by agenda items.

5. Treasurer's Report and Executive Recommendations

Carl had circulated the accounts, which showed, subject to audit, an increase of funds of £163.61 to £1677.29. (Secretary's Note: AGM room hire of £25 to be deducted). The meeting noted the 2p increase in ECF game fees for next season but accepted the Executive Committee's recommendation that all prizes and entry fees should remain unchanged

Brian Lacey raised the question of third party insurance, pointing out that Rossetti Hall lettings did not include this in the fee, so that county matches played there were technically not covered. Most club representatives believed that they were covered by their local hiring conditions. The Chairman recommended that all clubs should check their insurance positions. (Secretary's note: info on ECF insurance scheme has been requested – public liability, equipment and trophies)

6. Secretary's /Individual Controller's Report

The secretary reported a contact from Bucks County Councillor David Meacock from Amersham, who was interested in the development of chess in schools and providing some financial support. He had been given Brian Lacey's and Paul Basham's contact numbers but neither had heard from him so far.

The Individual Championship had been won by Manfred Egby, but a number of promotion and relegation issues were still to be resolved, the second division having been so close that Joan Gardner, with one game to play, could be facing a play-off for either promotion or relegation.

(Sec's Note: Final Tables in appendix 3)

A recent dispute over starting time had exposed possible shortcomings in the individual competition rules. Following discussion it was agreed that the Controller would provide some guidelines on this question with next season's fixtures, rather than a formal change of rules, the implementation of which depends on the goodwill of the players.

7. Club Championship Controller's Report

Jon Melsom congratulated Berkhamsted on winning the Club Championship, and Wycombe and Hazlemere 2 on winning the second division. Decisions on promotion and relegation would be considered in the light of advice from affected clubs. He apologised for causing some incorrect match scores to appear on the website, and expressed concern about late reporting of results, sometimes inaccurately, and also the increasing trend in whole match defaults.

(Final Tables and Match Results in Appendix 4)

8. County Chess – Chilterns League

Brian Hicks reported on that the u-180 team had lost all six matches, largely because a lot of our stronger players had not been available, and we were regularly out-graded. Chris's u-125 team had significantly improved, winning 3/6, with useful contributions from some juniors. (Details in Appendices 5 and 6)

Chris had initiated a u-100 group for mixed adults and juniors (50/50) and provisional fixtures for all three teams are appended.

9. Grading Officer/Webmaster

Secretary's note: Dave Turner had reminded everyone at the recent Executive Meeting that all results for grading should be submitted by 31st May. He did not think that the forthcoming changes to the grading system would have any significant effect on the grading officer— see http://www.englishchess.org.uk/2006/stat-gs_oct06.htm.ut Dave also hoped to have a password-protected online form for reporting of club championship results next season. This would expedite the publication of results and minimise transcription errors.

10. ECF/SCCU Matters

The chairman welcomed Chris Majer, Chief Executive of the ECF, and invited him to address the meeting on recent events at the ECF. Chris took questions on the topics raised, and the salient points are summarised below.

Chris first referred the resignations of four directors, which he had found surprising, as they had sufficient democratic support to pursue the policies they favoured. He was aware of possible concerns regarding the use of money left in trust, but the trustees had to ensure that this was in accordance with the terms of such trusts. The John Robinson Trust, rendered charitable by a deed of variation to the will, was a particular case where the trustees disagreed with the former directors.

Raising finance from mandatory ECF membership, as in the USA and other countries, also favoured in the north of England, instead of from game fees, was another contentious proposition, which was still technically ECF Board policy. There had been no indication of the level or method of calculation for a mandatory membership subscription, which could be collected via clubs in much the same manner as game fees. The administration detail of game fees at congresses and around the counties would be eliminated by the membership subscription. On the other hand, someone playing only one or two games a season would be expected to pay the same sub as a regular player, which could deter new

players. There was also the question of whether non-members would be allowed to play competitive chess with members, and whether their games would be graded. Mention was made of the bridge players approach to their equivalent situation, where they had gone for a one-off life-membership fee and retained game fees.

The complications of “one member-one vote” and the possible charitable status of the ECF in the light of new legislation, were also mentioned. The concern was obtaining charitable status with professional players, for whom a separate organisation would need to be established.

The internet ECF open forum, which had ranged over all these topics was also mentioned.

Next season it was expected that two ECF grades would be given to all established players:

- a) One calculated as in previous years, and which would still be used for any ECF and county tournaments for next season. There had been an alleged gradual downwards drift over the years.
- b) A second trial grade, calculated by a different method, aimed at consistently producing predictable average results when groups of players of different grades played each other, eg. A 25 point difference in grade should mean that the higher graded group would achieve a 75% success rate. The factors used in the new method could mean that two players with the same “old” grade might have different “new” grades.

The results would be assessed at the end of the season.

The situation regarding the grading of rapidly improving juniors was raised but there was no immediate prospect of grades being re-calculated in mid-season.

In the absence of other data, county graders had discretion to consider certain rapid-play results for assessing the standard play grades of juniors.

Holloid Plastics had promised donate 250,000 chess sets to schools, and it was understood that production would start soon. A meeting was scheduled between ECF and Holloid on 7th June to discuss distribution of the sets throughout England.

11. Junior Chess

In a long discussion on junior chess the following items were covered:

- a) A copy of the Berkshire Child Protection Policy had been provided as a pattern for Bucks. (Secretary will adapt, and circulate for Executive Approval)
- b) CRB Clearance – it was possible to get this at £15 per person via CCF Chess. All those with who deal with junior chess were recommended to provide the basic information required (See appendix 1), and a collective application will be made by the secretary for next season. Paul Basham, Neville Belinfante, Colin Walker, Brian Lacey and Hans Hansen are already cleared.
- c) Tribute was paid to Paul Basham’s efforts in organising the recent Megafinal in the UK Chess Challenge, involving some 130 Bucks juniors, 29 of whom

qualified through to the Gigafinal at Wellington College on 13th July. More adult help was desirable for future events including the National under 11 finals to be held at Wycombe High School next May 13th for 500 players.

- d) Jamie Tilston (BYCA) and Chantelle Foster (Aylesbury Club) had been selected for the England u-11 squad, joining this county's six other England junior squad players: Matthew Saunders; James Foster; Ilya Iyengar; Sam Walker; David Saunders and Edward Basham.
- e) The Chairman also thanked Brian Lacey, who was regularly coaching in up to six schools a week and who would welcome assistance. Brian had also started "family and friends" team competitions, involving juniors on some Sundays.
- f) The nomination of Hamilton School for a BCET award was suggested, but since the meeting it has been learned that nominations had to be with the SCCU junior organiser Neill Cooper by the end of March

2. Presentation of the President's Prize

The Chairman warmly thanked George Parker for more than 35 years of service to chess, which included President of the SCCU, Chairman of the BCCA, Chairman and Secretary of Bourne End CC, Organiser of Bourne End Congress, Committee member for Bucks and Berks Congress and, in recognition, presented him with the President's prize. George suitably responded.

3. Presentation of Trophies/Prizes

The Chairman presented the Club Championship trophy to Andrew Hill on behalf of Berkhamsted, as Ian Hall was not able to be present, and John Melsom accepted the second division winners cheque for Wycombe and Hazlemere. Manfred Egby accepted the Individual Cup, and the Treasurer will send cheques to the winners of the other divisions.

4. Bucks and Berks Congress

The 44th Berks and Bucks Chess Congress will take place on Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August 2008. The new venue will be : -

Polehampton Junior School
Kibblewhite Crescent
Twyford
Berkshire
RG10 9AX

The distance of the school from Twyford Railway Station is: -

0.7 miles walking by the shortest route
1.1 miles by car

Entry forms will soon be circulated

5. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution

No changes proposed this year.

6. Best Game Prize

The “Best Game” prize had been awarded to James Foster (jnr)

7. Election Of Officers

There being no resignations or new nominations, the Chairman declared all officers re-elected. The list of officers and clubs is in Appendix 2, which contains some changes and corrections to detail compared with last season’s list. (Secretary’s note: please check and advise me of any subsequent changes of club officers, as this list will be forwarded for inclusion in the ECF Yearbook)

8. Any other business

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Chris Majer for his contribution and the officers for their work during the season, and declared the meeting closed.

Appendix 1 - CRB Clearance

From CCF Chess

Hi Fred

We can do CRB checks for volunteers at £15 each (basically covering cost of processing, postage, etc) for voluntary posts and £60 for those earning from it. We are registered with an agent registered with the CRB and do checks ourselves before sending them on to our agent.

I have to say that I have seen certain ID from each candidate. The following are ideal:

Passport

Driver's Licence

Birth Certificate

Marriage Certificate

P45 or P60

Proof of address (utility bill)

Also required

Full address info for the last 5 years

Individuals are welcome to check with me what they have to see if it is sufficient. I have a list of what combination of documents is acceptable and it can be complicated!

Hope that helps.

Scott

Appendix 2

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

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

OFFICERS AND CLUB DETAILS FOR SEASON 2008-9

President: Alex Niedzwiedzki, St Francis Cottage, Almonry Lane, 39 High Street, Little Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6BZ Tel: 01328 820 727 e-mail: alex.niedzwiedzki@which.net

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Email nick.butland@ntlworld.com

Secretary and Conductor of Individual Championship: Fred Day, 59 Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2UR Tel: 01494 522 713 e-mail: fgd@talktalk.net

Treasurer: Carl Weaver, e-mail: Carlweaver1@aol.com

Match Captain (1st Team in Chilterns League – u-180): P Brian Hicks, Pound Cottage, Terry's Lane, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 9RZ Tel: 01628 520 098

Match Captain (u-125 and u-100 Teams in Chilterns League): Chris Stothert 183 Fowler Road, Aylesbury, HP19 7QR, Tel: 01296 381 621, email: rcstothert@btinternet.com

Grading Officer and Webmaster: David J Turner, 22 Butterfield, Wooburn Green, Bucks, HP10 0PX Tel: 0788 779 1416, Email: dt@wedlake-systems.co.uk

Conductor of Club Championship: Jon Melsom, 2 Chiltern View, Saunderton, High Wycombe, HP14 4HX Tel: 01494 562 306 e-mail: jonathan.melsom@tiscali.co.uk

Junior Organiser: Brian Lacey, 11 Laceys Drive, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, HP15 7JY
Tel: 01494 713 698 e- and u-100 mail: twolaceys@tiscali.co.uk

ECF Representative: Neville Belinfante, Ostlers Court, Old Coach Drive, High Wycombe.
Tel: 01494 436 534 e-mail: Neville@belinfante.demon.co.uk

SCCU Representative: Vacancy

Auditor: Nigel Jennings, 7 Chapmans Crescent, Chesham, HP5 2QU
Tel: 01494 784 271 Email: Nigel@totalserve.co.uk

Executive Committee: The President and the Officers, and one representative of each club, together with the Secretary of the Berks and Bucks Congress if a registered member of the Association.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SECRETARIES

Aylesbury: Aylesbury Conservative Association, Walton Street, Aylesbury (Tuesdays).
Nick Butland, 24 Coppidwell Drive, Aylesbury, HP21 9QF, Tel: 01296-433672
Email nick.butland@ntlworld.com

Berkhamsted: Lagley Hall, Douglas Gardens, Berkhamsted, (Wednesdays)
Ian J Hall, 6 Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 2NJ Tel: 01442 864 097

Bourne End: Bourne End Community Centre (Wednesdays)
Roger de Coverly, 1Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA
Tel: 01628 486 676. e-mail: rdc@rdc200.fsnet.co.uk

Gerrards Cross: Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross (Thursdays)
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, 25 Honorwood Close, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 9HJ
Tel: 01494 864 366 e-mail: andrewhill65@yahoo.co.uk

Also Beginners and Improvers – all ages (contact Brian Lacey above) - at Rossetti Hall, New Pond Lane, Holmer Green HP15 6SW (Friday evenings)

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: Grahambrown68@btinternet.com

Bucks Youth Chess Association: Meet at Hamilton School, Priory Road, HP13 6SG, High Wycombe (Fridays -early evening) Chairman: Paul Basham Tel:01494 531 275,
e-mail: paul.basham@crowcon.com

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Appendix 3

BUCKS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 2007 – 8 (FINAL - 02/06/08)

Div 1

	Name	7	8	4	2	3	5	6	1	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Mpts	Posn
7	Manfred Egby	X	1D	½	1	½	1	1	1	7	5	2	0	6	1
8	Gasper Jubani	0D	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	7	5	1	1	5½	2
4	Graham Brown	½	½	X	½	½	½	1	1	7	2	5	0	4½	3
2	Nick Butland	0	0	½	X	1D	½	½	1	7	2	3	2	3½	4
3	Herby Ferris	½	0	½	0D	X	0	1	½	7	1	3	3	2½	5=
5	Eugene Bolduc	0	0	½	½	1	X	0	½	7	1	3	3	2½	5=
6	Dave Turner	0	0	0	½	0	1	X	1	7	2	1	4	2½	5=
1	Andrew Challenger	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	X	7	0	2	5	1	8

Div 2

	Name	8	6	2	3	7	5	4	1	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Mpts	Posn
8	David Langford	X	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	7	2	5	0	4½	1
6	Fred Day	½	X	½	1	1	½	½	0	7	2	4	1	4	2
2	Doug Forbes	0	½	X	1	1	½	½	0	7	2	3	2	3½	3=
3	Carl Weaver	½	0	0	X	½	1	½	1	7	2	3	2	3½	3=
7	Richard Cranston	½	0	0	½	X	½	1	1	7	2	3	2	3½	3=
5	Andrew Hill	0	½	½	0	½	X	½	1	7	1	4	2	3	6=
4	Phil Wain	½	½	½	½	0	½	X	½	7	0	6	1	3	6=
1	Joan Gardner	½	1	1	0	0	0	½	X	7	2	2	3	3	6=

Div 3

	Name	6	1	8	2	3	5	7	4	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Mpts	Posn
6	Ian Hall	X	½	1	1	1	1			5	4	1	0	4½/5	1
1	Mike Porter	½	X	1	½	½	1		(1)	5(+1)	2(+1)	3	0	3½/5	2
8	Joe Yeomans	0	0	X	1	½	1		(1)	5(+1)	2(+1)	1	2	2½/5	3
2	Ray Wild	0	½	0	X	1	½	(½)		5(+1)	1	2(+1)	2	2/5	4
3	Tim Jones	0	½	½	0	X	½	(1)	(1)	5(+2)	(2)	3	2	1½/5	5
5	Michael Firth	0	0	0	½	½	X			5	0	2	3	1/5	6
7	<i>Arthur Reed</i>				(½)			X		<i>Withdrawn</i>	0	1	1	(½/2)	7
4	<i>Daniel Godwin</i>		(0)	(0)		(0)			X	<i>Withdrawn</i>	0	0	3	0	8

Div 4

	Name	5	7	8	6	2	3	1	4	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	M Pts	Posn
5	Juan Perez	X	1D	½	1	1	1	1	1	7	6	1	0	6½	1
7	Joe Priestly	0D	X	1D	1	½	1	1D	1	7	5	1	1	5½/7	2
8	Chris Schroeder	½	0D	X	1	1	0	1D	1	7	4	1	2	4½/7	3
6	Brian Hicks	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	7	4	0	3	4	4
2	Chris Stothert	0	½	0	0	X	1	1	1	7	3	1	3	3½	5
3	Frank Rich	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	7	3	0	4	3	6
1	Nigel Jennings	0	0D	0D	0	0	0	X	1	<i>Withdrawn</i>	1	0	6	1	7
4	Arthur Godwin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	7	0	0	7	0	8

Note: Italicised results will be graded, but do not count for the competition, as the player has completed less than half of the fixtures

Appendix 4

Bucks League Results 2007-2008

Division 1

Division 2

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Appendix 5 Chilterns League U-180 team Results

Name	Result Bucks v Berks 06 10 07	Result Oxon v Bucks 10 11 07	Result Berks v Bucks 12 01 08	Result Hants v Bucks 15 03 08	Result Bucks v Hants 05 04 08	Result Bucks v Oxon 12 04 08	Total Individual Scores	Played
Match scores	5.0 - 15.0	6.5 -13.5	8.0 - 12.0	5.0 - 12.0	7.0 - 13.0	4.5 - 12.5		

Koichi Nicholas	1 0		Draw		0 1	0 1	1.5	4
Roger de Coverly	1 0	0 1		0 1	0 1	Draw	1.5	5
Steve James	0 1	1 0		1 0	1 0		3	4
Nigel Livesey	Draw		Draw			Draw	1.5	3
Brian Atkinson	0 1		1 0				1	2
David Turner	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 1	0	6
Herbie Ferris	0 1	0 1	0 1				0	3
Kevin Hawkins	0 1		0 1	Draw		1 0	1.5	4
David Sanders	0 1						0	1
Tom Rixon	0 1	1 0	1 0	0 1	1 0	1 0	3	6
A Graham Brown	Draw	Draw	Draw	0 1		0 1	1.5	5
Edward Basham	0 1			0 1			0	2
Eugene Bolduc	Draw	Draw	Draw	0 1	Draw	0 1	2	6
Andrew Hill	Draw			0 1	0 1		0.5	3
Ian Hall	Draw	Draw	Draw	Draw		Draw	2.5	5
Joe Yeomans	0 1						0	1
Fred Day	0 1	0 1	Draw	0 1	Draw	0 1	1	6
Chris Stothert	Draw	0 1	0 1	1 0	0 1	Def 1 0	0.5	5
Claudio Mareli	0 1	0 1		Draw	0 1		0.5	4
Brian Hicks	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 1		0	5
Philip Bonafont		1 0	1 0		1 0		3	3
Brian Shipley		0 1	0 1	Draw		0 1	0.5	4
Gasper Jubani		0 1					0	1
Nick Butland		1 0	Draw		Draw		2	3
Jonathan Melsom		Draw					0.5	1
Greg Edmonds		0 1	1 0	1 0		0 1	2	4
Andrew Challenger		Draw			0 1	0 1	0.5	3
Joan Gardner		0 1			0 1	0 1	0	3
Manfred Egby		0 1			Draw		0.5	2
Srihari Iyengar			Draw				0.5	1
Joe Arthur			0 1		1 0		1	2
Mike Porter				Def 0 1			0	
Paul Mcintyre					0 1	0 1	0	2
David Langford					1 0		1	1
James Foster						0 1	0	1
					Def 0 1			

Appendix 6 Chilterns League u-125 Results

Name	Result Ox vBucks	Result Bucks v Berks	Result Bucks v Oxon	Result Bucks v Hants	Result Hants v Bucks	Result Berks v Bucks	Total Individual	Played
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	13 10 07	08 12 07	19 01 08	10 02 08	01 03 08	29 03 08	Scores	
Match Scores	7 - 9	5.5 - 10.5	4.5 - 11.5	12 - 4	9 - 7	9.5 - 6.5		
Edward Basham	1 . 0	Draw	Draw	Draw	1 0	1 0	4.5	6
Eugene Bolduc	1 . 0	Draw	Draw	Draw		Draw	3	5
Ian Hall	Draw	1 0	0 1	1 0	1 0	Draw	4	6
Fred Day	0 . 1	0 1	1 0	0 1	1 0	0 1	2	6
Joe Yoemans	1 . 0	0 1	0 1	Draw	Draw	Draw	2.5	6
Mike Porter	0 . 1	0 1	0 1	Draw	Draw	1 0	2	6
Chris Stothert	Draw	0 1	Draw	1 0 Def	0 1	0 1	1	5
Andrew Challinger	1 . 0	0 1	0 1	0 1		Draw	1.5	6
Joan Gardner	0 . 1	Draw	Def 0	1 0			1.5	3
Michael Firth	Draw	Draw	Def 0				1	2
Shane Clarke	1 0			1 0			2	2
Malcolm Instone	Def 0						0	0
Claudio Mareli	0 1	1 0	1 0	1 0 Def	1 0	Draw	3.5	5
Ian Pagani	0 1			1 0 Def	0 1		0	2
Brian Hicks	0 1	0 1	0 1	1 0 Def	1 0	1 0	2	5
Frank Rich	Draw					0 1	0.5	2
Tim Jones		Draw	Def 0			1 0	1.5	2
William Cl Hanson		0 1			1 0		1	2
Greg Edmonds		0 1	0 1	1 0	0 1	0 1	1	5
James Foster		1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	5	5
A Graham Brown			Def 0				0	0
Abigail Mangaryi				1 0			1	1
Matthew Saunders					Def 0		0	0
Joshua Ye					Def 0		0	0
Paul Basham					1 0		1	1
Alec Howe					0 1		0	1
Jamie Tilston						1 0	1	1
Chantelle Foster						1 0	1	1