

Secretary's Report 300407

1. First a confession! At the last AGM we considered three resolutions , two of which were “passed”. All were designed to encourage more teams and avoid defaults. As Jon Melsom pointed out after the meeting, none could be formally adopted, as the majorities were inadequate to meet the requirements of item 26 in our Constitution, which requires:
 - a) a two thirds majority
 - b) a minimum of 12 votes in favour

Maybe we should look at this “status quo” rule. It’s rather late to go back through all the “illegal” precedents, but I’m sure there must be some. Perhaps we should also look at items 8 and 14, the quorums for the Exec and AGM:

“...five persons of whom two at least shall be officers and at least two club representatives.”

2. In his report, Jon refers to the disciplinary issue that resulted in a formal written warning to an adult player, who swore at his junior opponent, when reminded to record his moves. While an apology was made for this later, there was an undertone of attempted blitzing in a losing position. Taking everything into account an independent subcommittee decided on the formal written warning, as opposed to the suspension proposed by the Controller. I trust that the Executive supports this action. At the moment of writing I have not absorbed Jon’s gleanings from the Surrey disciplinary rules included in his report.
3. Brian Lacey has reminded me of 75th anniversary of our Association, a subject which came up when he reported that he was preparing a history of the last 25 years of junior chess in Bucks. It would be helpful if someone in each club, with a good memory or records, could come up with individual club contributions, as was done when the late Alan Cox prepared the 50th anniversary pamphlet. The League, Individual and County statistics should not be too much of a problem.
4. I informed Alex last week of the single nomination received for the Presidents Prize. He phoned me last (Sunday) night with a different candidate, as is his prerogative, and I believe it is a good one – more tonight.
5. The Bucks Individual Results to date have been circulated, and the final out comes depend on the outstanding games.
6. County match results are attached to my email. Usual problems of not being able to turn out our strongest teams, but some good results for juniors in the u-125 team.