

Buckinghamshire County Chess Association AGM

4th September 2024 at Gerrards Cross at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Duncan Clarke

Present:

Duncan Clarke	Aylesbury
Paddy Collins	Aylesbury
Ian Hall	Berkhamsted
Andrew Eastwood	High Wycombe & Hazlemere
Jo Priestley	
Ian Cross	Uxbridge
Peter Colwill	Gerrards Cross
Herby Ferris	Slough
Gerry Grimmette	Slough
Martin Brown	Slough
Steve Law	Berkhamsted

1) Introductory Remarks:

The chairman (Paddy Collins) welcomed everyone for a well attended meeting, as the secretary, Duncan Clarke would take the minutes.

2) Apologies:

Roger De Coverley

The format of the meeting was the agenda previously circulated.

3) Minutes of previous AGM:

Agreed.

4) Matters arising (where not covered elsewhere in agenda):

None.

5) Presentation and Agreement of Accounts:

The accounts were accepted as presented by Jo Priestley

6) Officers reports (if any):

Chairman:

Pleased to see the AGM so well attended, apart from that nothing to report.

Secretary:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Accounts as presented.

League Controller: (Reported by Steve Law)

Prizes to be awarded for winners of Div 1 and Div 2

Berkamstead won 1st division, Wycombe & Hazlemere 2 won 2nd division.

Format to be the same this year as before. *(A results table had previously been distributed).*

In the Fleming Trophy Beds beat Bucks 8.5 games to 7.5

Individual Competition Controller: In absentia

No games were played in the Fred Day Cup, so no prizes awarded.

Match Captains: (Ian Hall)

We came 4th, winning 2 matches and losing 4.

There is an opportunity for us to play a team in the 2nd division, but we will need to find a captain.

Junior Officer: No report.

ECF Delegate: No report

SCCU Delegate: No report

Grading Officer:

a) We've been using Steve Law's grading system for some time.

b) Because he already does the heavy lifting, it make sense for him to take on all the Bucks League grading responsibility. Dave Turner will continue as grading officer for the Fred Day Cup.

Web Site administrator (Dave Turner):

No report.

7) Election of officers:

As some existing officers were absent it was assumed in their absence that they would be willing to stand again.

Chairman: Paddy Collins

Treasurer: Joe Priestley

Jo Priestley announced that he will cease at the end of this coming season.

Secretary: Duncan Clarke

League Controller: Steve Law

Individual Competition Controller: Dave Turner

Match Captain Chiltern League: Ian Hall

ECF Delegate: Tony Ganner. *(in absentia)*

SCCU Delegate: Tony Ganner. *(in absentia)*

Grading Officer: Dave Turner *(in absentia)*

Web Site Administrator: Dave Turner *(in absentia)*

Accounts examiner: Vacant

Fleming Trophy Match against Bedfordshire

Steve Law to organise a team for the event.

8) Use of smart watches etc.

This needs to be incorporated into the league rules, which need to be updated. Steve Law, Ian Cross, Paddy Collins and Duncan Clarke to work on this.

Agreed unanimously.

9) Setting of fees for 2023/24 season

League fees to be the same as last season.

No fees for Fred Day Cup or Bucks County matches.

Agreed unanimously.

10) Setting of prizes.

£60 total prize for the Fred Day Cup. Dave Turner to determine its distribution.

11) Choosing colours (eliminating toin coss)

It was agreed that white would play board 1 for away matches.

12) Trophies

Division 2 trophy was presented to Andrew Eastwood of Wycombe and Hazlemere 2

13) AOB:

It was agreed that there would be no change to the promotion and relegation rules in that the winner of the 2nd division.

Steve Law will organise our involvement in the Fleming Trophy.

Winners of the 2nd division choose not to be promoted.

Our fixtures will be published on 15th September 2024.

Duncan Clarke to contact club secretaries to seek a caption for the proposed 2nd

Chiltern Cup team and to seek a treasurer and accounts examiner.

Duncan Clarke to contact Dave Turner to ask whether he wishes to organise the Fred Day Cup this season.

Ray Sayers is leaving the Bucks Youth Chess Association Duncan Clarke to make contact with his successor.

It was agreed that next year's AGM would again be held at Gerrards Cross on Wednesday 3rd Sept 2025.

The meeting closed 8.55 p.m.

Post Scriptum

The position of Accounts Examiner is vacant and we made soon need a new treasurer, please contact the Secretary or Chairman if you would like to be considered for either position.