Buckinghamshire County Chess Association AGM

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at Gerrards Cross at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by the chairman, Paddy Collins

Present:

Duncan Clarke	Aylesbury
Paddy Collins	Aylesbury
Ian Hall	Berkhamsted
Jo Priestley	
Ian Cross	Uxbridge
Peter Colwill	Gerrards Cross
Gerry Grimmette	Slough
Martin Brown	Slough
Neil Booth	Gerrards Cross
Dave Turner	Bourne End
Tim Wheeler	Gerrards Cross
Roger De Coverly	Bourne End
Raoul Hessling	Gerrards Cross
Jonathan Melsom	Wycombe and Hazlemere

Introductory Remarks:
The chairman (Paddy Collins) welcomed everyone.

Apologies:
Tony Ganner, Ian Holden, Steve Law

Minutes of previous AGM:
Agreed.

Matters arising (where not covered elsewhere in agenda):
None.

Presentation and Agreement of Accounts:
The accounts were accepted as presented by Jo Priestley

Officers reports (if any):
Chairman: Nothing to report
Secretary: Nothing to report.
Treasurer: Accounts as presented. £1201 in bank account. Pointed out that we were overspending and would eventually run out of money.
League Controller: (Steve Law) As previously circulated by email
Individual Competition Controller: (Dave Turner) As there was not enough interest in the traditional format this year it was piggy-backed onto Bourne End Quick Play.
Match Captain: (Ian Hall)
Not as successful as last year. A question was asked about number of boards. This is in range 16 to 20 as agreed depending on availability. If less than 16 then shortfall is classed as defaults.

Junior Officer: Lots of discussion, mainly between Jonathan Melsom and Tim Wheeler, as to what could be done to improve things. Tim felt he got little or no support from ECF hierarchy. Tim to liaise with Tony Ganner about issues.
ECF Delegate: See previously circulated emails
SCCU Delegate: See previously circulated emails
Grading Officer: See previously circulated emails
Web Site administrator (Dave Turner): Everything OK. Question asked if anyone actually looks at it. Conclusion was that although not much used it was necessary to have it.

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 – but he is happy to stand down next year. Jonathan Melsom said he might be willing to put himself forward next year.
Treasurer: Joe Priestley
Jo Priestly announced that he will cease at the end of 2026/27 season.
Secretary: Duncan Clarke tendered his resignation. Raoul Hessling appointed.
Paddy Collins agreed to do the minutes for this meeting as he had taken notes in the absence of Duncan Clarke.
League Controller: Steve Law *(in absentia)*
Much discussion about split of teams in leagues. Should it be 8/6 or 7/7. Possible problems with conflicting strength of players.
Agreed to leave matter to Steve Law.
POSTSCRIPT – after AGM Steve Law has liaised with clubs and agreed a 7/7 split for 2026/27 season.
Individual Competition Controller: Dave Turner
Match Captains:
Chiltern League: Ian Hall.
Fleming Cup Steve Law *(in absentia)*
Junior Officer: Tim Wheeler – but conditionally
ECF Delegate: Tony Ganner *(in absentia)*
SCCU Delegate: Tony Ganner *(in absentia)*
Grading Officer: Steve Law *(in absentia)*
Web Site Administrator: Dave Turner
Accounts examiner: Tony Ganner *(in absentia)*

Setting of fees for 2026/27 season
Agreed to increase Per Club fee to £30 and Per Team to £15
No fees for Fred Day Cup or Bucks County Matches
Setting of prizes. Same as last season, if any are awarded – it may well be zero.

Trophies policy to be same as last year.

It was agreed that next year's AGM would again be held at
Gerrards Cross on Wednesday 1st Sept 2027 at 8:00 p.m.