



Bradford & District Chess Association



Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 31st July 2008

Venue: Latvian Club

Opening:

The monthly meeting of the BDCA committee was called to order at 8.10pm on 31st July in Latvian Club by Chris Watson.

Present:

Chairman: Chris Watson, Hon. Secretary: Dennis Breen, Academy Director: Charles Wood, President: Ihor Lewyk

Competition Controller: Winston Williams, BDCA Congress: Stuart Swire, Events Coordinator: Donna Southgate

Apologies: Treasurer: Andy Wainwright

A. Approval of Agenda

There was an agenda submitted and approved by all present.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been issued and are available on the BDCA website they were signed and approved by Dennis.

C. Open Issues

1. Chris welcomed all present and was pleased to see new members of the officials approved at the AGM present.
2. AGM, all thought this was well run but we need to communicate more next year on any rule changes and make available two weeks prior to event.
3. Congress, work on setting up has been planned for Thursday evening with the Academy supplying all the chess equipment. Donna will be running Saturday morning tea, coffee and biscuits till the Latvian staff take over at lunchtime.

D. New Business

1. With a show of hands all voted on accepting the appointment of the BDCA treasurer Dave Barlow. Andy had communicated to Chris a meeting has been arranged with Dave to update and hand over the BDCA accounts.
2. Chris informed the meeting of the set up of Idle Chess Club which would be the new home of the Undercliffe Knights. The move to Undercliffe had been a temporary move and the committee felt that they should retain their place in the first division and play under the Idle Knights name.
3. Bank account signatories was needed to be updated and it was agreed to have four, Ihor, Dave, Dennis, and Chris. This needs to be arranged asap.
4. Ihor agreed to take over temporarily the trophy role and all agreed a budget of £400 for any new trophies and engraving for last seasons winners. They will then be presented at the pre-season meeting on 2nd September.
5. Academy and schools chess is rapidly growing and all thanked Chaz. With a new under 12 champion 'Hanif Khan' it shows the strength of the academy system. Chris agreed to write to members of the Yorkshire Chess Association expressing our working relationship with the Bradford Renaissance Academy and outline the work done in bringing in new players to chess and our association.
6. With the addition to our committee of Donna our Events Coordinator we have set some tasks for this coming season. Starting with the Congress and organizing an opener 'Lord Mayor', season calendar, and spot prizes. Also to start work organizing next seasons presentation night and 2009 Congress.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Pre-season meeting
2. BDCA Handbook
3. Bradford Chess Congress
4. Update on Accounts by Treasurer

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10.10 by Chris. The next committee meeting will be at 8.00pm on 31st August at the Latvian Club, Clifton Villas.

Minutes submitted by: Chris Watson