

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST KILBRIDE CHESS CLUB
HELD IN THE COURT SUITE ON 28 AUGUST 2003**

2002/03 COMMITTEE: I. MacKenzie (President), J. Dykes (Secretary), T. Brisbane (Treasurer)
A. Nisbet, P. Gosetti, J. Johnston, J. Melvin, A. Williamson and A.McConnell

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology had been received from Gordon Waterson who was on holiday.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM & Matters Arising

Jim Johnston proposed that the minutes of the 2001/02 AGM be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Andrew Williamson. There were no significant matters arising which would not be covered in the course of this meeting.

3. President's Address

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and made a few opening remarks from the chair. He advised members that he had sent a letter to South Lanarkshire Council asking them to circulate information on the Chess Club around the schools in the area.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary noted that the membership situation remained stable and hoped that it would continue this way. In the Glasgow League, the 'A' team had been promoted to Division 2 and the 'B' team had reached 4th position in Division 4. He noted that Ian Nisbet was no longer eligible for the Junior Team. The Secretary mentioned that the EK web-site had not yet been set up. Andy Howie volunteered to carry it on as Andrew Home was no longer at the club. This year there would be 2 teams in the rapid play tournament and the 'A' team was now in Division 1. A list of possible Glasgow and Lanarkshire team players was circulated for discussion.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated a copy of the club's statement of accounts to all members. The total income for the year was £1866.17 and expenditure amounted to £1317.14, making a surplus of £549.03. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Piero Gosetti and seconded by Alex Nisbet. Andrew Williamson agreed to audit the accounts in Gordon Waterson's absence.

6. 2003/2004 Annual Fees

It was agreed to keep the status quo, as follows:

	Subscription	Board Fee
Adult	£25	£2.00
New adult	£15	£2.00
Unwaged	£12	£2.00
Juniors	nil	£1.00

7. League and Tournament Reports

Glasgow League: The 'A' team had won Division 3 with no boards being defaulted. The President congratulated Alex Nisbet for leading the team to this achievement. The 'B' team had reached 4th place in Division 4 with some good results along the way.

Lanarkshire League: The 'A' team captained by Piero Gosetti had finished in 4th place while the 'B' team captained by Alan McConnell had some cancellations at the end of the season.

Rapid Play Tournament: The team had been promoted to the 1st Division. Interested members were asked to put their names forward as there would be 2 teams in this season's competition.

Club Championship: Alex Nisbet won the competition undefeated. There were quite a few shock results, e.g. Ian Nisbet beating Tom Brisbane. John Melvin was in 2nd. place on 5 pts. The controller noted that there had been a good turn out,

Wilson Trophy: Won by Alex Nisbet on 19 pts. Ian Nisbet and Tom Brisbane were 2nd. equal on 18 pts. In the last 4 rounds, 4 players were within 1 point of each other.

Congratulations were given to Andy Howie for the most improved adult grading in Scotland and to Ian Nisbet for the most improved junior grading.

8. Motions

Motion 1:

Andy Howie proposed that the club should enter a team in the National League as well as the Spens Cup. This would amount to 2 games per month. 5 players would be needed for the National League and 6 for the Spens Cup. All members were in agreement with 6 members willing to play and 4 in reserve.

Motion 2:

Piero Gosetti proposed to present a new trophy called 'The Gosetti' which would be awarded to the player with the best percentage score in representative games having played a minimum of 6 games. The motion was approved and the new trophy would be presented at this meeting for last season's results.

Motion 3:

Jim Johnston proposed that the club purchase some new equipment. This was seconded by Andrew Williamson. It was proposed that 8 folding boards and 1 new clock would be bought. It was noted that the club had already won a clock for promotion in the Glasgow League. The Secretary mentioned that a grant had been applied for and the final decision of what to buy should wait until the outcome of this was known. It may be possible to buy wooden sets and boards.

9. Election of Office Bearers, Team Captains and Tournament Controllers.

1. Proposals for office bearers:

Post	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Ian MacKenzie	Piero Gosetti	Tom Brisbane
Secretary	John Dykes	Jim Johnston	Peter Sidebotham
Treasurer	Tom Brisbane	Andy Howie	John Melvin

2. Proposals for team captains:

Team	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
GLA	Alex Nisbet	Andrew Williamson	Andy Howie
GLB	Andy Howie	Piero Gosetti	Alex Nisbet
GLC	Alan McConnell	Andy Howie	John Dykes
LLA	Stewart McKay	Piero Gosetti	Andy Howie
LLB	John Melvin	Piero Gosetti	Jim Johnston
LLC	Jim Johnston	John Dykes	Andy Howie

Andrew Howie agreed to captain the National League Team and Alex Nisbet agreed to captain the Spens Cup and Lighting teams.

3. Proposals for tournament controllers:

Tournament	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Club Championship	John Dykes	Alex Nisbet	Stewart McKay
Wilson Trophy	Andy Howie	Piero Gosetti	Henry Lynn

10. Presentation of Prizes

Trophies were presented to members of the Glasgow League Division 3 and Rapid Play winning teams. The Club Championship and Wilson Trophy were presented to Alex Nisbet. Ian Nisbet received prizes for being the top junior in the Club Championship and the club. The top ungraded player was Peter Sidebotham. Alan McConnell was presented with the Sword of Damocles Trophy and John Dykes was the first winner of the Gosetti with a score of 91%.

11. AOCB

Andy Howie proposed congratulations to Jim Johnston for achieving 2nd. place in the Grand Prix for the second time.

The Secretary would write to Andrew Home to get details of the web site. The e-mail address is ekchess.org.uk

Team Captains were reminded to post results on time so that gradings could be kept up to date.

12. Close of Meeting

The President closed the meeting at 2145.

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Statement of Accounts 2003/2004

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Balance b/f	549.03	SLC (Rent of hall)	1083.00
Board fees	1038.00	Glasgow League	112.75
Subscriptions	312.00	Equipment	66.79
Bank Interest	2.82	Chess Scotland	65.00
SNCL Rebate	10.00	National League	40.00
		Lanarkshire League	28.00
Total	1911.85	Engraving	24.00
		Hallkeeper Gratuity	6.49
		Total	1426.03
BALANCE		ASSETS	
	£		£
Income	1911.85	Current A/C	466.58
Expenditure	1426.03	Cash in hand	19.24
Total Surplus	485.82	Total Assets	485.82