

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST KILBRIDE
CHESS CLUB HELD IN MURRAY OWEN CENTRE ON 13TH AUGUST 2009**

2009/10 COMMITTEE : I MacKenzie (President), P. Denham (Secretary),
A.Macgregor (Treasurer)

Ordinary Members: J.Johnston, C.Miller, A.Dunlop, D.McDonald,
A.Howie, P.Thomas, F.Murray, S.Miller, P.Devenny

The Meeting was opened at 20:00hrs

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Stewart McKay, Alan Jelfs, Jim Robertson, John Dykes , Andy Howie and Ruth Devenny.

14 Members were present at the AGM.

2. Ratification of last years minute's

The group reviewed last year's minutes, which had been issued at the start of the meeting. No corrections to the minutes were identified. The adoption of the minutes as a true record of the 2009 AGM was proposed by Jim Johnston and seconded by Tom Brisbane.

3. President's opening remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He commented that last year good year for club with people working together as a team and getting on well.

Following the President's Opening Remarks the trophies were issued to the 2009/10 Season Prize Winners.

4. Club Secretary's Report

The Secretary summarised the key points in his report which was issued to the attendees of the meeting shortly before the start of the AGM. Key points included;

- No confirmed increase in hall rental fees between now & April 2011
- Intention to repair doors on club equipment cabinet
- Intention that Paul Denham takes on role of liaising with East Kilbride News in Scott Miller's absence.

No questions from the hall were received in regard of this report and the meeting moved on to the next agenda item.

The Secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to Scott Miller on behalf of the work Scott undertook making contact with the local newspaper and then writing articles in the East Kilbride News.

5. Treasurer's Report and Setting of Annual Fees

The statement of Accounts for 2009/10 had been circulated to all members present at the start of the meeting.

The income stayed relatively still. Income gone up by approx. £100 and expenditure also up by approx. £100.

Alasdair proposed to keep board fees the same for the season 2010/11 and that there be no annual membership charge. These fees were proposed Jim Johnston & Seconded by Craig Millar and approved by the members present.

6. Wilson Trophy Report

Jim Johnston, Wilson Trophy Controller, opened by thanking Peter Devenny for his help in doing the draw during last season's event.

The competition was very tightly contested and was narrowly won by Jim Johnston over Duncan McDonald by a half point. The Wilson Trophy was a shorter season than usual – 24 rounds – this was in part due to Christmas eve on a Thursday and being over 23 rounds. Jim commented on very full draws many weeks of the season

Jim wished to thank everyone for their efforts. P. Denham thanked Jim for accommodating a number of U13 juniors into the event.

7. Club Championship & Allegro Cup Tournament Reports

Andy Howie not present so no report was given. Questions to be put to Andy on these events were sought from the meeting but none were raised.

8. East Kilbride Open Tournament Report

P. Denham relayed EK Open Tournament Director, John Dykes' report to the meeting, in John's absence

Tom Brisbane acted as tournament treasurer and provided a brief report. Still to pay grading fees of ca. £90 but just managed to break even.

Phil Thomas commented that John's work publicising the event via the Chess Scotland Noticeboard and keeping it top story was excellent.

P. Denham raised John's request that the membership consent to the tournament being run from 2nd Thurs in May in 5 weeks in a row, after the local government & Scottish Parliamentary elections and presented John's reasoning.

After a period of discussion a vote was taken on 3 options;

- a) Rejecting the proposal and starting the EK Open on Thurs 28th April 2011 and holding it on 5 Thursdays out of 6.
- b) Accepting the proposal and starting the EK Open the Thursday after 2011 Elections.
- c) Deferring the decision till later in the season (by keeping 28th April 2011 free from East Kilbride League fixtures)

Option a) was selected by majority vote (9 out of the 14 members present voting for option a)

9. Motions

Five motions were received prior to the meeting.

Motions 1 & 2 were combined into the following motion:

"That regular adult club members, who do not pay board fees by direct debit, should be encouraged to pay all board fees for any given season by the end December in that season or by a single lump sum ahead by end of December"

The motion was proposed by Jim Johnston & seconded by Craig Miller and was passed by majority vote.

Motion 3

"That the Management Committee should have discretion (in special cases) to rebate a portion of long standing member's board fees if that member has not been able to play regularly at the club"

The motion was proposed by Paul Denham & Tom Brisbane by Craig Miller and was passed by majority vote.

Motion 4

"That the Club should investigate organising a coaching event or training event at which a titled player (e.g. IM or GM) provides coaching to interested members during the 2010/11 Season"

The motion was proposed by Tony Dunlop & **seconded by Ian MacKenzie.**

There was much enthusiastic discussion around this proposal. Paul Denham commented that Tony had offered his company's work premises to hold the event. Phil Thomas discussed the various titled players he knows and conveyed a good knowledge of which ones may be interested & how much they would charge. It was proposed that Phil Thomas will assist Tony in any coaching event. The motion was amended slightly to commit to

“investigate organising” an event rather than committing fully to running the event. Elements of the proposal agreed upon by members were that

- The event should be to East Kilbride Chess Club Players & those in nearby clubs only.
- Attendees at the coaching event pay to attend with the aim being that these entrance fees will cover all costs.

Two votes were held. The first vote indicated a majority of members present in favour of adopting the proposal. The second vote indicated a majority of members present in favour of the club underwriting any losses for the event up to a maximum of £200.

As such the motion was carried, with the proviso that Phil and Tony run a fully scoped out proposal past the Management Committee for final approval.

Motion 5

“That the club declines its place in the Richardson Cup for 2011 (as winners of the 2010 Spens Cup) in favour of trying to defend its Spens Cup title”

The motion was proposed by Paul Denham (on behalf of Andy Howie) & seconded by Jim Johnston and passed by majority vote.

10. Election of Office Bearers

Ian MacKenzie was nominated as **President** by Frankie Murray and seconded by Jim Johnston. This post was accepted by the nominee.

Paul Denham was nominated as **Secretary** by Jim Johnston John Melvin and seconded by John Melvin. This post was accepted by the nominee.

Alasdair Macgregor confirmed he is standing down from his role as Treasurer on the grounds of ill health. Alasdair was thanked by Ian MacKenzie on behalf of the club for his efforts over the last 12 months.

Andy Howie was nominated as Treasurer in absentia by Phil Thomas and seconded by Paul Denham, having indicated a willingness to take on the post of Treasurer. This post was accepted by the nominee following the meeting.

11. Election of Tournament Controllers

Jim Johnston was nominated as **Wilson Trophy Controller** by Tom Brisbane & seconded by Peter Devenny. This post was accepted by the nominee.

Andy Howie was nominated as **Club Championship Controller** by Jim Johnston & seconded by Henry. **This post was accepted by the nominee.**

Andy Howie was nominated as **Allegro Cup Controller** by Tom Brisbane & seconded by Jim Johnston. **This post was accepted by the nominee.**

Piero Gosetti & Jim Johnston were nominated as **Sword of Damocles/ Gosetti Joint Controllers** by general consent of the attendees.

John Dykes was nominated as **East Kilbride Open Tournament Controller** by Paul Denham & seconded by Phil Thomas. **This post was accepted by the nominee.**

Jim Johnston was nominated to the new post of **Fixtures Secretary** by Paul Denham and seconded by John Melvin. This post was accepted by the nominee.

12. Formation of Player Pools & Team Captains

Paul Denham put forward an outline suggestion for the club placing 2 teams in the Glasgow League, 2 teams in the Lanarkshire League and 1 team in the Dumbarton & District League. In addition 1 team in the SNCL was proposed and 1 team in the Glasgow Rapidplay This proposal was based on the club secretary's receipt of adult & teenage players' intentions for Season 2010/11 following discussion with each of them ahead of the AGM.

Phil Thomas indicated a number of Juniors under 13 years of age were interested in playing league chess and had contacted him about this. Phil indicated both he & the parents of the Juniors concerned would be willing to transport them to away matches.

After discussion it was agreed that;

- A second team in the Glasgow Rapidplay league is feasible
- An attempt be made to form an East Kilbride C team playing in Lanarkshire League Division 2 as a means to give regular league games to young Juniors who are keen to experience league chess. Phil Thomas and Paul Denham agreed to be in this team and it was proposed that Andy Howie as a 3rd coach also join this team along with Daniel Thomas.

13. Selection of Team Captains

The following players indicated their willingness to continue their captaincies or to become captains either during the meeting, or, in the cases of Duncan McDonald, Tony Dunlop & Andy Howie, prior to the meeting. All nominations were accepted unopposed.

Glasgow Chess League

East Kilbride A (Division 2)

Duncan McDonald:

East Kilbride B (Division 3)

Andy Howie

Rapidplay A team: Duncan McDonald
Rapidplay B team: Ian MacKenzie

Lanarkshire Chess League (all teams in Division 1)

East Kilbride A (Division 1) Craig Millar
East Kilbride B (Division 1) Ian MacKenzie
East Kilbride C (Division 2) To be confirmed

Dumbarton & District Chess League

EK Wanderers (Division 1) Frankie Murray

Scottish National Chess League

East Kilbride A (Division 1) Tony Dunlop

Paul Denham pointed out on behalf of himself, as Club Secretary & Jim Johnston, as Fixtures Secretary that no team would be submitted unless the players in the pool had nominated a willing captain ahead of the relevant fixtures meeting. For Season 2010/11 this only applies to the Lanarkshire C team as all other teams selected a captain on the evening of the AGM.

14. Junior Sub-committee Report

Phil Thomas & Paul Denham provided a verbal report on the Junior Section of the Club.

The last year has been the most successful for coaching Juniors with 3 regular coaches involved and the support of 2 others.

Junior coaching ran at a small loss which was covered by a small fraction of the 2009 INEOS grant.

Phil provided information on the successes of Junior Club members in a number of events, most notably the Chess Scotland Chessbase Grand Prix with our players winning 7 of the 11 age groups. Phil also indicated that juniors from the Cumbernauld & Dumfries areas have expressed an interest in coming along to the weekly coaching/playing sessions and that he is keen to use training nights at the club to involve teams preparing for Junior International Tournaments.

Phil & Paul outlined the desire of the coaches & juniors to continue with the coaching in the separate meeting room on club nights for the coming season & this was agreed upon by the members present.

15. New Tournament Sub Committee Report

Lightning Tournament

Peter Devenny provided a summary of the internal club Lightning Chess event that he organised in December 2009. With other commitments, Peter indicated he does not intend to run the event again in 2010.

A vote was taken on whether or not the Christmas fun night should have the same "10 second" lightning chess format or have another format. A majority were in favour of a different format of chess for the Christmas Fun night 2010.

EK Allegro Tournament

Paul Denham provided a summary of this open event, held in March 2010, and commented that the event ran at a small loss and but for effective use of Chess Scotland Notice board would have ran at a larger loss. The reason given was that the event was held during the league season and clashed with multiple fixtures of other clubs. Paul indicated that with other commitments, he does not intend to run the event again in 2011 and it was agreed that the event would not be held in Season 2010/11.

Based on the above, the New Tournament Sub-Committee is now obsolete.

16. A.O.C.B

It was agreed that at next year's AGM the Fixtures Secretary would provide a short report.

It was agreed that the Club Secretary should submit a Community Grant Application with South Lanarkshire Council during the remainder of financial year 2010/11 applying for funding for additional chess equipment.

15. Close of meeting at around 1010pm.

EK PRIZE WINNERS FOR SEASON 2009/10

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2009)

PHIL THOMAS	WINS	ENGRAVED SHIELD FOR YEAR ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION

DANIEL THOMAS	WINS	ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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WILSON TROPHY WINNER (2010)

JIM JOHNSTON	WINS	UNENGRAVED TROPHY FOR YEAR ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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GOSETTI WINNER (2010)

FRANKIE MURRAY	WINS	ENGRAVED SHIELD FOR YEAR ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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SWORD OF DAMOCLES WINNER (2010)

JOHN MELVIN	WINS	ENGRAVED SHIELD FOR YEAR ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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ALLEGRO CUP (2010)

PHIL THOMAS	WINS	UNENGRAVED SHIELD FOR YEAR ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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ALLEGRO CUP (2010) - BEST JUNIOR

ROWAN PATHI	WINS	ENGRAVED KEEPSAKE TROPHY
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