

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST KILBRIDE  
CHESS CLUB HELD IN MURRAY OWEN CENTRE ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013**

2012/13 COMMITTEE: I MacKenzie (Secretary), P. Denham (President),  
A.Howie (Treasurer), J.Johnston (Fixtures  
Secretary)

Ordinary Members: T.Jose, S.McKay, C.Miller, A.Dunlop, D.McDonald,  
D.Howie, F.Murray

**The Meeting was opened at 20:00hrs**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from, or on behalf of, Jim Robertson, Tony Dunlop, Fiona Petrie, Andy Howie Piero Gosetti and Duncan McDonald.

13 Members were present at the 2013 AGM.

**2. Ratification of last year's minutes**

The group reviewed last year's minutes, which had been issued at the start of the meeting. A number of corrections were identified and agreed upon. The adoption of the minutes as a true record of the 2012 AGM was proposed by Derek Howie and Thomas Jose.

**3. President's opening remarks**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He thanked Jim Johnston for his pivotal role in co-ordinating the preparations for this year's AGM.

**4. Club Secretary's Report**

The Secretary stated in a short report to the attendees prior to the formal proceedings of the AGM commencing, that the season had been a quiet season in his view, but one in which the club members seemed to be getting along happily.

The Secretary advised the membership of his recent health issues and plans for the coming season and confirmed that he would be stepping down as Secretary.

The Secretary left the meeting following his report in order to attend to family business.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and Setting of Annual Fees**

The treasurer was not able to be present at the AGM due to work commitments but sent a copy of his accounts for the 2012/2013 season and a summary of the key points.

The members present at the AGM could not fully reconcile two items with the accounts;

- i) The accounts describe the club as making a small loss of £45.10, when an analysis of the elements which comprise income and an analysis of the elements which comprise expenditure are compared indicates that the club made a small profit of £45.10.
- ii) The accounts indicate a surplus of £1,169.87 but the assets listed only amount to £1,079.87 – a difference of £90 exactly. The membership believe that the surplus and assets should be equal.

The President was actioned to request that the treasurer, reviews the accounts within the next two months and where necessary revises them, before issuing them to the membership **ACTION: P. Denham**

The question of whether the accounts are audited was raised and it was believed that the accounts have not been audited in the last couple of seasons.

Jim Johnston proposed and Paul Denham seconded that the club should have a club member audit the accounts, and that the person acting as auditor should change no less frequently than every two years. The attendees unanimously proposed that Tom Brisbane should serve as auditor for Season 2013/14 and Season 2014/15's accounts, before a new auditor is selected.

A request was made to have the previous season's accounts shown on any given season's set of accounts to allow comparison between the two years to be made.

The treasurer's proposal to retain the board fees at their current level was discussed and the attendees agreed unanimously that these fees should remain at their current level with the £25 per annum membership fee being waived again in 2013/14 Season.

Derek Howie queried the fact that the EK Open accounts are not provided in the treasurer's report. The historical reasons for these accounts being kept separate was discussed and it was agreed they should remain separate. However, the treasurer, will be requested to include a set of the EK Open accounts in future reports.

## **6. Wilson Trophy & Gosetti Trophy and Sword of Damocles Reports**

Jim Johnston, provided a short report on the Wilson trophy with no major issues or operational difficulties to report.

Jim advised that the Wilson Trophy took place over 25 weeks of the season and that players had to have played graded games on at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of club nights to be eligible for the Wilson Trophy, The Sword of Damocles or the Gosetti).

By amassing 15.5 points, Tony Dunlop was declared the winner of the Wilson Trophy.

The Gosetti Trophy was won by Tom Brisbane with the highest winning percentage of 59% in Glasgow and Lanarkshire League team games on Thursday evenings of those players eligible. Duncan McDonald was second with 57% and Tony Dunlop third with 55%

The Sword of Damocles was a season long race with Alasdair Macgregor continuing his fine form by amassing 101 points. As a recent winner of the Sword, this tally would normally be enough to win the Sword out right. However, Duncan McDonald triumphed with one of the largest grading rises of recent years, of 159 points and move from 9<sup>th</sup> highest rated player in the club to 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated player in the club.

Jim thanked all of those who had helped do the Wilson Trophy draw during the season.

Tony, Tom and Duncan's victories will all be added to the club roll of honour.

## **7. Club Championship & Allegro Cup Tournament Reports**

Andy Howie provided a short written report of the 2012 Club Championship and Allegro Cup in his absence.

Alan Jelfs was the victor in the club championship with 5 ½ points - a ½ point ahead of Lennart Koehn in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Lennart proved victorious however, in the Allegro Cup, by retaining his title again with an impressive tally of 10/12.

Alan and Lennart's victories will be added to the club roll of honour.

## **8. East Kilbride Open Tournament Report**

No formal report or set of accounts from the EK Open Tournament were received. However, all parties recognised that this is in part due to no active club member (or sub-committee) being solely in charge of the event.

Tom Brisbane commented that he has been managing the funds for the tournament but that the grading fees for the 2013 EK Open have still to be paid and the engraving of the trophies as still to be done for 2012 and 2013.

Tom commented that the main EK Open trophy for the winner(s) of the event is still to be repaired. Work done by Tom and Andy Howie to try to get the trophy repaired has indicated that cost of repair could be as high as £300. This cost is due to fact that the trophy is made with a high silver content. The trophy is not insured (in line with all other club trophies). The trophy was damaged when the house of a former winner flooded and one of the handles of the trophy (a silver cup with a lid) was broken. Paul Denham raised a concern that repairing the trophy could wipe out 25% of the club's surplus, with no guarantees that a similar or more expensive repair could be necessary if the trophy is damaged again.

The trophy was donated by the 1<sup>st</sup> EK Open Tournament Director, John Dykes and has a dedication on the trophy. Paul Denham advised that the club should factor in that John dedicated this trophy to form a lasting legacy and that repairs or alterations to the trophy should bear this in mind. He mooted a possible alteration where the trophy is modified to a wooden shield, with parts of the trophy including John's dedication, incorporated into the shield. The attendees agreed that such an option should not be decided upon at this stage but that Andy Howie should consider the available options and propose a way forward for the committee to decide upon.

Paul Denham asked Tom Brisbane for any indication as to whether or not he felt John Dykes' health would permit him to return to the role of Tournament Director this coming season and beyond. Tom indicated that he felt this would be unlikely. Based on this information, Paul Denham proposed that the membership select an active member of the club to be the tournament director, moving the situation on from the position where Andy Howie was a stand-in tournament director.

Graham Dobbie proposed that John could be made Honorary Tournament Director.

Tom Brisbane agreed to update the accounts for the EK Open and he advised that any losses encountered this season can be carried over into next season.

It was agreed that Jim Johnston's suggestion that the date for the 2014 EK Open be put on the Chess Scotland website at the start of Season 2013/14 be implemented and Jim Johnston and Graham Dobbie will arrange for this to happen.

One request has been received from a non EK player to start the tournament earlier in the evening to avoid a situation where players travelling by public transport struggle to make the last bus/trains home. The proposal would have the tournament start at 1930hrs each evening rather than 1945hrs. The members attending the meeting agreed that this proposal seems reasonable and that Andy Howie should consider whether or not making this change would be for the greater good or not.

#### **9. Junior Sub-committee Report**

Derek Howie provided a short update on coaching activities for juniors/ players new to club chess. One junior player, Ethan Palmer has been coached – to good effect last season. Derek indicated that he will informally support any demand for coaching of juniors in Season 2013/14 with the support of others where possible.

#### **10. Fixtures Secretary Report for 2011/12**

#### **11. Motions**

One motion was received by Jim Johnston concerning the issuing of the best EK based players in the EK open with their keepsake trophies the season they win this prize. The motion was raised in recognition of a backlog of keepsake trophies which have not been procured and awarded. At the suggestion of Paul Denham, the motion was modified to the following, which allowed the original intent of the motion to be retained;

***The club will have a formal prize giving night on the night of the final round of the Club Championship, when all club trophies and shields and keepsakes which EK players are eligible for, will be issued to the winners. (In the case of the Club Championship the winner will receive his trophy and keep-sake, but that these will be engraved during the following week and handed back to the new Club Champion.***

This proposal which was proposed by Jim Johnston and seconded by Paul Denham was approved with the full consensus of the members present at the meeting.

#### **12. Fixtures Secretary Report for 2012/13**

Jim Johnston provided a short report the main thrust of which was the request for EK to support the Lanarkshire League and submit a C team to division 2. The reasons for this were discussed and option for a Glasgow C team were discussed (see Section 15 below). The conclusion was that the club should submit an East Kilbride C team to the Lanarkshire Chess League but that it could not also submit an East Kilbride C team to the

Glasgow Chess League due to limitations on players willing to play home and away matches, players to captain the team and drivers.

Jim advised that there were no major issues encountered last season and that the club and the team captains had performed well in ensuring there were very few EK boards defaulted during the season.

The topic of a 2<sup>nd</sup> SNCL team came up and it was agreed that Tony Dunlop and Derek Howie would investigate if there is enough interest to support a 2<sup>nd</sup> SNCL team for the coming season.

### **13. Constitution**

Tom Brisbane issued members with a copy of the club constitution and requested that it be updated to reflect that the organisation Scottish Chess Association is now defunct. The members agreed a proposed change of wording for this issue and one other minor issue and Paul Denham agreed to update a copy of the constitution and issue it electronically following the AGM.

### **14. Election of Office Bearers**

Following Ian MacKenzie stepping down as Club Secretary **Graham Dobbie** was nominated as **Secretary** by Jim Johnston and seconded by Tom Brisbane. This proposal was accepted by the nominee and approved by the full consent of the members attending this meeting.

**Paul Denham** was nominated to retain the post of President by Jim Johnston and seconded by Derek Howie. This proposal was accepted by the nominee and approved by the full consent of the members attending this meeting.

**Andy Howie** had indicated prior to the meeting that he was happy to stand again as **Treasurer** and this was proposed by Jim Johnston and seconded by Paul Denham and approved by the full consent of the members attending this meeting...

**Jim Johnston** was nominated to retain the post of **Fixtures Secretary** by Paul Denham and seconded by Peter Devenny. This post was accepted by the nominee and approved by the full consent of the members attending this meeting.

### **15. Election of Tournament Controllers**

**Jim Johnston** was nominated to continue as **Wilson Trophy Controller** by the full consent of the members attending the meeting. This post was accepted by the nominee.

**Andy Howie** was nominated to continue as **Club Championship Controller** by the full consent of the members attending the meeting. This post was accepted by the nominee (**Andy to confirm**)

**Andy Howie** was nominated to continue as **Allegro Cup Controller** by the full consent of the members attending the meeting. This post was accepted by the nominee. (Andy to confirm)

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

**Andy Howie** was nominated to take on the role of Active **EK Open Tournament Director** by the full consent of the members attending the meeting. This post was accepted by the nominee after the meeting. (Andy to confirm). **John Dykes** was nominated to be given the role of **Honorary EK Open Tournament Director** by the full consent of the members attending the meeting.

It was agreed that an EK Open sub-committee should be organised to ensure that the tournament is effectively organised and that no one person is left with too much to organise. The membership agreed that Tom Brisbane and Andy Howie should be on this sub-committee and that they should co-opt other members of the club, as they see fit.

## **16. Formation of Player Pools & Team Captains**

The Fixtures Secretary proposed for the club placing 2 teams in the Glasgow League, 3 teams in the Lanarkshire League and 2 team in the Dumbarton & District League. In addition 1 team in the SNCL was proposed (with a second SNCL team to be formed if sufficient interest exists) and 2 or 3 teams in the Glasgow Rapid play.

The basis for a 3rd Lanarkshire League team is player availability and the fact that with the Glasgow A and Glasgow B teams being relegated they will now only have 6 and 4 boards respectively rather than 8 and 6 boards. The Lanarkshire C team will help support the Lanarkshire Chess League to retain two divisions and replace those boards lost in the Glasgow leagues. A discussion on whether or not a Glasgow C team could be formed was held and the general consensus reached that there are not sufficient players, captains and drivers available to make such a team viable.

## **17. Selection of Team Captains**

The following players indicated their willingness to continue their captaincies or to become captains either during the meeting, or, if not present at the meeting, had agreed to accept the post prior to or after the meeting. All nominations were accepted unopposed.

Glasgow Chess League

East Kilbride A (Division 2)	Duncan McDonald
East Kilbride B (Division 3)	Thomas Jose

Rapid play teams: Jim Johnston to co-ordinate

Lanarkshire Chess League (all teams in Division 1)

East Kilbride A (Division 1)	Craig Millar
East Kilbride B (Division 1)	Stewart Gray
East Kilbride C (Division 2)	Alasdair Macgregor

Dumbarton & District Chess League

EK Wanderers (Division 1)	Frankie Murray
EK Rovers (Division 2)	Derek Howie

Scottish National Chess League

East Kilbride A (Division 1)	Tony Dunlop
East Kilbride B (TBC)	Derek Howie (if EK B team is feasible)

**18. A.O.C.B**

It was agreed that the Christmas Fun Night would be organised closer to Christmas.

It was agreed that the Simultaneous Display in January should be held again, with IM Steven Mannion-Burns being invited back to the club. New Club Secretary, Graham Dobbie, agreed to organise this event.

**The meeting closed at around 9:30 pm.**