

EAST KILBRIDE CHESS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28 May 2026

MINUTES

1.	Welcome	<p>Present:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 383 1345 508"><tr><td data-bbox="448 383 746 423">Ben Horne</td><td data-bbox="753 383 1043 423">Jim Robertson</td><td data-bbox="1050 383 1345 423">Jim Johnston</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="448 423 746 463">Frankie Murray</td><td data-bbox="753 423 1043 463">John Marno</td><td data-bbox="1050 423 1345 463">Jeff Dunn</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="448 463 746 504">Matthew Deighan</td><td data-bbox="753 463 1043 504">Alastair Stewart</td><td data-bbox="1050 463 1345 504">Graham Dobbie</td></tr></table>	Ben Horne	Jim Robertson	Jim Johnston	Frankie Murray	John Marno	Jeff Dunn	Matthew Deighan	Alastair Stewart	Graham Dobbie
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2.	Apologies	None									
3.	Minutes of Previous AGM	<p>The discussion here on club finances is minuted in Section 5 - Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Subject to finances, we agreed Matthew's proposal to increase the number of B team games by entering teams as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 792 1345 918"><tr><td data-bbox="448 792 549 833">GL</td><td data-bbox="555 792 979 833">One team of six players</td><td data-bbox="986 792 1345 833">No change</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="448 833 549 873">LL</td><td data-bbox="555 833 979 873">Two teams of four players</td><td data-bbox="986 833 1345 873">No change</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="448 873 549 913">DL</td><td data-bbox="555 873 979 913">Two teams of four players</td><td data-bbox="986 873 1345 913">Increased from one</td></tr></table>	GL	One team of six players	No change	LL	Two teams of four players	No change	DL	Two teams of four players	Increased from one
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4.	Controller's Report	<p>Jim Johnston gave a report on his work on the club archive which is now available on the website. This includes details of all players who have ever played for EK Chess Club and all EK competition results and prize winners. Alastair described the results as evidence of "a ridiculous amount of work".</p> <p>The prize giving took place; John Marno took photographs for the website.</p> <p>We agreed that, subject to finances, we would purchase a new Club Championship trophy, since the whereabouts of the existing one were uncertain. We agreed a preference for a "substantial" trophy, maybe a cup rather than a shield, and potentially with an engravable plinth if that's feasible.</p> <p>Graham gave a vote of thanks to Jim for all his continuing work.</p>									
5.	Treasurer's Report	<p>Graham tabled Andy's document headed Financial Statement 2025/26. The club's healthier financial position was welcomed.</p> <p>It was pointed out that we hadn't had full financial accounts for some time, perhaps 2019.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 1644 1543 1756"><tr><td data-bbox="448 1644 580 1720">Action 1</td><td data-bbox="587 1644 724 1720">Graham /Andy</td><td data-bbox="730 1644 1543 1756">Graham to ask Andy to prepare accounts for the club for a 12 month period to be ready for September. See Notes below.</td></tr></table> <p>Proposed: Jim Johnston Seconded: Matthew Deighan</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Financial Statement indicated that the current balance after all bills is approx. £1,500. There was some (pleased!) surprise that the balance was so high. <p>The AGM agenda for September 2025 indicated that the equivalent figure for that date was approx. £600. Is this a like-for-like comparison and if so, what has driven the increase?</p>	Action 1	Graham /Andy	Graham to ask Andy to prepare accounts for the club for a 12 month period to be ready for September. See Notes below.						
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2. It was requested that the accounts should include a breakdown of the £1,100 annual running costs mentioned in the Financial Statement to allow the membership to assess the robustness of the £1,500 balance.

Annual fees were agreed contingent upon the completion of Action 1 above:

Adults	£120	
Juniors	£ 40	£20 if join after Christmas Maximum of two weeks attendance before payment is required.

6.	Secretary's Report	<p>There was general agreement that the A team's league performance was more competitive than their league positions would suggest, as evidenced by board points and the number of close games.</p> <p>Graham thanked Alastair for organising the Allegro Cup.</p>						
7.	Election of Office Bearers	<p>Ian McKenzie, the club President, had experienced some poor health (now recovering), and it was agreed that it would be kinder if he did not have the responsibility of continuing to be President. Ian has been with the club a long time, and is due a vote of thanks for his enthusiasm and efforts on the club's behalf. Of course, he would be welcomed back at the club in any capacity if his health improves.</p> <p>Alastair Stewart agreed to take over the role as club president. Proposed: Jim Johnston Seconded: John Marno</p> <p>As per the club's rules, in the event of a formal vote at an AGM/EGM, the President has the casting vote, even if he has already voted.</p>						
8.	Team Captains	Graham Dobbie and John Marno agreed to continue as A and B team captains for all competitions.						
9.	AOB	<p>There was no interest in any Chess 960 competitions next year.</p> <p>Juniors: covered in Item 5 above.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Action 2</td> <td>Graham</td> <td>As per GL AGM, Bank of Scotland have begun charging for club accounts (Virgin Money is still free). Graham to raise with Andy the best location for our account.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Action 3</td> <td>Graham</td> <td>Graham to do some formal minutes and post to the What's App group.</td> </tr> </table>	Action 2	Graham	As per GL AGM, Bank of Scotland have begun charging for club accounts (Virgin Money is still free). Graham to raise with Andy the best location for our account.	Action 3	Graham	Graham to do some formal minutes and post to the What's App group.
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10.	Actions	Actions 1 - 3 covered above.						
11.	Meeting Close	Our first meeting of the next season is Thursday 3 rd Sept.						