

The 110th. Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow Chess League was held on Wednesday 30th May 2018 in the Larkfield Centre G42 7AY

In attendance were 12 delegates:

J. Johnston (East Kilbride), Alistair Maxwell (Cathcart), H. Glen (Bellshill), Douglas Bryson (Stepps), A. Mc Culloch (Giffnock), J. Mc Cartan (Dalmuir), Andy Heron (Glasgow Polytechnic), Peter Griffin (Phones), Jeff Webb (Bearsden), Phil Thomas (Renfrewshire), Chris Perkin (Glasgow Montrose) and Helge Magnussen (Glasgow University).

Also, in attendance were: Ian Brownlee (Stepps), Mel Burt (Bearsden), Ken Stewart (Polytechnic). Robert Childs of Strathclyde University was present as a non - voting visitor.

Cumbernauld, Hamilton, Inverclyde, and Paisley were not represented.

The President A. Maxwell opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1) Minutes of the Previous AGM and matters arising:

The minutes of the 109th. AGM were distributed and taken as read.

There were no matters arising and the Minutes were accepted as accurate on a proposal by M. B. seconded by H. G.

2) President's Address:

A.M. began his short address by thanking all those who turned up on a night of wonderful weather. He especially thanked League Controller J. J. Secretary J. Mc C and Treasurer H. G. as well as the other members of the Management Committee for their commitment over the past season. He hoped that none of the following issues would prove too contentious.

3) Secretary's Report

The Secretary J. Mc C. then delivered his report: Stepps and Inverclyde have achieved a historical precedent this season. Respectively they are the 100th winners of Divisions 1 and 2 since the formation of the GCL in 1908.

The GCL Handbook past winners has been updated. Divisions 1 and 2 should be accurate, however, we only have information on Divisions 3, 4 and 5 dating back to season 1969 – 1970. If anyone has data for any of the preceding seasons in any of those divisions then I would be grateful if they could let me know in order to keep the records fully updated.

The present Mancom have all signalled their intention to stand for another season. However there is still 1 unfilled vacancy for the Management Committee.

We had one dispute to consider: in division 2 Phones v Paisley.

It came about as a result of players not being familiar with the Laws of Chess as well as the correct method in dealing with illegal moves. The dispute was resolved in favour of Phones.

Some clubs have expressed concerns regarding the publishing of data.

To this end can I draw members' attention to Page 2 of the Club Entry Form for 2017-18.

The sentence highlighted in italics states:

All contact details will be published online and in the League Handbook, unless the Management Committee are specifically requested not to and clubs so indicate on the form.

The report was accepted without comment.

4) Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Remarks:

Club and team entries remained steady in season 2017/18; this meant the money from league fees remained unchanged,

The Bond Fee continued to be applied. Two clubs required to pay their Bond Fee for season 2017/18 due to defaulting a match or matches without adequate reason in season 2016/17; the remaining clubs have agreed to allow their Bond Fees to be carried over to the 2017/18 season. No progress has yet been made in finding the best way to invest some of the money in the Treasurer's Account to generate the best return for GCL.

The Glasgow Allegro did not take place in season 2017/18. Correspondence was received from the bank that as no activity had taken place on the account, the £3718.20 was in danger of being moved into a suspense account. Following a discussion at the Mancom in November and February, it was agreed to transfer the Account Balance of £3718.20 into the Treasurer's Account. This is now shown on the Balance Sheet as an Asset. The proviso of course is that this amount will be made available to support the running of the Glasgow Chess Congress when it is reinstated. The Mancom seeks the homologation of this decision by the AGM. The balance shown in the accounts is now £11503.48. In reality the season shows a deficit of £150.50. This is due to 2 factors - (i) an increase in the CS Grading/Affiliation Fee of £188 and (ii) the purchasing in advance of 9 chess clocks through CS to provide for League –Winners for seasons 2017/18-2019/20.

The books have been audited by David Reid and a copy of his report is available tonight.

H. Glen GCL Treasurer.

Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer proposes that GCL reappoints David Reid to this position.

Fees and Subscriptions

As the League has made a loss this season of £150.50, **I would propose that the Club Subscription is increased from £15 to £20 for season 2018/19.** Please note there is no change proposed for Division Fees.

Having discussed the finances with our Auditor, **his suggestion is that the Club Subscription should be increased from £15 to £25 for season 2018/19** which would address the deficit.

Would the AGM agree to this counter proposal, which I am happy to support?

His report was accepted after some discussion.

5) League Controller's Report.

Mr. Johnston welcomed Robert Childs of Strathclyde University to the meeting as they wish to join GCL in season 2018/19. He then went through the divisions emphasising the winners and losers. He informed the meeting that the downloads page of the handbook contained reference to the Laws as well as other info such as: Minutes of past AGMs, Result Cards, Entry Forms, provisional fixtures (in advance of the fixtures meeting).

The report was accepted without undue comment.

6) Presentation of Prizes and Trophies.

Prizes were then presented to: -

Division 3 winners Glasgow University and Helge Magnussen received the Division 3 Shield, Clock and mementoes on their behalf.

GCL Secretary J. Mc Cartan accepted the Division 2 Shield, Clock and mementoes on behalf of Inverclyde who were not represented.

Douglas Bryson accepted the Division 1 Shield, clock and mementoes on behalf of Division 1 winners Stepps.

All prize winners were duly applauded in appropriate fashion.

7) Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee: Alistair Maxwell was elected President on a proposal by J. J. seconded by P. G. There were no other nominations.

A. Maxwell proposed John Mc Cartan for Secretary which was seconded by M. Burt.

No other nominations were received.

H. Glen was elected Treasurer on a proposal by J. Mc Cartan seconded by Andy Heron.

No other nominations were forthcoming.

The remainder of the incumbent Management Committee Mel Burt, Chris Perkin, Douglas Bryson, Andy Heron and Phil Thomas were returned unopposed. However, the 1 vacancy available was again unfulfilled.

8) Appointment of an Auditor.

Hamish Glen proposed that David Reid be elected as Auditor. This was seconded by Bearsden

9) Proposed changes to the rules:

Resolution 1 was passed with 11 votes for and 1 against.

Resolution 2 seconded by J. J. was passed with 8 votes for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Resolution 3 was passed unopposed with 12 votes for.

Resolution 4 was passed unopposed with 12 votes for.

Resolution 5 seconded by Dalmuir and fell with 2 votes for, 10 against and no abstentions.

10) Next Season

a) League Competitions:

Only League Competitions will take place as there is no evidence to support AK Miller or Rapidplay Tournaments.

b) Fees and Subscriptions:

The Auditors suggestion was not taken up as it had not been given the requisite 21 days' notice to the meeting.

The Treasurer proposed that the Club Subscription be increased from £15 to £20 for season 2018/19 with no increase proposed for Division Fees.

This was seconded and passed unopposed.

c) Provisional date for the Fixtures Meeting is 5th. September 2018.

d) Provisional date for the Mancom is 20th. June 2018.

11) Any Other Competent Business:

There being no further competent business the meeting was closed at 8.23pm. with a vote of thanks to the chair.