

Glasgow Chess league AGM Minutes Held at Larkfield Centre, 22 Jun 2022 @ 7.30pm

Voting delegates in attendance: Alistair Maxwell (President, Cathcart. AM for minute purposes), Hamish Glen (Treasurer, Bellshill. HG), Andrew Pollock (Stepps), Alexander Marshall (Glasgow Polytechnic), Graham Dobbie (East Kilbride), Rob Colston (Bearsden), Derek Rankine (Govanhill), Ashleigh Mitchell (Strathclyde University), Peter Griffin (Phones), Phil Thomas (Renfrewshire), Paul Maiolani (Paisley)

Other Attendees: Harvey Dellanzo (Govanhill), Jim Johnston (East Kilbride).

The meeting commenced at 7.33pm

1 President's Remarks

AM kept these very brief. Just stated that we were hoping to get the league started back and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

2 Previous Minutes (2019)

AM also advised that he had asked John McCartan for the 2019 minutes as that was the last AGM held. He had been advised that these were on the thumb drive that John had supplied but the last files on this seemed to relate to pre-2014 information. A subsequent email had failed to resolve this so AM promised that if the minutes did materialise then he would circulate to clubs.

3 Secretary's Report

In the absence of a secretary AM advised that no report had been supplied.

4 Treasurer's Report

Hamish advised that the accounts had not yet been audited but supplied the following to the AGM
Proposed Treasurer's Report to GCL AGM on 13th May, 2020 – postponed due to Covid-19
Club and team entries remained steady in season 2019/20; this meant the money generated from the league fees fell by £20.

The Bond Fee continued to be applied. One club required to pay their Bond Fee for season 2019/20 due to defaulting a match without adequate reason in season 2018/19; the remaining clubs have agreed to allow their Bond Fees to be carried over to the 2019/20 season

Neither the Glasgow Allegro or Glasgow Congress took place in season 2019/20 or since.

The balance shown in the accounts is now **£11759.66**

Season 2019/20 shows a surplus of £123.18

Proposed Treasurer's Report to GCL AGM on 31st May, 2021 – postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19

There was no Over The Board chess in season 2020/21, so there has been little activity on the account and as such no income.

At the end of season 2019/20, the balance shown in the account was £11759.66

The only expenditures made from the account for season 2020/21 were :-

02 July, 2020 - £15.59 – payment for GCL website for 2020/21 – cheque number 010424

25 September, 2020 - £209.65 – payment for mementos for 2019/20 – cheque number 010425

The balance shown in the account is now **£11534.42**

Treasurer's Report to GCL AGM on 22nd June, 2022

There was no Over The Board chess in season 2021/22, so there has been no activity on the account and as such no income generated

At the end of season 2020/21, the balance shown in the account was £11534.42

At the end of season 2021/22, there had been no outgoings, so the balance shown in the account is still **£11534.42**

He also noted that Andy Howie hosts the GCL website for free and that approx. £3,782 of the balance was pertaining to the Glasgow Congress.

5 League Controller's Report

Noted that teams had finished as per final league tables, but it was noted that Bellshill had requested to be relegated to Div 2, meaning that Glw Polytechnic would stay up. Jim Johnston advised that he was giving up the role after 17 years and also Dumbarton and Lanarkshire leagues for personal reasons. AM offered a very sincere vote of thanks to Jim and also to John McCartan for their hard work and effort that they put in over the years on behalf of the league and a personal thank you for all the help they had given him during that time.

6 Presentation of Prizes

HG confirmed that all clubs had received their mementos and clocks prior to this year's AGM for the season 2019-20.

7 Election of Office Bearers

The President and Treasurer were both re-elected without a vote (proposed by Phones, seconded by Paisley). AM proposed the incumbent Mancom who remained (Thor Saemundsson, Phil Thomas, Mel Burt, Chris Perkin, Douglas Bryson and Ian Brownlee were reelected en bloc and this was seconded by Hamish Glen). While we could not get a volunteer for Secretary, Alexander Marshall also volunteered for the committee and this was accepted unanimously. AM said he would perform the role of Secretary for the present until a successor was found.

8 Appointment of Auditor

HG suggested that David Reid be approached to continue and advised that the audit report for previous accounts would be circulated to clubs as soon as possible.

9 AOCB

It was suggested that either the GCL or Glasgow Congress should be naming something in memory of the late Ken Stewart for all his work for the Congress and for chess in Scotland.

HG suggested no change in fees.

LMS was discussed for use in teams reporting results etc. This would be looked at before the Fixtures Meeting which would be held on Wed 7 September at the Larkfield Centre. Entry forms would be sent out in August,

Paisley asked if there was a possibility of starting earlier (say 7pm) but AM advised this would require a rule change.

It was also noted that some clubs may start to feel the effects of cost of living rises and this could lead to some issues with premises etc.

Incremental time controls were mentioned but this again would require a motion put forward for the AGM.

The meeting ended at 8.02pm