**Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association 2018 AGM Minutes**

Held at 7:30pm on Wednesday May 23rd 2018 at the Regent Sports and Social Club, 102 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 7DA

Please note all written reports are available on the LRCA website and will not be reproduced

within the minutes.

LRCA chair Mike Salisbury opened the meeting at 7:30pm 15 people present

1. **Present and apologies for absence.**

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| **Club** | **Present** | **Appologies** |
| Anstey |  | Ben Vaughan |
| Ashby | Chris Tipper, David Reynolds, Tom Dove, Alan Agnew |  |
| Heathcote Arms | Graham Booley |  |
| Braunstone | Mike Salisbury | Jim Bingham |
| Juniors | Paul Mottram |  |
| Kirby Castlers |  |  |
| Latimer |  |  |
| Leicester University |  |  |
| Loughborough | Stewart Gordon | John Mitchel |
| Market Harborough |  |  |
| Melton Mowbray | Bob Wallace |  |
| Oadby | Mike Thornton |  |
| Red Admiral |  |  |
| Shepshed Rooks |  |  |
| Syston | Shabir Okhai |  |
| Thurnby | Bob Collins, John Pattinson |  |
| Wigston | Martin Burrows, Andy Morley, Iain Dodds | Neil Beasley |

**2. Minutes Of The LRCA Annual General Meeting held on 6th June 2017**

The minutes had been available on the website for the previous year and were accepted as being accurate. Proposed PM Seconded AM

**2.1 Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

**3. Officer’s Reports.**

**3.1. Chairman [Mike Salisbury]**

Report published on the website and circulated to club secretaries.

The report highlighted £100 raised with the charity evening.

The need for a league secretary for the running of chess in Leicestershire.

Thanked the junior committee for running such a successful junior program.

Thanked Stewart Gordon for setting up and running the new merged results and News website.

**3.2. Secretary [John Pattinson]**

Report published on the website.

The report thanked Bob Collins for providing the regent Club for the meeting.

LRCA looks like it is in a good position regarding the new Data protection act with the information being checked yearly and used for arranging matches and grading. The junior committee requested the ECF document on the GDPR

**3.3. Treasurer [Bob Collins]**

Report published on the website and circulated to club secretaries.

League fee income significantly down from £700 to £594.

The Atkins loss of £211 and had to be reimbursed from the main account. The congress account had the monies moved to another account so couldn’t be accessed. Bob Collins will write to Sean Hewitt requesting the congress account balance to be put into the main accounts.

Junior account lost £284 during the year but activity had increased.

The need to pay tax had been resolved and there was not a tax bill

Junior and main accounts had both been audited by Martin Burrows.

Report acceptance proposed by GB and seconded by SO was passed unanimously.

**3.3.1 Audit statement [Martin Burrow]**

Auditor statement that the accounts were a true and fair reflection of the LRCA financial position was approved.

**4. Committee Reports.**

**4.1 County Teams [Graham Booley]**

Verbal report was given by Graham and Paul Mottram.

John Denton had agreed to run the 1st team but unfortunately they had not managed to qualify for the national stages.

We entered a new team in the U120 section they won the Midlands title and would be competing in the nation semi-finals soon. They had been able to field about 25% juniors.

The U100 team had won the national stages last year and continued their success by winning the Midlands title this year. They had won their first national stage match. The team had fielded approximately 50% junior players.

**4.2 League Secretary’s Report [Vacant Position]**

Report from Mike Thornton was published on the website and circulated to club secretaries.

The league season ran well with no matters having to be referred to the LMC.

The indication from last year’s AGM that an individual grading limit on the Harrod cup be applied had been implemented this year. The results of this change to the competition will be analysed once the competition had been completed.

The need for a league secretary was again highlighted.

**4.3 Congress (Andy Morley)**

Report on the website.

An increase in the county championships participation continued last year and this year 54 entries were received. This is a record since the event was revived in 2008.

Andy would like to thank Wigston club for continuing to host this event.

The Atkin’s tournament will again be hosted at the Leicester Grammar school on the 7th October. More local entries were encouraged as one of the reasons for running the event is to give local players a local congress to play in.

**4.4 Juniors [Bob Wallace and Paul Mottram]**

Both reports are available on the LRCA website.

A new head coach (David Levens) was taken on to run the junior training sessions with local coaches helping out.

The junior club has about 50 paid up members.

More coaches are needed and the pay is £30 per Saturday session at Westfield.

Many junior successes in local and national competitions are listed in the on line reports.

**5. ECF Delegate (Sean Hewitt)**

No report was received. It was noted that the £1 discount for electronic membership renewal would be removed this year.

**6. Report from MCCU Delegate (John Pattinson)**

Report available on the Website

The 2 motions from the previous year’s AGM for the MCCU staging matches were submitted too late to be implemented at the MCCU AGM.

These had been resubmitted this year along with an additional proposal that ‘F’ graded players should be considered as ungraded.

PM noted that the junior MCCU congress at Leicester Grammar school Andrew Davis took the entry fee promising games would be graded but they have not been. JP promised to raise the issue at this years AGM.

**7. Report from Grading Officer & Webmaster[Stewart Gordon]**

Reports are available on the Website

Stewart said he had added Anstey to the ECF grading database.

The new integrated website had been running since the 1/5/18 so was still bedding down.

The meeting thanked him for his hard work getting the site up and running.

Suggestions for future enhancements was automating penalties and barring players.

There was some discussion about adding a forum feature.

**8. Election Of Officers**

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| **Position** | **Present Incumbent** | **Elected** |
| LRCA  Chair  General Secretary  Treasurer | Mike Salisbury  John Pattinson  Bob Collins | Mike Salisbury  John Pattinson  Bob Collins |
| League Committee  Chair  League Secretary  Fixtures Secretary  Grading Officer  Summer Cup  Ordinary Member  Ordinary Member  Ordinary Member | Mike Thornton  Vacant  Martin Burrows  Stewart Gordon  Iain Dodds  Graham Booley  Shabir Okhai  Vacant | Mike Thornton  **David Reynolds**  Martin Burrows  Stewart Gordon  Iain Dodds  Graham Booley  Shabir Okhai  **Alan Agnew** |
| County Teams  Chair  Open  U120  U100 | Vacant  John Denton  Paul Mottram  Neil Roberts | **Graham Booley**  John Denton  Paul Mottram  Neil Roberts |
| Congress  Chair  Congress Secretary  Congress Treasurer | Andy Morley  Vacant  Sean Hewitt | Andy Morley  Vacant  **Bob Collins** |
| Junior Chess  Chair  Schools Liaison  County Team Events  Junior Comms Administrator | Bob Wallace  Vacant  Paul Mottram  Paul Mottram | Bob Wallace  Vacant  Paul Mottram  Paul Mottram |
| Publicity chair  Webmaster | Vacant  Stewart Gordon | Vacant  Stewart Gordon |
| Safeguarding Officer | Bob Wallace | Bob Wallace |
| MCCU Delegates  Delegate 1  Delegate 2  Delegate 3  Delegate 4 | Shabir Okhai  John Mitchell  Sean Hewitt  John Pattinson | Shabir Okhai  John Mitchell  **Paul Mottram**  John Pattinson |
| ECF Delegate | Sean Hewitt | **Mike Salisbury** |
| Independent Auditor | Martin Burrows | Martin Burrows |
| ECF Registrations Administrator | Shabir Okhai | Shabir Okhai |

This allocation of roles was then proposed by TD seconded by GB, then

passed unanimously by the meeting.

The Publicity chair had remained unfilled for many years and a resolution to remove the position from the constitution will be brought forward at next year’s AGM.

**9. Subscriptions for 2017-2018**

A discussion had occurred under Agenda Item 3.3 about if we should gradually increase fees or use some other charging method to increase income.

The treasurers recommendation to keep fees the same for next season was passed unanimously.

**10. Any Other Business.**

Ashby brought forward the idea of using 3 barred players if teams had more than 1 team in a division. The reason for this being that if a team has more than one team in the division the A team has a match against a lower graded B team, while all other teams in the division will play a higher graded B team. DR will take the ideas put forward to the league management committee.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was booked at the Regent Club Leicester at 7:30pm for Wednesday 22nd May 2019