**Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association 2019 AGM Minutes**

Held at 7:30pm on Wednesday May 22nd 2019 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 7:35pm 17 people present

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

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| **Club** | **Present** | **Appologies** |
| Anstey |  | Ben Vaughan |
| Ashby | Alan Agnew |  |
| Heathcote Arms | Pete Harrison |  |
| Braunstone | Mike Salisbury, Jim Bingham | Graham Booley |
| Juniors |  |  |
| Kirby Castlers |  |  |
| Latimer |  | Brian Slater |
| Leicester University |  |  |
| Loughborough | Stewart Gordon |  |
| Market Harborough |  |  |
| Melton Mowbray | Tom Reynolds, John Denton, Shaun Cope |  |
| Oadby | Mike Thornton |  |
| Red Admiral | Wayne Matts, Mick Slater |  |
| Shepshed Rooks |  |  |
| Syston | Shabir Okhai |  |
| Thurnby | John Pattinson, Bob Collins |  |
| Wigston | Iain Dodds, Martin Burrows, Paul Mottram | Neil Beasley, Andy Morley |

**2. Minutes Of The LRCA Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2018**

Minutes were approved as a true representation of the meeting by PM and seconded by PH.

**2.1 Matters Arising**

No matters arising other than point 3 on the agenda.

**3. Adoption of the new constitution with the Publicity chair removed.**

The amended constitution has been available on the website for a month with the position of publicity officer removed. This was approved by all members present.

**4. Officer’s Reports.**

**4.1. Chairman [Mike Salisbury]**

Mike Salisbury gave a verbal report that thanked David Reynolds for his work as league secretary. Also £106 was raised for McMillan Cancer from the charity evening.

The charity evening/prize giving would be held a week earlier this year and Shabir Okhai offered Syston as a venue on the Tuesday 17th September.

**4.2. Secretary [John Pattinson]**

The report is available on the website.

Thank you to Bob Collins for providing the regent Club for the meeting and David Reynolds for his work on the new barring rules and updating the league handbook.

An additional out reach event was requested by the Phoenix cinema that Paul Mottram was able to help at.

A request from the county teams captains for replacement boards and a few extra sets to cover the extra county teams running this year had been received.

**4.3. Treasurer [Bob Collins]**

Report published on the website.

League fee income up from £594 to £651. Ashby had paid their £357 ECF fees directly.

£1553 was paid into the Congress account from Sean Hewitt. The Atkins made a profit of £350.

Junior account made a profit of £707.

Overall the LRCA made a profit of £923 and the bank accounts have assets of £4950

One unregistered player ECF fees needed to be paid.

Report acceptance proposed by JB and seconded by PH was passed unanimously.

**4.3.1 Audit statement [Martin Burrow]**

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

**5. Committee Reports.**

**5.1 County Teams [Graham Booley]**

Verbal reports were given by John Denton and Paul Mottram

The first team had 4 Midland matches after a win and a loss a narrow win away at Nottinghamshire meant a win at the last game against Worcestershire would win the title but unfortunately we had an off day. In the ECF stages we went for the open section but unfortunately lost to a strong Middlesex team 6 -10.

U140 the new captain didn’t have problems getting a team together during the MCCU matches but after progressing to the national stages a late notification of the match over Easter meant he couldn’t raise a team and had to default the nation stage match.

U120 Plenty of players available and had a solid season but didn’t process to national stages.

U100 won MCCU champs for the last 2 years but unfortunately it wasn’t 3rd time lucky.

All teams have been well supported.

**5.2 League Secretary’s Report [David Reynolds]**

No report received.

Most of the effects of the changes made this season will be discussed later in section 11

**5.3 Congress (Andy Morley)**

Report on the website.

Both the County Championship and Atkins had entrants increase.

Congratulations to Alan Agnew who won the county championship, Robert Henfrey the Challengers, Sasha Kerbel the major and Jason LV the Minor.

Mark Hebden won the Atkins with Henderson Mullin won the U140.

The next Atkins Congress will be help on Sunday October 13th.

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

Both reports are available on the LRCA website.

The Saturday chess club has been handed over to Alan Agnew to run as a separate enterprise.

The U100 saw less juniors play but emphasis was put into the U9’s as there is a cohort of strong players. They have played in various congresses and had very good success.

2 junior also won the Major and minor county championship.

**6. ECF Delegate (Mike Salisbury)**

Proposed 12% increase in membership fees we voted against but was passed for next year.

There is also going to be monthly grade updates and a move to 4 digit grades similar to FIDE ratings.

Next meeting in London.

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

Report available on the Website

Our motions to use Fischer time limits as the default failed last year but have been resubmitted this year in a format that should be more acceptable to the competition controller.

Finance remained steady at the MCCU and fees would remain the same as previous years.

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

Report on the website

Number of county and club competitions included in grading.

Some trouble contacting the ECF grading officer but had not hopefully been resolved.

Webmaster report. Continued to work on the website with changes for DTS and to monitor and report infringements.

**9. Election Of Officers**

List of officers elected below. Paul Mottram was elected league secretary and safeguarding officer to replace David Reynolds and Bob Wallace who were stepping down.

MS and JP would see if it was possible for clubs to administer their own ECF fees rather than come centrally through the association.

Officers was proposed by JB and seconded by PH

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| **Position** | **Present Incumbent** | **Elected** |
| LRCAChairGeneral SecretaryTreasurer | Mike SalisburyJohn PattinsonBob Collins | Mike SalisburyJohn PattinsonBob Collins |
| League CommitteeChairLeague SecretaryFixtures SecretaryGrading OfficerSummer CupOrdinary MemberOrdinary MemberOrdinary Member | Mike ThorntonDavid ReynoldsMartin BurrowsStewart GordonIain DoddsGraham BooleyShabir OkhaiAlan Agnew | Mike Thornton**Paul Mottram**Martin BurrowsStewart GordonIain DoddsGraham BooleyShabir OkhaiAlan Agnew |
| County TeamsChairOpenU140U120U100 | Graham BooleyJohn DentonAndrew WilsonPaul MottramNeil Roberts | Graham BooleyJohn DentonAndrew WilsonPaul MottramNeil Roberts |
| CongressChairCongress SecretaryCongress Treasurer | Andy MorleyVacantBob Collins | Andy MorleyVacantBob Collins |
| Junior ChessChairSchools LiaisonCounty Team EventsJunior Comms Administrator | Bob WallaceVacantPaul MottramPaul Mottram | VacantVacantPaul MottramPaul Mottram |
| Safeguarding Officer | Bob Wallace | **Paul Mottram** |
| MCCU DelegatesDelegate 1Delegate 2Delegate 3Delegate 4 | Shabir OkhaiJohn MitchellPaul MottramJohn Pattinson | Shabir OkhaiJohn MitchellPaul MottramJohn Pattinson |
| ECF Delegate | Mike Salisbury | Mike Salisbury |
| Independent Auditor | Martin Burrows | Martin Burrows |
| ECF Registrations Administrator | Shabir Okhai |  |

**10. Subscriptions for 2019-2020**

The treasurer recommended that the fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 season.

This was seconded by MB and carried.

£400 would be made available from LRCA assets to provide extra clocks/sets and replacement boards for the county teams.

**11. Discussion on the DTS system and changes to barring rules.**

A number of views was obtained about the DTS from clubs not represented on the League management committee. These were noted.

Melton prosed a simpler grading limit on divisions with no barring. This would remove over 500 words from the handbook

Red Admiral proposed a club could only enter 1 team in a division.

Syston proposed that the old barring rules be reinstated.

Some alteration to the DTS system from the league secretary.

A good discussion was had and indicative votes taken.

Division grading limits for 5 against 5

One team one division for 1 many against

Revert to old barring rules for 2 against 11

Alterations to the DTS for 6 against 6

**12. Any Other Business.**

A discussion about late registration of players to gain advantage at the end of the season but the league secretary has enough power to accept or deny the registration of new players.

**13. Date of next meeting**

Bob Collins would book the Regent Club for next years AGM for the 3rd Wednesday on May when the 2020 diary becomes available.

Meeting closed at 10:15