**LRCA AGM 2025 Minutes**

The meeting was held online on Zoom at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th 2025

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

within the minutes.

1. **Present and Apologies for Absence**

Paul Mottram (Wigston)

Ben Vaughan (Anstey)

Bob Collins (Thurnby)

Chris Knight (Melton)

Alison Walton (Melton)

Jan Oldham (Ashby)

Alan Agnew (Anstey)

Apologies: Martin Burrows, Shaun Cope

1. **Minutes of the LRCA AGM 2024**

Proposed by BC and seconded by PM and approved by all present

1. **Officers Reports**
   1. **Chairman (Ben Vaughan)**

Full Report is on website. BV reviewed the league season commenting on an issue where unavailability of University Student players led to boards being defaulted.

Charity Quickplay raised £110 for Loros with better attendance from clubs but still room for improvement.

LRCA staged Rapidplay & Classical Congresses

BV thanked the General Committee and the outgoing Secretary / League Secretary (Paul Mottram)

* 1. **Secretary/ League Secretary (Paul Mottram)**

The report is available on the website.

The 2024-25 League completed with division winners Div 1 (Wigston 1), Div 2 (Ashby 1), Div 3 (Wigston 4), Div 4 (Wigston 5), Div 5 (Latimer)

Team numbers remained stable at 40 teams in 5 divisions

Slight tightening of DTS rules (reintroduction of A and B category players) only had modest effect on teams.

Thanks to Stewart Gordon for all his work with ratings submissions and the results website.

* 1. **Treasurer (Bob Collins)**

Reports are published on the website. Overall surplus of £55 with assets of £4430. Juniors running at £231 loss but covered by large junior fund. Congresses ran at a small deficit of £128 but Phil Watkinson’s donation of £1500, £1300 of which was used to purchase 50 clocks, offset this figure to produce a surplus of £72

Accounts approval proposed by PM and seconded by JO

* + 1. **Audit Statement (Martin Burrows)**

An email was received by the secretary from theauditor that the 2024-2025 accounts are a true and fair view of the association's activities during the year and the financial position at the end of the year.

1. **Committee Reports**
   1. **County Teams (Vacant)**

No team captains could be found so no county teams were entered into the MCCU or ECF county championship. BV felt that there wasn’t enough interest from players to make county teams viable but PM felt the overriding issue was the lack of captains

* 1. **Congress (Andy Morley/Ben Vaughan, Paul Mottram)**

Rapidplay and Classical Congresses were successfully run in July and September 2024 at the Cedars Academy, Birstall with an entry of around 100 for both.

* 1. **Juniors (Alan Agnew)**

The Saturday club continues to run with a weekly turnout of about 45 with 4 coaches

Two new primary school tournaments were organised with 7 schools taking part

A Leicestershire Individual County Champs was run in December at Holywell School

U11 teams played in the Midland County Team Champs at Nottingham High School and Leicester hosted the Midland Zonal for the EPSCA U11 County Champs. Changes to the rules with smaller teams and shorter time controls will mean Leicestershire will be able to enter both U9 and U11 teams next year.

Our U18 team won division 1 in the Junior 4NCL this year.

AA requested that LRCA support the creation of U9 and Girls Team manager positions to make the organisation of teams more manageable

1. **ECF Delegate**

The main current issue is the move to 12 month rolling memberships which makes it much harder to determine who has valid ECF membership and can lead to LRCA being charged game fees for league players who have forgotten to renew membership.

CK suggested that it ought to be explicit in the league rules that players must become ECF members if they play more than 3 rated games in the season in all competitions

1. **Ratings Officer & Webmaster (Stewart Gordon)**

Introduction of offering of dates for summer cup matches from website has been a great success. There is also new email preference functionality for club captains, club officials but this needs better communication to encourage use.

SG is concerned about the short time period between the publishing of ECF ratings on Jan 1st and the league matches that follow that will be affected by the new ratings with DTS list and board order adjustments

1. **Election of Officers**

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| **Position** | **Elected** |
| LRCA  President  Secretary  Treasurer | **Ben Vaughan**  **Vacant**  **Bob Collins** |
| Other Officers  Rating Officer  Webmaster  League Fixtures Secretary  Summer Cup Controller  Individual Competitions  Junior Officer  Safeguarding Officer  Auditor | **Stewart Gordon**  **Stewart Gordon**  **Martin Burrows**  **Iain Dodds**  **Andy Morley**  **Alan Agnew**  **Alan Agnew**  **Martin Burrows** |

Proposed by JO and seconded by CK and approved by all

Note that an LRCA Secretary / League Secretary needs to be found asap in order for the next league season to proceed as normal

**10. Subscriptions for 2025-2026**

The treasurer recommended that the fees remain the same at £4 per board for the league. £8 a team for the summer cup.

PM proposed seconded by BV and was carried

**11. Any Other Business**

JO asked on behalf of Ashby Captains whether if it might be possible to keep pre-Xmas and pre-Easter clear of matches and possibly start the season earlier in September to accommodate this.

AA asked if U9 Team Manager and U11 Girls Team Manager could be official Junior positions and whether LRCA could advertise on the website

BV brought up the subject of clubs with teams in the same division and whether there ought to be more rules governing whether the higher team must outrate the lower team.