

## Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association 2017 AGM Minutes

Held at 8pm on Wednesday June 6th 2017 at Latimer Conservative club. Surrey Street,  
Leicester

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

In the absence of the LRCA chairman Mike Salisbury, the General Secretary John Pattinson opened the meeting at 8pm, Andy Morley was prepared to chair the meeting and was unanimously given authorisation to chair the meeting.

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

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
1	Ashby		
2	Blaby District at Heathcote Arms	Graham Booley	
3	Braunstone	Jim Bingham	Mike Salisbury
4	Kirby Castlers	J. Walker, E. Gonzaga	
5	Latimer	Brian Slater	
6	Leicester University		
7	Loughborough	Terry Adcock, Stewart Gordon	John Mitchell
8	Market Harborough		
9	Melton Mowbray	Bob Wallace, Paul Mottram	
10	Oadby	Mike Thornton	
11	Red Admiral	Stan Parsons, Mike Slater	
12	Shepshed Rooks		
13	Syston	Shabir Okhai	

14	Thurnby	Bob Collins, John Pattinson Non voting Brian Forman	
15	Wigston	Andy Morley, Iain Dodds	

## 2. Minutes Of The LRCA Annual General Meeting held on 8th June 2016

The secretary had received one query that Graham Booley had not been elected at MCCU delegate the minutes were accepted with this one proviso.

### 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.

Thanks to Latimer for hosting both the AGM and 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.

Report was accepted in his absence.

### 3.2. Secretary [John Pattinson]

Report published on the website.

The report thanked Graham Booley for his hard work running the county teams for many years. This position is now vacant.

First year handbook printed only online, there was a discussion if it is worth printing a physical copy. League management committee to consider the options.

He would be in Australia during November/December and any queries should be sent to the Chairman.

### 3.3. Treasurer [Bob Collins]

Report published on the website and circulated to club secretaries.

Loss from league fees had increased from £105 to £153.

Profit from Junior congresses had increased to £1068 and he would need to pay £183 in tax. Brian Slater suggested that this would not need to be paid and would contact Bob outside the meeting.

Accounts had been audited by Martin Burrows.

Proposed that league fees remain the same as previous year.

Seconded by Graham Booley and was passed unanimously.

### **3.3.1 Audit statement [Martin Burrow]**

No statement was received.

## **4. Committee Reports.**

### **4.1 County Teams [Graham Booley]**

Verbal report was given by Graham and print version will be made available for the website after final national stage match.

Last year the first team had won two matches and lost two but still made the national stages.

Had a successful win in the ¼ final against Cornwall and the ½ final was next week. Junior team had been run successfully by Paul.

The chair then thanked Graham for his work with the county teams and the report was passed.

### **4.2 League Secretary's Report [Vacant Position]**

A verbal report was given by Mike Thornton.

A decision was made to have Fischer time the default for the summer cups.

Thanks to Andy Morely for arranging this.

Some barred player infringements during the season but they were not disputed.

A discussion about not having barring rules was had and any suggestions from clubs to the LMC via Andy Morely.

Some discussion about the number of divisions and teams was had but this would be left to LMC's discretion.

### **4.3 Congress (Andy Morley)**

Report on the website.

The results of the summer county championship can be found there. Also the Atkins did not run but it is hoped to run a 1 day Atkins on Sunday 15th October at Leicester Grammar School.

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

Both reports are available on the LRCA website.

Highlights that 2 extra parent representatives had volunteered and Ben Vaughn has now started coaching.

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

Many children coached had gone on to represent England.

A Wednesday virtual chess club is run on ChessKid.com

2-3 teams entered into the junior 4NCL with the hopes of getting a team in division 1.

Neil Roberts will take over the U100 team and Paul Mottram will hopefully start a U120 team.

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

A verbal report was given to John Pattinson, this highlighted the membership fees would increase by £1 at most levels and the board fee would be abolished with a player allowed 3 games for free before having to pay the full membership fee on game 4.

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

Report on the Website

The new junior chess director had arranged a junior congress at Leicester Grammar school on the Saturday 22nd July.

Graham Booley requested for the MCCU delegated to raise two points at the next AGM. That the minor time limit be brought down from 5 hours to 4 hours and that Fischer timings be the default setting.

#### **7. Report from Grading Officer [Stewart Gordon]**

Stewart made a presentation of his report, which will be put on the LRCA website when electronically submitted.

#### **8. Election Of Officers**

Position	Previous Incumbent	Elected
Chairman	Mike Salisbury	Mike Salisbury
General Secretary	John Pattinson	John Pattinson
Treasurer	Bob Collins	Bob Collins
League Secretary	vacant	vacant
<u>Committee Chairmen</u>		
Congress	Andy Morley	Andy Morley
League	Mike Thornton	Mike Thornton
County teams	Graham Booley	Vaccant
Publicity	vacant	vacant
Junior Chess Directors :-		
- Clubs (& Chairman)	Bob Wallace	Bob Wallace
- Schools	vacant	vacant
- County	Paul Mottram	Paul Mottram
- Lead for Safeguarding		
- Safeguarding Officer - cmtee member	Bob Wallace Bob Wallace John Mitchell	Bob Wallace Bob Wallace John Mitchell
Delegates and other officers		
MCCU delegates	Graham Booley; John Mitchell; Sean Hewitt ; John Pattinson	<b>Shabir Okhai</b> ; John Mitchell; Sean Hewitt ; John Pattinson
ECF delegate	Sean Hewitt	Sean Hewitt
<u>County Teams</u>		
Chairman	Graham Booley	Vacant
• U100 Captain	Paul Mottram	Neil Roberts
• U120 Captain		Paul Mottram
Delegates :-	vacant vacant	vacant vacant
Grading Officer	Stewart Gordon	Stewart Gordon
Webmasters	Stewart Gordon – main & results Mike Salisbury - information content	Stewart Gordon – main & results Mike Salisbury - information content
Independent Auditor	Martin Burrows	Martin Burrows
Supporting Roles		

ECF Regns. Administrator	Shabir Okhai (acting Deputy League Sec)	Shabir Okhai (acting Deputy League Sec)
Fixtures Sec .	Martin Burrows	Martin Burrows
Junior Comms. Administrator	Mike Salisbury?	Paul Mottram

This allocation of roles was then proposed by Andy Morely from the chair, and then passed unanimously by the meeting.

## **9. Subscriptions for 2016-2017**

This item had already been discussed and agreed upon in Agenda Item 3.3.

## **10. Any Other Business.**

### **10.1 Proposal from Latimer to request the LMC remove barring rules on the lower divisions requiring clubs with 2 teams in the same division to bar 2 players.**

This had been discussed earlier and ideas should be sent to Andy Morely for the LMC to consider. A vote split vote was had on weather the meeting thought the rule should be withdrawn

### **10.2 Proposal from Loughborough that the Harrod cup should be limited to a maximum grade since it is meant for lower graded players.**

This was carried by the meeting.

### **10.3 Proposal from Wigston that Andy Morely be given a LRCA life vice-president honour.**

This was carried Unanimously.