

Russell Granat

Application for Non-Executive Director of Surrey County Chess Association (June 15)

Background

I am a qualified Chartered Accountant, running an Accountancy Practice with my wife. Married with two grown up children.

I joined Wimbledon Chess Club as a 12 year old in 1972 and have been a member ever since. My father ran a Surrey County team in the 1970s/80s and was instrumental in the Surrey Girls set up, my sister also playing chess, together with my brother in law and also now a nephew playing.

I am also part of the successful Guildford 4NCL squad.

Currently I am the Wimbledon Treasurer, the Wimbledon London League First Team Captain and am on the Surrey adjudication and resolution dispute panel.

Suitability for the Role

My professional career gives me a working knowledge of the obligations of directors and the responsibilities of non-executive directors.

My many years of chess playing demonstrate my enthusiasm for the game and from currently held roles my dedication to serving local chess .

I am nominated for the position by the Board of SCCA, which may be seen as a negative, given the role of a Non-Executive Director is to scrutinise the actions of the Board – however anyone who is familiar with my style of chess playing will know that I am known to rarely “follow the book” and regularly “think outside the box” for moves; and I would look to bring these skills to the Non-Executive Director role.