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Minutes of Annual Finance Meeting 16 AUGUST 2022

The meeting was held at Cheam Parochial Halls and started at 7.30 pm.
Clive Frostick (President) was in the Chair.

Attendees: -

Nominated Members entitled to vote:

Ashted: Dan Rosen, Bertie Barlow (also proxy for Richard Jones)

Chessington: Murugan Kanagasabay

Dorking: Brian Skinner, Peter Lawrence (also proxy for Anthony Collins)

Epsom: Marcus Gosling, Michael Wickham, David Flewellen

Guildford: Julien Shepley, Trevor Jones, Nigel White (also proxy for Mike Gunn)

Kingston: Alan Scrimgour

Redhill: Paul Dunican

Richmond: Huw Williams

South Norwood: Ken Chamberlain (also proxy for Simon Lea and Martin Cath), David Howes

Surbiton: Graham Alcock (proxy for Paul Shepherd, Paul Durrant, David Morant, Angus James)

Attendee entitled to a casting vote: Clive Frostick (Chairman)

Attendees not entitled to vote: David Sedgwick (Life Vice President), Paul Dupre (South Norwood), Nick Faulks (Surbiton).

Clive Frostick welcomed attendees and introduced himself in his new position as SCCA President. Safety advice covering fire exits was provided. He thanked his predecessor, Paul Shepherd, for his very active support of the SCCA and said that like Paul he will endeavour to continue to attract new members. He advised the meeting that over the coming months the Board will be looking at the time controls and game finishes for the SCCA competitions with a view to introducing changes. He referred to the email from Peter Lawrence concerning spoof emails and said that in his new position he had already been targeted, something that he had been forewarned. Peter Lawrence said that looking at the email address of the sender would usually be a way of determining whether the email was genuine.

1. Apologies for absence

Had been received from Martin Cath, John Foley, Greg Heath, Mike Gunn, Anthony Collins, Paul Shepherd, Paul Durrant, David Morant, Angus James, Sampson Low and Richard Jones.

2. Budget for the Year to 30 April 2023

Dan Rosen explained that he aimed for a balanced budget and provided a commentary to the document which had been previously circulated before the meeting. He mentioned that costs may increase over the coming months. There are uncertainties about costs county matches in relation to venue hire and the degree to which there will be single or double home matches. The SCCA had a balance of about £5000 so if there were a small deficit it will not be an immediate concern. The Alexander Cup has more boards than the Lauder Trophy and therefore the fee per team was higher. The charge per half game in the league competitions would remain at 54 – 55 pence.

In response to a question from David Sedgwick it was confirmed that there would be a County Open team and the same number of county teams as last year. Dan Rosen said that the proposed team fees were subject to tweaks once the league structure has been determined.

A proposal was made by the chairman to accept the budget and the revised affiliation fees together. This proposal was passed nem.con.

3. Increase the CDC appeal fee in accordance with the CDC Chairman's report submitted to the AGM

The CDC chairman's report recommended that the existing appeal fee be increased from £30 to £50. This change was proposed by Dan Rosen and seconded by Alan Scrimgour. It was hoped that this increase would focus minds before an appeal is made.

In response to a question from Trevor Jones it was confirmed that the relevant Controller (the Interclub Tournaments Secretary for Club Competitions) makes the initial ruling whether it was in respect of a Bye Law or the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Alan Scrimgour pointed out that the current appeal fee had not been increased for several years and would be much higher had it risen in line with inflation.

David Sedgwick spoke out against the proposal. He believed that it has arisen because it was considered that the recent appeal by South Norwood had no realistic prospect of success. Hard cases make bad law. As far as he was aware, this was the first case where a deposit had been forfeited. He did not

wish small clubs to be deterred from making an appeal due to the level of the deposit.

In response Dan Rosen pointed out that only cases considered to be not of sufficient merit forfeit the deposit. £50 was not a lot of money for a big club. David Sedgwick responded that he did not think a hike in the cost was necessary for an event that is so rare.

The proposal was passed nem. con, David Sedgwick not being eligible to vote.

4. Determination of Membership Fees

A query was raised in respect of the individual membership fee of £5. Was it worth collecting? Dan Rosen stated that he had experienced no difficulty in collecting the £5 fee; for the current year it was added to a remittance for the Individual Tournaments.

A summary of the charges, apart from team entry fees, is shown below.

Individual membership of the SCCA - £5

Club membership - £30

Adjudication fee - £10

Adjudication appeal fee - £20

Fines for non-compliance with deadlines imposed by Bye-Laws 3.4.3 and 3.7.3 - £3

Chess Disputes Committee Appeal deposit - £50*

County match home board fees: adults £5 and juniors £3

These were approved nem.con.

*Included so that there is a complete record of the fees.

5. Any Other Business

David Sedgwick said that he wanted the county to congratulate the England teams (and the organisers) for the recent success in the World Senior Teams event at which England won 3 world titles. Clive Frostick said that he was happy to do that will send an appropriate e-mail to Nigel Povah and Stewart Reuben

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.

