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Wiltshire County Chess Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Chippenham Chess Club on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

In attendance: Messrs. Mr J Bourne (Chairman), A Gladwell (League Secretary), R Ludlow (Secretary), A Ransom (Tournament Secretary), P Owen (Grading Officer), R Carver (Vice-President), D Auld, J Comerford and D Parsons (representing S Zeidler).

1. Apologies were received from S Zeidler (Treasurer), who was on holiday.
2. Minutes were accepted with two additions:

A.. Item 5 (immediately above item 6) Trowbridge would have no fixtures during the first week of October because of RL's absence and the fact that the Somerset fixtures had not yet been published.

B. Item 7 (after " ...at such short notice") Thanks were expressed to C Lamming for re-arranging this tournament.

3. There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman presented the Major League trophy to DP, who received it on behalf of Devizes / Nationwide.
5. AG declared that there would be the three leagues, as last season.

There will be three teams in the Major League:

Check Innmates, contact M Rabbitt, reserve J Bourne
Devizes/Nationwide, contact: A Cooper, reserve S Zeidler
Swindon contact: M Jones, reserve R Williams

As last season, each team would play the other two teams home and away once, making four matches each.

JB reported that the Check Innmates Club was seeking new premises.

There will be five teams in the Intermediate League:

Chippenham contact: P Owen, reserve J Rose
*Nationwide contact: D Parsons, reserve K Jackson
Swindon A contact: G Georgiou, reserve D O'Byrne
Swindon B contact: C Cheek, reserve G Chapman
Trowbridge contact: R Ludlow, reserve A Ransom

* This will be a Nationwide team (not Devizes / Nationwide) and will play home matches at Nationwide.

The grade limit will be " below 150" for the coming season. This will allow some people to play, who would otherwise play little chess.
Each team will play the other four teams home and away once, making eight matches in all.

There will be four teams in the Minor League:

Chippenham, contact: G Holman, reserve D Auld
Swindon A, contact: R Carver, reserve M Walters
Swindon B, contact: D Brown, reserve R Sparks
Trowbridge, contact: R Ludlow; reserve A Ransom

The grade limit will be "under 112" for the coming season.
Each team will play the other three teams three times, making nine matches in all.

The meeting was reminded that, in all three leagues, it was perfectly possible to arrange friendly games in addition to the four games in a league match.

AR will inform AG of Somerset fixtures as soon as possible.

6. JB circulated the current summary of accounts on behalf of SZ. Finances were stable; there was no need for an increase in fees.

7. AR announced that the Five Minute Tournament would take place at Chippenham Chess Club on Wednesday 18th September. It was established that there would be sufficient clocks and sets; and that the Association would pay the £23 hiring fee.

The Rapidplay Tournament will take place at Nationwide on Sunday 24th November; there will be teams of three; AR requested details of entries.

The Wiltshire Championship was in doubt because of the very few entries thus far. JB and RL stressed that they had enjoyed the Championship last season. The closing date for entries was 29th September.

8. Paul Girdlestone was not present to give a report on junior chess.

9. AOB

A. AR reported the sad death of Mervyn Lovell at the age of 94. RC gave details of Mervyn's service to the Association over many years (he had been League Secretary and Chairman at different times) and of his membership of the Swindon Libraries and Swindon Clubs. RC had sent a card of condolence to his widow.

RL was asked to send a letter of condolence on behalf of the Association. (This has been done - RL)

There will be a minute's silence before the Rapidplay Tournament

B. JC asked about ECF membership. JB explained that this could be done individually (by 'phone or online), which was increasingly the case, or through the clubs and via

SZ to the ECF. Fees were Bronze £18; Silver £27; Gold £39. There was no longer any discount for online payment.

C. AG would study results with a view to recommendation for the President's Shield but had not so far spotted any outstanding achievement and so thought it unlikely that there would be a recommendation for last season.

10. The date of the 2020 AGM was confirmed: Tuesday 26th May at 7.30 pm at Chippenham Chess Club.

14. The date of the 2020 Executive Committee Meeting was decided: Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm at Chippenham Chess Club.

JB closed the Meeting at 8.28 pm. (possibly the shortest such meeting ever!).

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