

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Langley Burrell Village Hall on Wednesday 14th September 2022

In attendance: Messrs S Zeidler (Treasurer and Chairman for the meeting, in the absence of Mr J Bourne), R Carver (Vide-President), A Gladwell (League Secretary), R Ludlow (Secretary), P Owen, A Ransom (Tournaments Secretary) and Michael Johnson, representing the Seend Community Centre.

1. **Apologies** had been received from Messrs J Bourne, D Auld and A Cooper

2. Regional Chess Tournament at Seend

Mr Michael Johnson explained that the Seend Community Centre was seeking to expand its activities and wished to host a chess tournament. This news was very well received. After much discussion, it was felt that the best way forward would be to hold a one day rapidplay tournament on a Saturday in March or April 2023. Mr Johnson would speak further with RL in October. Ben Ogunshola, who was organising a similar tournament in Swindon, would be another good contact.

3. The final result of the **Intermediate League** was: Swindon A first, with 11 points and Trowbridge second with 9 points.

4. This item, 4A. to discuss Adrian Champion's proposal to **disband the Intermediate League and to have only the Major and Minor Leagues**, and 4B: **to establish grade boundaries for whichever leagues we have** was taken in conjunction with item 5 **establishing teams for the coming season**.

After much discussion, it was decided to retain the Intermediate and Minor Leagues. The grade limit for the Minor League was raised to 1600, and for the Intermediate League to 1850, with the possibility of fielding one player with a grade of between 1850 and 1950. Such a player would play on board 1. It was felt that this would give the opportunity to play league chess to the greatest number of players. These grade limits would be for the 2022/23 season only.

A decision on the Major League would be postponed, pending enquiries by AG as to whether Brown Jack and Devizes/ Nationwide intended to field teams.

A decision on the teams clubs would field in the different leagues would be postponed pending the result of AG's enquiries.

6. AR reported that, re **tournaments for the coming season**, there were sufficient tournaments already, given the recent blitz tournament in Swindon, the rapidplay in Swindon on Saturday 1st October, the rapidplay which Chris Lamming planned to hold in Trowbridge on Saturday 29th October and the planned rapidplay in Seend early in 2023.

7. AG reported that he had changed provider for the **WCCA Website** for reasons of cost. The site was now up and running; the number of "hits" was satisfactory; no-one appeared to have taken up the offer on digital clocks, which had now expired. The website was much appreciated.

8. SZ, **Treasurer**, reported that there had been little financial activity and that the finances remained in good order. Fees would remain the same.
(Please note that Simon Redmill has now cashed his cheque.)

9. There was no report from the **Junior Chess Liaison Officer**.

10. AOB

It was established that there was still no county team.

There was a view shared by all present that we needed more chess clubs in Wiltshire.

11. The date, time and venue of the **2023 AGM** were confirmed as Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30 pm at Langley Burrell Village Hall.

12. The date, time and venue of the **2023 Executive Committee Meeting** were agreed as Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 pm at Langley Burrell Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Roy Ludlow, Secretary, Wiltshire County Chess Association,
20th September 2022