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Hertfordshire Chess Association

Executive Meeting

7.30 p.m. Friday 9th March 2018

To be held in the Chauncy Room, Hertford Club, Bull Plain, Hertford, SG14 1DT

Chairman: Chris Majer (HCA President)

Secretary: Alan Brewis

Treasurer: Mike Price

Agenda

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Closed County Competition Rule proposals.** Please refer to the enclosed file "HCA Closed County Competition Rules – Proposals – 9th March 2017.docx" for details.
 - 2.1 New rule 3.1.8, "Clubs wishing to withdraw a team(s) shall only withdraw from the lowest division(s) excepting where the League Secretary is satisfied that there is insufficient strength to support a team(s) in a higher division(s)."
Proposed by Mike Price (Stevenage)
 - 2.2 Amended Rule 3.6 (Match Conditions) In place of the captains determining the rate of play it is proposed that this is now left to each pair of players.
Proposed by Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell (St Albans).
 - 2.3 Amended Rule 3.7.2 (Rate of Play) It is proposed that if digital clocks are available and the 35 moves in 75 minutes rate of play has not been chosen by either player, then Fischer Timing, all moves in 70 minutes plus 10 seconds a move, be used. JFM
 - 2.4 Amended Rule 3.7.4 (Rate of Play) This Rule has been rewritten to give a player (by accepting to play to a finish) a means to avoid being forced to travel to an opponent's home venue in order to complete an adjourned game. This avoids penalising those without their own private transport. JFM
 - 2.5 Amended Rule 3.8.1 (Procedure at End of Playing Session) Amended to deal with 3.7.1. JFM
 - 2.6 Amended Rule 3.8.2 (Procedure at End of Playing Session) Amended to deal with 3.7.2. JFM
 - 2.7 Amended Rule 3.8.3 (Procedure at End of Playing Session) Amended to deal with 3.7.3. JFM
 - 2.8 Amended Rules 3.8.4, 3.8.5 and New Rule 3.8.6 (Procedure at End of Playing Session)
Rules dealing with sealing a move. JFM
 - 2.9 Amended Rules 3.9 (Adjournment and Adjudication) Some minor changes in wording but the essence of the rule remains the same. JFM
 - 2.10 Amended Rule 3.10.1 (Agreement of Resumption Dates) To clarify the arrangements for a game continuing in a second session. JFM
 - 2.11 Amended Rule 4.1 (Inter-Club Under-120 League) Minor word changes only. JFM
 - 2.12 Amended Rule 4.2 (Inter-Club Knock-Out Competitions) Minor word changes only. JFM
 - 2.13 Amended Rule 3.4.4 (Postponements) For a League match defaulted by a team, remove the penalty "Additionally, at the start of the next season the defaulting team shall have deducted match points equivalent to a win and 5 game points."
Proposed by Roger Gordonsmith (Welwyn Hatfield Chess Forum).
- 3 **Any Other Business – including Officers Reports.**