



Minutes of AGM - Hertfordshire Chess Association (HCA)

Friday 24th July 2018

Salisbury Arms Hotel, Fore Street, Hertford

Present

HCA Honorary VP	Malcolm Harding - <i>acting Chairman</i>
Bishops Stortford	
Borehamwood	
Enfield	Stephen Banks
Hemel Hempstead	Steve Law
Hertford	Alan Brewis (Secretary), Andrew du Boulay
Hoddesdon	
Letchworth	Tim Thurston (Hon VP), Ian Mutton, Ian Nelson, Jon Barnes
Little Heath	Chris Cook, Jeremy Ward
Rothamsted	
Royston	Simon Cage, Keith Woodhouse
St Albans	Peter Baker, Ray Claret, Michael Flatt, Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell
Stevenage	Mike Price (Treasurer), David Belton
Watford	
Welwyn Hatfield	Mir Wali

1 Apologies for absence

Chris Majer, John Rhodes, Brian Judkins

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

These were approved.

3 Matters arising

None.

4 Treasurer's Report – Mike Price

Please refer to 'Treasurers Report and Financial Statement, AGM 2018'.

Letchworth's arrears remain outstanding.

The u120 county team's accounts have since been received.

A fine of £60 has been applied to the HCA for defaulting 3 boards in the u140 match against Lancashire.

The existing fees will be maintained for next season:

Club affiliation	£20.00
League Fee	£7.00
U120 League	£5.00
Knockout Competition	£1.00

5 Secretary's Report - Alan Brewis

Please refer to 'Secretary's Report, AGM 2018'. With reference to the new County Award being required, Coventry Trophies are recommended by Malcolm and will be contacted.

6 Officers' Reports

The following reports were presented:

League Fixtures Proposals 2018-19 – Steve Law. ×

U160 Team Report, AGM 2018 – Mike Price (with thanks to Ian Mutton).

U120 Team Report – Peter Baker.

Correspondence Chess Report, AGM 2018 – John Rhodes.

Equipment Curator's Report, AGM 2018 – Mike Price.

Adjudication Secretary – Only 1 was received last season. The same as the season before – Brian Judkins.

× Steve's report contains a description of how he will handle promotions and relegations in the league.

7 Election of Officers

President	Chris Majer
Secretary	Alan Brewis
Treasurer	Mike Price
League Secretary	Steve Law
U120 League	Steve Law
Capel, Burn & Bunce Organiser	Steve Law & Sanjay Vig
Old Puller Cup Organiser	<i>Vacant</i>
Knockout Competition Organiser	Steve Law
Open Team Captain	<i>Vacant</i>
U160 Team Captain	Mike Price
U140 Team Captain	Sanjay Vig
U120 Team Captain	Peter Baker
Correspondence Chess Conductor	John Rhodes
Webmaster	Stephen Dicks
County Grader	Steve Law
Adjudications Secretary	Brian Judkins
Chief Arbiter	Tim Thurstan
Congress Organiser	<i>Vacant</i>
Archivist	<i>Vacant</i>
Equipment Curator	Mike Price
Junior Chess Coordinator *	<i>Vacant</i>
SCCU Representative	Michael Flatt
EACU Representatives	Mike Price, Brian Judkins
ECF Representative	Chris Cook <i>new appointment</i>
Rule Committee **	Jeremy Fraser- Mitchell <i>new appointment</i>

* The HCA does not appear to have any junior chess to manage so it was decided, at least temporarily, to abandon this role and establish a formal link with the HSCA (Hertfordshire Schools Chess Association) in its place. The Secretary's offer to liaise with HSCA was accepted.

** Jeremy will select his own committee members.

Andrew thanked all officers, old and new, for the work they do for the HCA.

9 Presentation of Trophies

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Represented by</u>
League Division 1 New Puller Cup	Little Heath 1	Jeremy Ward
League Division 2 Montague Jones B&S	Hemel Hempstead 2	Steve Law
League Division 3 Patterson B&S *	Letchworth & Hitchin 2	Ian Mutton (but trophy unavailable)
League Division 4 K L Woodland Trophy	Little Heath 2	Chris Cook
League Division 5 Gateley Trophy **	Stevenage 3	David Belton (but trophy unavailable)
League Division 6 G W Davies B&S	Royston 3	Simon Cage
U120 League	Watford	<i>Nobody</i>
Russell Trophy	Hemel Hempstead	Steve Law
Sharp Trophy	St Albans	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell
U140 Trophy	Welwyn Hatfield CF	Mir Wali
U120 Trophy	St Albans	Ray Claret
Tom Wright Trophy	Jon Barnes	Jon Barnes
U120 Best individual performance	Austin McMahon	Alan Brewis

* Trophy would have been available save for illness of returning holder.

** Watford, last year's winners, had not responded to requests to return the trophy.

'County Awards' were presented for county team performances to:
Chris Cook, Ian Mutton and Jon Barnes.

10 Any Other Business

SCCU A Herts representative is sought to serve on the Rules & Appeals Committee to replace Chris Majer. Please contact Michael Flatt for further information.

7.45 pm match start time Andrew advised that at their own AGM, Hertford CC expressed a preference for matches to start promptly at 7.45pm - as the rules state. Visiting teams take note. At away games too, hosts occasionally do not have the equipment set up in time for 7.45 pm start. Either a home or an away team can insist any delay in commencing play later than 7.45 has the delay removed from the match times of the team responsible.

St Albans Congress Ray advised that this very successful event was held on the 14th – 15th April at St Columba's College, St Albans. Herts provided 30 entries, down from 40 the previous year. Local prize winners included J Tomy of Watford – 1st equal in the Challengers and Best Junior U14. Geir Neilsen, also of Watford, came 3rd equal in the Minor. For a full list of prize winners, visit <https://stalbanscongress.com/index.php/en/>. The next St Albans Congress will be held 6th – 7th April, 2019.

Meeting closed at 10.07 pm.