



Minutes of AGM - Hertfordshire Chess Association (HCA)

7.30 pm Friday 5th July 2019

Salisbury Arms Hotel, Fore Street, Hertford

Present

A Hirst (Bishop's Stortford); R Brennan, K Elder (*KE*), A Smith, D White, (Welwyn Hatfield Chess Forum); M Price (*MP*), C Majer (*CEM*) (Stevenage); D Marshall, A Brewis (*AB*) (Hertford); B Judkins (Royston); J Fraser-Mitchell (*JFM*), P Baker (St Albans); S Law (*SE*) (Hemel Hempstead); T Thurstan (Letchworth & Hitchin); S Banks (Enfield)

There was a minute's silence in honour of Bryan Fewell, a prolific officer of the HCA for over two decades who passed away on the 15th May 2019 at the age of 86.

1 Apologies for absence

C Cook (L Heath); K Clark (Royston); C Mountford, A du Boulay (Hertford); P Dunks (Hemel Hempstead), S Vig (Watford); R Claret (St Albans); I Mutton (Letchworth) J Rhodes (*Correspondence Chess*). For the second successive year one of the largest clubs in the county, Watford, were not represented at the meeting.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

These were approved with no matters arising.

3 Officers' Reports

The following reports were received and accepted. They are available on the website - <http://www.hertschess.com/>.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement – Mike Price

Secretary's Report – Alan Brewis

League, U120 league and Knockout Competitions Reports – Steve Law

Grading Report – Steve Law

U160 County Team Report – Mike Price

Correspondence Chess Report – John Rhodes

Equipment Curator's Report – Mike Price

Fees for the 2019-20 season remain unchanged

Club affiliation £20.00

League Fee £7.00

U120 League £5.00

Knockout Competition £1.00

The following amendment to the Constitution was carried.

Para 8 "The Executive Committee **should shall** meet at least twice a year."

Proposed by Alan Brewis, seconded by Mike Price.

4 Presentation of Trophies

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Represented by</u>
League Division 1 New Puller Cup	Little Heath 1	Retained at Little Heath
League Division 2 Montague Jones B&S	Letchworth & Hitchin 1	Tim Thurstan
League Division 3 Patterson B&S	Borehamwood 1	Not represented (Trophy held by AB)
League Division 4 K L Woodland Trophy	St Albans 3	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell
League Division 5 Gateley Trophy	Bishop's Stortford 3	Adam Hirst
League Division 6 G W Davies B&S	Welwyn Hatfield CF	Andrew Smith
U120 League	Welwyn Hatfield CF	Kidge Elder
Russell Trophy	Hemel Hempstead	Steve Law
Sharp Trophy	St Albans	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell
U140 Knockout Trophy	Hemel Hempstead	Steve Law
U120 Knockout Trophy	Watford	Not represented (Trophy held by AB)
Tom Wright Trophy	Corinne Mountford	Duncan Marshall
U120 Best individual performance	Michael Whitworth	<i>Peter Baker</i>

The 'County Award' was achieved by Mark Heffer and Derick Price of the U160 team although the presentation of these is outstanding.

5 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	Corinne Mountford
U140 Team Captain	Sanjay Vig
U120 Team Captain	<i>Post meeting, Kidge Elder then Alan Brewis captained.</i>
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
SCCU Representatives *	Chris Majer and Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell.
EACU Representatives	Brian Judkins, Corinne Mountford
ECF Representative **	Chris Cook, Chris Majer
Rule Committee Chair	Jeremy Fraser- Mitchell

* Michael Flatt remains an officer of the SCCU.

** Only one of our ECF Representatives at a time can be nominated to attend ECF meetings

6 Any Other Business

Closed County Competition Rules The chairman accepted a proposal from *KE* that in the U120 league, the away team shall have White on odd boards. This was carried and will apply from next season.

HCA Competitions *CEM* asked if any further HCA events or competitions were needed. Some interest was expressed in reviving the Old Puller Cup but although some help was offered, no organiser came forward. *JFM* suggested that perhaps it could be combined with the AGM. *KE* advised that Lemsford village hall is centre county and seems a suitable venue. *AB* will pursue alternative ways of holding the AGM.

Meeting closed at 10.45 pm.