



## Minutes of Meeting - Hertfordshire Chess Association (HCA)

Held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 19.30 hrs

Chauncy Room, Hertford Club, Bull Plain, Hertford, SG14 1DT

### Present

Stevenage	Chris Majer	ECF Delegate
Hertford	Alan Brewis	Secretary
	Andrew du Boulay	Hertford CC Secretary
Welwyn Hatfield	Ross Brennan	
Enfield	Steve Banks	Enfield CC Secretary
Letchworth & Hitchin	Tony Ball	
	Ian Nelson	
St Albans	Michael Flatt	SCCU Representative
	Peter Baker	U120 Team Captain
	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell	St Albans CC President

### 1 Apologies for Absence

Mike Price, Steve Law.

### 2 Minutes of the previous meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

This meeting was inquorate and no decisions were taken. In place of the Minutes a Newsletter was circulated in January.

### 3 Closed County Competition Rule (CCCR) amendments

A summary follows below but please refer to the attached file 'HCA Closed County Competition Rules – Issue 24 v1 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018.pdf'

- New rule 3.1.8 was added "*Clubs wishing to withdraw a team(s) shall only withdraw from the lowest division(s)....*"
- 3.6.4 makes each pair of players, in place of captains, responsible for agreeing a rate of play.
- Section 3.7 'Rate of Play' has been revised. The main change is in the event of an adjournment in the 35 moves in 75 mins, etc, rate of play option whereby the player who chose this option must travel for the game continuation. The point of this change is avoid a player who did not choose this particular rate of play having to travel for the continuation.
- Section 3.7 now places the two 'finish on the night' rate of play options at the head of the section. However, the 35 moves in 75 mins, etc, rate of play option must still be used if either player insists.
- Section 3.8 'Procedure at End of Playing Session' has been amended in line with 3.7.
- 3.8.1 deals with the specific issue of "time" being called when a Fischer Timing game is still in progress.

- 3.9 Minor changes in wording.
- 3.10.1 Clarification of play-on arrangements for a game adjourned under 3.7.3.
- 4.1.1 “In grade-limited competitions \* the ECF Grading List autumn revision will determine the grade for the whole season ahead, i.e. the January Grading List will be ignored.”
- 4.1.2 Clarification that board 1 colour in grade limited competitions \* is determined by the toss of a coin (and not White for the away player as assumed by some teams).
- 3.4.4 The proposal to 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” was not carried.

\* U120 league and knockout competitions

CCCR Issue 24 v1 comes into force for the 2018 – 19 season when it will be available on both the [hertschess.com](http://hertschess.com) and [chess-results.e2-e4.co.uk](http://chess-results.e2-e4.co.uk) websites.