

## **Minute of Stepps Chess Club AGM – held on Thursday, 6/10/22 at 7.15 in Stepps Cultural Centre**

**In attendance:** J McIntosh (Chair), A Pollock (Sec), W Hulme (Treas), I Brownlee, I Marks, W Toland, G Nolan, M Theodoresen, P Thomson, J Smalls, N Kennedy, C Rees.

**Apologies:** D Bryson, M. Conn, B Major, A Haggerty.

J McIntosh welcomed members to AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

The previous minute was proposed by A Pollock and seconded by I Brownlee.

**Secretary's Report:** A Pollock indicated that the last year of leagues (2019) was very successful for the club (Stepps CC won all domestic leagues). Covid had effectively put an end to seasons 2020 and 2021. However, the club had opened up to members during the latter half of 2021 and into 2022. He reported that a number of new members had joined the club in this time. A Pollock thanked J McIntosh for his efforts as Treasurer over the past 10 years.

**Treasurer's Report:** J McIntosh reported that the balance of accounts was at a healthy level when he passed post to W Hulme. W Hulme passed out balances for past 3 years, showing a continued good level of finance for the club. He indicated that a legacy of £1000 had been left to the club by J Doyle, a former long-time club player. This had been used largely to purchase new equipment ie 8 new wooden boards and pieces. Membership fees were retained at same levels - £50, £25 and £10 respectively.

**Election of Office Bearers:** President – J McIntosh (proposed A Pollock, seconded W Hulme); Secretary – A Pollock (proposed J McIntosh, seconded I Marks); Treasurer – W Hulme (proposed I Brownlee, seconded G Nolan). There were problems getting captains for various teams. M. Theodoresen agreed to take GCL 2. W Hulme would try to look after all league 1 teams and A Pollock all league 3 teams.

**Child Protection Policy / Privacy Policy:** The Chair drew the membership's attention to both these policies and encouraged members to familiarise themselves with these. They were available to read on the club's WebSite. He also indicated that as well as himself, A Pollock, W Hulme and G Nolan would complete certification for Child Protection under the umbrella of Chess Scotland. I Brownlee indicated that he had already completed this.

**Prizegiving:** Trophies and shields were presented to those members of the successful teams present at AGM.

**AOCB:** There was wide ranging discussion concerning the sudden change by NLC in the pricing structure for our let – from approx. £6 per hour to £11 per hour. It was agreed that:

- Our let was the best available to us
- The cost would reluctantly have to be accepted
- Further information would be sought in an attempt to reduce it
- Alternative lets would be considered for the future

The meeting was closed at 8.00.