

Minute of Stepps Chess Club AGM – held on Thursday, 5/10/23 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, D. Bryson, B. Major, C. Rees, W. G. Law, J. Martin, R. Park, J. Sharkey, C. Thurtell, K. Tshushima, Z Dolan.

Apologies: C Allor, J Smalls.

J McIntosh welcomed members to AGM and thanked them for their attendance. A special welcome to new members.

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

Secretary's Report: A. Pollock indicated that the past season had not matched the achievements of previous years. However, the club had still achieved second place in three leagues. All other teams finished safe in mid to lower table in their respective leagues. A number of new members had joined the club and were showing promise for the future. The secretary reminded members to be timeous in vacating the premises before 10pm. G. Nolan suggested that a gift to the janitors would help to oil the wheels in this respect. (perhaps a gift at Xmas).

Treasurer's Report: W Hulme stated that the club was in a healthy financial situation at present but that outgoings would exceed income in the upcoming season as we were hiring 2 rooms. He felt this could be sustained but indicated that an increase in fees would be necessary next season. Fees this season would remain at £50 for adults in employment, £25 for unemployed and retired members and £10 for juniors. M Theodoreson suggested that an extra two chess sets be bought so that we had 10 of the same style. W Hulme agreed to look into this.

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). Club Captains as follows: GCL1 – W. Hulme; GCL2 – M. Theodoreson; GCL3 – J. Sharkey; LCL1 – G. Nolan; LCL2 – A. Pollock; DCL1 – G. Nolan; DCL2 – A. Pollock; SNCL1 – W. Hulme; SNCL2 – I. Brownlee. It was agreed that a second team in SNCL be entered with I. Brownlee as captain.

Child Protection Policy: The Chair indicated that the policy had become a little outdated and needed some revision. He undertook to review this and bring it back to the committee. He reminded members that five people had undergone certification for Child Protection under the umbrella of Chess Scotland – J. McIntosh, G. Nolan, W. Hulme, A. Pollock and I. Brownlee.

Prizegiving: There were no trophies to be presented this season.

AOCB: W Hulme reminded members of the excellent website set up by B Major. He encouraged members to make use of the website, in particular the forum.

The meeting was closed at 7.50.