

Lancashire Chess Association - Annual General Meeting
11 June 2003 - The Wheatsheaf, Atherton

Present: Bill O'Rourke, Armand Catz, David Clayton, Rob Hart, John Reid,
Dave Stansfield, Carl Tillotson, Simon Woodcock

1. Minutes of the 2002 AGM
These were proposed by Rob Hart and seconded by Simon Woodcock.

2. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.

3. Apologies for absence
There were apologies of absence from S Fanning, M O'Hara, E Andersons.

4. Officers Reports
Presidents Report
The President read from his report. He concentrated on six areas as follows:

The need to improve communications within the junior organizers was the first point within Bill's list. He suggested an overall junior team manager who would maintain a database of information on our junior players and contacts within the county. Carl was tasked with updating this and making it available on a fortnightly basis.

A discussion on how best resolve the difficulty the U175 team captain had encountered when some of his players were asked to play for the Open team on the same day. Bill is making a request to the organisers to seek the possibility of allocating different days for teams to avoid this type of clash in the future.

Bill read from his report about the bulletin. Carl will be giving a tutorial on how to use Chessbase Light at the forthcoming chess festival. Bill will email an English tutorial to those who are having difficulty using Chessbase.

On the congress scene, Bill mentioned about the use of the BCF sensory boards and of our hope to be able to broadcast congress matches live on the internet.

Bill said he will send an information pack to all registered clubs, informing them about events throughout the forthcoming year at the start of the season.

According to Bill the financing side of the LAC was much improved on from several years ago, but it was still important that we collected money from our clubs. Bill said he would take action to follow up the two clubs who yet owed us money.

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Minutes Secretary

The minute's secretary had nothing to report upon.

Treasurer's report

Arman reported that we had a surplus of £413.93 in the current year, thanks to income from the congress fund of £500 this year and £262 from the previous year.

The Treasurer also reported that there were two clubs who had yet to pay for the 2002 year and five presidents. Whilst the bulletins currently show a shortfall of £275.70, he is expecting a cheque for £300.

County team expenditure for 2002 was £271.50, which was less than the previous year. The treasurer also noted that Simon had yet to pay for the yearbook advert.

As a summary for the meeting, Arman said we had broken even in 2002 and had a bank balance of £2094.

5. County Team Managers

OPEN

With our first win against Yorkshire in many years, we now face Essex in the final.

U175

Again we had had a win against Yorkshire, but unfortunately suffered a loss of players to the Open team as discussed above, and lost in the semi-finals.

U150

The U150 team is due to play in the semi-finals on Sunday.

U125

Again, like the U150 team, they are due to play in the semi-finals on Sunday.

U100

The U100 team is into the final.

6. Congresses

The Congress director reported on the Chorley 2002 by saying the entry was 155 with GM Nigel Davies winning the Open. As usual it was a pleasant congress with no problems. Lancashire champions were:

Open	B Lund
Major	R Newton
Inter	G Ashcroft
Minor	A Rigby

The Eric Wandless-Renton trophy was won by A Rigby.

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The Blackpool Conference played host to 487 competitors, a remarkable achievement according to the congress director, as it clashed with the re-organised 4NCL event. David then went on to explain the difficulties he had had with the Winter Gardens and how uncooperative they had been. New to the 2003 event was the bookstall provided by Chess & Bridge, with extra prizes in each section for best game and two most improved player awards.

David also commented upon his introduction of web sites for each tournament and how he was able to post recent entries that had been accepted onto the web site.

News from none Lancashire run congress was that Rochdale are hoping to run their congress this year, after having to cancel last year and the Heywood congress will run as normal.

7. Report of ChessFest Organisers

Due to take place from 3 to 10 August featuring the following:

The Hilton International, with 3 GM's and 4IM's it will be a GM norm tournament.

The Ron Banwell Masters, an IM norm tournament.

The 3rd Blackpool Rapidplay

Plus the other usual events of a blitz competition, a simultaneous display and internet chess etc.

8. Report of Junior Organisers

Carl presented a report.

9. Bulletin Editor

Nick Sinclair, the bulletin editor, had suffered from illness during the year, but he is now recovered.

10. Leagues

East Lancashire

It was reported that the 1st division is very competitive.

Central Lancs.

Preston are leading the 1st Division, Heywood the 2nd Division and Rochdale the 3rd Division

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11. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed

President		Bill O'Rourke
Minutes Secretary		David Clayton
Treasurer		Arman Catz (until end of 2003)
Team Captains	Open	Mike Conroy
	U175	To be confirmed
	U150	Bill O'Rourke
	U125	Steve Fanning
	U100	Mike Horne
Correspondence		To be confirmed
Junior Congress Organiser		Carl Tillotson
Junior Team Organiser		To be confirmed
Team Captains	U18	Bill O'Rourke
	U16	Bill O'Rourke
	U15	Carl Tillotson
	U13	Dave Gaston
	U11	Dave Gaston
	U9	Rob Hart
	Girls	Ian Hughes
Congress Director		David Clayton
Congress Treasurer		Simon Woodcock
Grader Co-ordinator		Geoff Jones
BCF Representative		Mike O'Hara
NCCU Representative		Carl Tillotson & Simon Woodcock
Bulletin Editor		Nick Sinclair
Web Designer		Carl Tillotson
Auditor		To be confirmed

12. Subscriptions

It was decided not to make any changes to the subscriptions.

13. AOB

Carl informed the meeting on the functionality of the LCA web site.

14. Date of next AGM

This was set for 9th June 2004