

Lancashire Chess Association - Annual General Meeting
9 June 2005 - The Wheatsheaf, Atherton

Present: Bill O'Rourke, David Clayton, Steve Fanning & Simon Woodcock

1. Minutes of the 2004 AGM
These were accepted as being an accurate record.
2. Matters Arising
The U150 team (item 5) beat Greater Manchester, in the semi finals but lost to Cambridgeshire in the final.
3. Apologies for absence
There were apologies of absence from Carl Tillotson, John Cooper & Phil Rayner.
4. Officers Reports
Presidents Report
Bill spoke briefly about the success of the teams representing the county at all levels. But on a negative note, he mentioned that the number of volunteers in the association was declining.

Minutes Secretary
There was nothing to report.

Treasurer's report
Simon reported that his estimate for the Blackpool conference was a surplus of £1,532.

The congress account held £6,049.07, the savings account £588.00 and £92 in the Barclays account.

The main account held £2,664.00, although there were some clubs not having paid their subscriptions. Simon will email Bill with the late payers.

It was reported that the Junior Account held £2,800

5. County Team Managers
OPEN - The team had reached the semi-finals.
U175 - The team are into the semi-finals.
U150 - The team has qualified for the semi-finals by beating Essex.
U125 - The team has qualified for the semi-finals by beating Sussex.
U100 - The team has qualified for the semi-finals.

Steve Fanning wished now to retire he as captain of the u125's and would talk to players to arrange a future captain.

6. Congresses

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The Congress Director presented his written report.

The most major decision to be taken was for the forthcoming Chorley Congress. Due to the unavailability of the Town Hall again this year, we would have to pay £550 for the school. An increase in the entry fee of £3 had taken place at Blackpool and an increase of £2 had been applied for Chorley. In addition, the Intermediate tournament would not be held at the Chorley congress.

7. Report of ChessFest Organisers
Bill reported upon a small surplus made by the event. There had been a blitz, the Junior NCCU and the Rapid Play. There had been no response from the BCF regarding a special women's event.

Simon asked that a separate account be set up for the chess fest and David volunteered to perform the Treasurer role and provide the paperwork.

8. Report of Junior Organisers
Carl has decided to stand down from this post. It was agreed we need to search for a replacement, or to reorganize responsibilities amongst juniors.
9. Bulletin Editor
Bill had taken on this roll as Nick had become ill. He will try to get it up-to-date.
10. Leagues
The Blackpool & Fylde league were going mandatory with NMS.

Peter Dickinson (East Lancs secretary) would not allow Bill to make a presentation to the East Lancashire League with regards to NMS despite Bill's request. This was very sad as we wished to put forward a united Lancashire to the north and to the BCF.

A decision was awaiting on what the Central Lancs league would do regarding the NMS, although most teams in the league have already gone mandatory themselves.

11. Election of Officers
The following officers were elected unopposed

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| President | | Bill O'Rourke |
| Minutes Secretary | | David Clayton |
| Treasurer | | Simon Woodcock |
| Team Captains | Open | Mike Conroy |
| | U175 | Martin Hamer |
| | U150 | Bill O'Rourke |
| | U125 | Phil Raynor (awaiting |
| confirmation) | | |
| | U100 | Mike Horne |
| Correspondence | | Andy Clarkson |
| Junior Congress Organiser | | Post under reconstruction |
| Team Captains | U18 | Bill O'Rourke |
| | U16 | Bill O'Rourke |

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| | U15 | Bill O'Rourke |
| | U13 | Rob Hart |
| | U11 | Dave Gaston |
| | U9 | Dave Gaston |
| | Girls | Ian Hughes |
| | Congress Director | David Clayton |
| | Congress Treasurer | Simon Woodcock |
| | Grader Co-ordinator | Geoff Jones |
| | BCF Representative | Bill O'Rourke |
| | NCCU Representative | Mike O'Hara & Simon |
| Woodcock | | |
| | Bulletin Editor | Bill O'Rourke |
| | Web Designer | Carl Tillotson |
| | Auditor | Peter Howarth |

12. Appointment of Auditor
This was completed above.

13. Subscriptions for 2005
It was agreed to maintain current fees.

14. BCF Membership and Game Fee
Bill informed the meeting that already there were 185 NMS members, 82 being from Lancashire. NMS had been running for just over one week.

15. AOB
Steve Fanning was thanked for his efforts for the county.

The meeting discussed the possibility of making Chorley a FIDE event. This was agreed.

16. Date of next AGM
This was set for 8 June 2006