

# Minutes of Telepost Chess Club AGM

## Held on Monday 12 August, 7.30pm at the Clubhouse

**Present:** Martin Ayres, Vinnie Crean, Nigel Ferrington, Nick Holmes, Nathanael Paul, Keith Tabner, John Westhead, Phil Zabrocki

**Apologies:** Fred Bench

1. *Welcome and apologies*

2. *Minutes of the 10th July 2024 Telepost pre-AGM*

Agreed

3. *2024 Shropshire Annual General Meeting Report*

Nick reported that the main issues arising from the AGM that affected us were:

Our motion to reduce teams to four players in all divisions was defeated by one vote.

A new rule stipulates that a nominated player must play on board one. There was a lot of discussion about this change as it could directly impact our A team. It was felt that the rule should not apply to a club's top team.

Safeguarding is being encouraged across clubs by the Association.

4. *Teams for 2024/5 season*

10. *Tournament controller/club competitions discussion*

A survey was made of available players based on those present and those Nat had heard from. The situation has been complicated by Nat not being available for all the matches. This means John W would need to be an A team member. Drivers were also needed. Three options were considered:

1 team (with two rapidplay teams)

2 teams

Folding the club

After lots of discussion it was decided that we couldn't reliably raise the numbers for the second team and should enter one team. An advantage of this is that nominations will not be needed, bypassing the rule change noted above. Some of the reserve players would be able to drive.

Item 10 was discussed at this point as it was felt that we would need a strong programme of club competition to provide opportunities for matches. A round robin format for the club championships was agreed.

5. *Further officials elected including team captains, trustee and tournament organiser.*

Team captain - Nigel Ferrington

Trustee - Vinnie Crean (proposed KT, seconded NP)

Tournament organiser - Nigel Ferrington (proposed NP, seconded NH)

Keith Tabner agreed to check the club accounts prepared by John W.

6. *Discuss and vote on implementing to club constitution*

## *7. Safeguarding*

These were discussed together as safeguarding was the main area of concern with the constitution. It was agreed that we would need two members to be DBS checked. Vinnie proposed John to be the safeguarding lead, seconded by Martin. Unanimously agreed, and the constitution was adopted.

## *8. Club fees*

To be set at £20 for existing members, £10 for Juniors and new members in their first year. Proposed NP, seconded PZ, unanimously agreed.

## *9. Equipment/funds*

The fee level above should allow for purchase of a few additional boards/sets plus normal running costs. Main discussion was about five clocks that had been bought with Telepost funds before the formal split had been agreed. Since the AGM that agreed the split also agreed a 50/50 split of funds it was strongly felt that at least two of these clocks should go to Telepost. Keith to approach Darwinian Knights about this.

## *11. AOB*

It was agreed to enter a team in the Summer Quickplay in September.

Meeting closed 2140.

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