

Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> TAFCA AGM held via Zoom on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.45 pm

Present: A Dawson, Mrs J Chalmers, J Anderson, R Noble, A Borwell, A Wood, P Selbie, Subayu Banerjee, D Hall, F Stevenson, I Washington, J Warren, R Flood, D Findlay, J Ohoff, J Robertson, K Rose, M Wylie, R Jackson, S Blyth, E Spencer, Lenovo, A Woodcock

Approval of Minutes: Matters Arising – K Rose pointed out that there was not a list of 2019 attendees attached. Jean to look into this.

Minutes approved by J Warren. Seconded by A Wood

**President's Remarks:** A Dawson said that at this point we would normally talk about the season's results, league placings etc. Obviously we cant do that this year. This will be discussed under Proposals item 8. It had been a successful season up to the lockdown. There were more teams than the previous year and this is reflected in the accounts. Castlehill had 6 teams, Dundee 5, Kirkcaldy 3, St Andrews 3, Newport 2, Perth 2. The Knockout got as far as the semis with Dundee A due to play Castlehill A. There were quite a lot of juniors coming in and there was a junior team in the SNCL. The TAFCA Allegro was a huge success. Only 1 match not played up to lockdown. Some attendances were 30-35 players. Thanks to J Anderson and R Noble for running this. He gave thanks to Jean for her administrative support and keeping everything running. The J R Chalmers Grand Prix had gone well with R Flood in the lead. He expressed his gratitude to Subayhu for his work as Treasurer considering his involvement in emergencies due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Thanks to Paul Shafi TCongress. He said there had been a lot of entries and the committee had had to close entries due to lack of space at the venue. Declan Shafi had gone to Cambridge University and his chess was advancing well there. He had been given a place in the Cambridge/Oxford inter-uni team and had performed very well. Euan Dawson was at Edinburgh University and was doing well. Ben Volland would have been selected for the Glorney Cup had it not been cancelled. There were 4 teams in the SNCL, which was stopped after Round 6, due to lockdown. The final round would have decided if Dundee A were going to retain the title. Dundee B had one match to play to try to avoid relegation. Alastair said that as organiser he had no problem raising teams this time. Last year we reported on the Lindores tournament with Magnus Carlsen and others playing. The next tournament – The Lindores Invitational Grandmaster Tournament will be online. The Chess Scotland site has full details.

**League Secretary Report:** John Warren reported on the events of last season. It had come to an abrupt end due to the Covid 19 Lockdown. Resulting in a few unplayed matches. Alastair thanked John for his hard work.

**Treasurers Report:** Subayu had sent the accounts to Frank Stevenson for auditing. There are signed copies of the accounts. Jean had tidied them up on an Excel file. Alastair went over the accounts as Subayu was running late. Alastair said that some of the expenses had increased since last year. We had to buy a new trophy for the Allegro and grading fees were up. There were more teams last year so there were more graded games. The balance at the bank was £1326.8r0. Subayu said that we would not have to pay for the venue for the AGM as the meeting was via Zoom. He said that we had a healthy bank balance. Alan Borwell said we could keep the fees the same next year. Ray Flood said that it was the first year that he could remember there being a loss. Alan Borwell said that we had agreed last year not to charge a fee for playing in the Allegro. Ray Flood said we had

also agreed to call it the George Pyrich TAFCA Allegro tournament. This should be addressed for next year. It was agreed to leave the fees as they are this year. Alastair thanked Subayu for his hard work.

**Election of Office Bearers:** Alastair asked Jean to deal with this. Nominations were as follows:-

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Alastair Dawson	D Hall	S Banerjee
Vice President	P Selbie	A Wood	A Borwell
League Secretary	J Warren	R Flood	I Washington
General Secretary	J Chalmers	J Anderson	A Borwell
Treasurer	S Banerjee	R Noble	K Rose
C S D	A Borwell	J Chalmers	R Noble
Allegro & JRC GP	R Noble	J Chalmers	D Hall
Minute Secretary	J Chalmers	J Anderson	K .Rose
Auditor	F Stevenson	A Borwell	J Anderson
Ord. Members	M Wylie	J Chalmers	R Flood
	K Rose		
	D Findlay		
	S Blyth		
	A Woodcock		
	I Washington		

**Proposals:** Alastair then went over the Committee's 8 proposals. He wanted to deal with proposals 1,3,5 and 7 first.

Proposal 1 In Division 1 Dundee A were on top on board points and couldn't be caught. It was agreed to declare Dundee A as Division 1 champions.

Proposal 3 In Division 2 Castlehill D were on top and couldn't be caught. They were declared Division 2 champions and promoted to Divis 1.

Proposal 5 In Division 3 St Andrews B were declared champions and promoted to Division 2.

Proposal 7 In the TAFCA Allegro Jacques Ophoff was the clear leader. It was agreed that he be declared the Allegro Champion. Alastair congratulated him.

Proposal 8 The Jim Chalmers Grand Prix had some league matches outstanding. Ray Flood was sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 points ahead of his nearest rivals. It was agreed that Ray would be declared champion for the second year running.

Proposals 2 & 4 - Alastair read out the proposals. It was agreed to defer proposal 4 until we know the number of teams next season. Alastair read out Marcus Wylie's e-mail saying that he felt that there was inconsistency in proposals 2 & 4 . He felt they should both be the same but it was just a thought process. There was discussion and it was agreed to wait until the start of the season to see what the situation was and make a decision at that time. Alan Borwell had sent in a proposal for a Lockdown League. He felt that we should have something to keep the interest going. Jim Anderson had been running tournaments via Lichess and Declan Shafi had matches on Thursdays. Kirkcaldy Alan said we need to do something quickly to start perhaps at the beginning of July. M Wylie to speak to Lloyd Hughes to help out.

Alastair closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.