

**Minutes of the 66th TAFCA AGM held on the 12th May 2015
at Alison's Bar & Function Suite, 101 Camperdown Road, Dundee**

Present: (15) Alan Borwell, John Warren, Pat Moir, James Anderson, Keith Rose, Ray Noble, Alastair Dawson, David Findlay, Ed Spencer, Gordon Robertson, Frank Stevenson, Andrew Morrison, Paul Shafi, Agnijo Banerjee and Subhayu Banerjee.

- **Apologies**

Jean Chalmers, Colin Young and George Pyrich.

- **Approval of Minutes of the 65th AGM**

The President thanked Keith Rose for agreeing to produce the Minutes in the absence of the Minute Secretary. They had been distributed and placed on the website. Approval was moved by RN, seconded by GR, and agreed.

- **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- **President's Remarks**

The President said that It had been another good season for TAFCA, which had been well served by capable and enthusiastic office bearers. Jean Chalmers had been a very efficient General Secretary. John Warren had run the TAFCA League and KO competitions very well and it was encouraging to have some more teams entering and having 2 balanced divisions. Ray Noble had been his usual "bundle of energy" in looking after the TAFCA Individual and Allegro events, Jim Chalmers Grand Prix, publicity matters and arrangements re trophies etc.

Treasurer Pat Moir had looked after the finances well and Webmaster Paul Shafi the website.

Once again there had been a successful Dundee Congress organised by Keith Rose and his very capable team and Rev. Geoffrey Hall organised Primary School events in the Perth area. It was disappointing that there had not been Congresses in Perth or Glenrothes last season. However grateful thanks were due to George Pyrich for organising the Glenrothes Congress over many years. He and his wife Catherine were wished happy times in their new home in Spain. It was encouraging to hear there would be a Perth Congress at the beginning of 2016.

On the playing side, David Findlay won the Jim Chalmers Grand Prix and also spearheaded Dundee A to a 100% winning score in TAFCA League Division 1 and third place in the SNCL and 2nd in the blitz team event for the combined Dundee & Castlehill team. The Second team and junior team did well. Congratulations to Perth B on winning Division B to gain promotion.

Young Declan Shafi had again excelled in the “all Scotland” Nancy Elder Cup reaching the Final for the second year running and he also had other notable wins during the season! Anijo Banerjee, Euan Dawson and other junior players from the area had progressed well. Dundee CC hoped to start new coaching sessions in the coming Winter season for juniors.

Finally, the President thanked all officers and clubs for their work and support in the last year.

- **Reports:**

- **League Secretary (John Warren)**

JW confirmed the season's winners. Dundee A won Division One, winning all their games. Perth A came second. Perth B won Division Two and Dundee C came in second. The Handicap Knockout was won by Castlehill C.

John said that there was an increase of juniors this year for the Junior Trophy which was won by Anijo Banerjee.

The Second Division fixtures were very congested this year and this seemed to lead to a lot of defaults. St Andrews University B and Perth C were the main defaulters.

John finished by thanking the captains for all their good work and sending in the results on time.

AD thanked John for arranging matches around SNCL and club competitions. AB thanked John for all his work this year in running the Leagues and Knockout. Also with the website.

- **Treasurer (Pat Moir)**

PM reported on the accounts. He stated that income was up slightly but the expenditure was up a good bit. There was still a surplus of £91.70. This gave a balance of £851.62.

AB said that it was a healthy balance and maybe some of the money could be used to repair some of the damaged trophies. After discussion it was decided to leave the decision on which trophies needed repaired and how much to spend to the committee.

Pat had pointed out that he had to penalise 3 teams this year and claim a penalty of £15 each. It was noted that there was no actual amount or a time limit for the league fees being paid written down in the Rules and this should be addressed. After a short discussion it was decided that the

committee should draw up something to be added to the rules to address the situation.

PM proposed a rise of £5 in the team fees to £30. This was seconded by KR and passed unanimously.

AB thanked Pat for his work and presentation, and FS for auditing the accounts.

- **Chess Scotland Delegate (Alan Borwell)**

Alan said that he had not been able to attend CS meetings this year due to being away and unwell. He asked Keith if he had managed to make any of the meetings but he too had not been able to do so. Alastair Dawson said that he would be willing to go to a meeting if Alan was unable to do so in the coming year.

- **TAFCA Individual (Ray Noble)**

Ray reported that there was a good attendance in both the Individual and Allegro tournaments 18 and 19. They were held again at Castlehill's venue which kept the cost down. Ray also mentioned the Jim Chalmers Grand Prix and that with Glenrothes not having a congress this year maybe the TAFCA Allegro should be added. It was pointed out that this was talked about last year and Jean felt that as Jim was not keen on Allegro tournaments we should not add it to the Grand Prix. Alan said he would discuss further with her to see if she has had second thoughts.

AB thanked Ray for all his good work and hoped he would continue with the Individual and allegro next year.

- **Web**

Paul reported that the website required updating and he would undertake this.

- **Proposals**

There were no proposals for this year.

- **Election of Office Bearers**

President (Alan Borwell). Alan Borwell was nominated by JA and seconded by GR. Re-elected unopposed.

Vice President (Frank Stevenson) Frank Stevenson was nominated by AB and seconded by DF. Re-elected unopposed.

Fixture Secretary (John Warren). John Warren was nominated by JA and seconded by KR. Re-elected unopposed.

General Secretary (Jean Chalmers). Jean Chalmers was nominated by JA and seconded by AB. Re-elected unopposed.

Treasurer (Pat Moir). Pat Moir was nominated by JA and seconded by FS. Re-elected unopposed.

Chess Scotland Delegate (Alan Borwell). Alan Borwell was nominated by RN and seconded by GP. Re-elected unopposed.

Information and Press Officer (Ray Noble). Ray Noble was nominated by JA and seconded by DF. Re-elected unopposed.

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Minute Secretary (Jim Anderson). Jim Anderson was nominated by AB and seconded by KR Re-elected unopposed.

Ordinary Members.

Alastair Dawson nominated by AB and seconded by FS

Paul Shafi nominated by JA and seconded by FS

Keith Rose nominated by JA and seconded by FS

Andrew Morrison nominated by JA and seconded by FS

Subhayu Banerjee nominated by JA and seconded by FS

Agnijo Banerjee nominated by JA and seconded by FS

Non-Committee positions:

TAFCA Individual Organiser (Ray Noble). Ray Noble was nominated by JA and seconded by KR

Auditor (Frank Stevenson). Frank Stevenson was nominated by AB and seconded by AD.

Re-elected unopposed.

- **AOCB**

Alastair Dawson reported that on one occasion the clocks were not started until 8:10 which he felt was not correct. It was pointed out that it did state in the Rules that clocks must start on time, but most captains did allow leeway but everyone at the meeting agreed that 8:10 was excessive. After a short discussion it was left for John Warren to send a letter to remind all Captains about starting the clocks on time. Also away Captains also have the right to ask the clocks to be started or time should be deducted from their opponents if the clocks have not been set on time.

Alan Borwell proposed George Pyrich as an Honorary president of TAFCA. George had been a member of TAFCA for over 40 years and held various posts on the Committee including that of President. JA seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously as well merited.

- **Presentation of Trophies**

JR Chalmers Grand Prix: David Findlay

Most improved Junior Trophy (Agnijo Banerjee)

TAFCA Individual:

Challenge Shield (u1400)-(Agnijo Banerjee)

Presidents Cup (u1650)-(Jim Anderson & Daniel Chambers)

Individual Champion (David Findlay)

TAFCA Individual Champion (David Findlay)

Knockout-Castlehill C

Division 2 Perth B

Division 1 Dundee A