

**Minutes of the 67th TAFCA AGM held on the 24th May 2016
at St Peters Free Church, 4 St Peters Street, Dundee, DD1 4JJ**

Present: (15) Alan Borwell, John Warren, Jean Chalmers, Pat Moir, James Anderson, Ray Noble, David Findlay, Frank Stevenson, Paul Shafi, Douglas Harvey Peter Walsh, Scott McKenzie and Subhayu Banerjee.

- **Apologies**

Agnijo Banerjee, Keith Rose and John Robertson Jnr.

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

The Minutes were approved by FS and seconded by RN

- **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- **President's Remarks**

The President said that It had been another good season for TAFCA, with close results in both Divisions of the League and a different winner of the Knockout. He also commented on how well the 3 Dundee City teams did in the SNCL.

Alan also thanked Jean Chalmers for been her usual enthusiastic and very efficient in her job as General Secretary. John Warren for doing a good job running the TAFCA League and KO Competitions and keeping the competitions running on Schedule and dealing with a few tricky situations. He thanked Ray Noble again for looking after the TAFCA Allegro and the Jim Chalmers Grand Prix, Publicity matters and arrangements re trophies. Despite two attempts, he was unable to get enough players to support the TAFCA individual. Finally, he thanked Pat Moir for looking after the finances and Paul Shafi for maintaining the website.

On the Playing side, he said congratulating's to David Findlay for again winning the Jim Chalmers Grand prix and also congratulated Declan Shafi for being a creditable runner up.

He congratulated the winners of leagues and knockout Competition. Dundee A who won division 1 for a third time by the narrowest margins and the New Dundee C team who also just pipped Castlehill B team to secure promotion. St Andrews A beat Dundee A to win the Knockout Final. In the SNCL, the Dundee City A Team were narrowly denied first place on tie break by Edinburgh A. Dundee City B did well to retain their place in Division 2 as did the Junior team in Division 4

Alan also said that it was very appropriate for two Dundonians playing in the final of the Nancy Elder Cup an event which cemmrearets one of Dundee and Scotland's most famous chess players and personalities. He congratulated Euan Dawson in winning the final against Keith Rose in a replay after drawn the first match.

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

- **Reports:**

- **League Secretary (John Warren)**

John gave the following report.

Division One

- a. In a closely fought division Dundee A retain the championship. They were unbeaten for the season, with 13 points, 1 point ahead of Perth A. Dundee A's performance was even more commendable as they had to play 3 matches on consecutive weeks in March, due to other teams postponements.
- b. Perth B is relegated. They finished last with 6 points, 3 points behind Castlehill C.
- c. There were 5 defaults on individual boards for the season. No team defaulted more than twice.
- d. Six matches were defaulted. Perth B defaulted 3, St Andrews University 2 and Dundee B 1
 - In accordance with rule 7.5, clubs are penalised £2.00 for every unplayed match.
 - St Andrews B are automatically relegated as they defaulted 2 or more matches, see Rule 20.2. Perth B is already relegated, since they finished in last place.

Division Two

- a. This division was also closely fought, with Dundee C winning the championship, 1 point ahead of Castlehill D.
- b. There were 5 defaults on individual boards for the season. No team defaulted more than twice.
- c. There were no match defaults.

St Andrews University won the knock-out competition, defeating Dundee A in the final 4.4-3.5.

- **Treasurer (Pat Moir)**

PM reported on the accounts. He stated that the balance for this year was £1,098.02 but there was still the Trophies to pay for this should be £137. Taken the total to £961.02 which is slightly up from last years £851.

PM proposed no rise in the fees this was seconded by AB and passed unanimously.

Pat Indicated that he would be standing down as Treasurer this year due to his health.

Alan thanked Pat for all the work he has done in his 28 years as treasurer.

Alan also thanked Frank Stevenson for doing the Audit.

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

Alan said that he had nothing to report as Chess Scotland Delagate but would be attending the next meeting on the 18th June.

- **TAFCA Individual (Ray Noble)**

Ray reported that he tried to arrange the TAFCA Individual but there was not enough entries so he had to cancel. But the TAFCA Allegro took place with 15 players and was a good tournament and was won by Andrew Ward of St.Andrews chess club.

After a discussion and proposals from Ray for a new format to the TAFCA Individual it was decided that this would be left to Ray Noble to decide. This would either be a 5 round swiss or a Knockout tournament with a round each month and match would be played at home players club.

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

- **Web**

Paul reported that he was updating the website and would live soon.

AB thanked Paul for all his work he has done on the website.

- **Proposals**

The following Proposals are Proposed Changes to correct/clarify responsibilities of General Secretary and Fixture Secretary

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5.2. The **General** Secretary shall notify teams requiring to play off as soon as this requirement is known. The match must take place within 14 days of receiving notice from the **League** Secretary, who must be advised of the arrangements by the team captain having the choice of venue.

Proposal to change “General Secretary” and “League Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

5.3. The choice of venue for a play-off shall be decided by lot unless mutual agreement can be reached. In the case of difficulty the **General** Secretary should be contacted.

Proposal to change “General Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

6. LEAGUE START UP

The start of the season will be the 30th September. The number of teams to be entered must be notified, in writing, to the **General** Secretary by 15th September. Special permission may be granted by the **General** Secretary to permit Universities and other clubs to submit their entry by a later date. From this information the Fixture Secretary shall prepare a Fixture List.

Proposal to change “General Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

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7.6. The first date on the Fixture List shall constitute the start of the season. All League matches must be played by 31st March. In exceptional circumstances the **General** Secretary shall have the power to extend the League completion date by up to 2 weeks.

Proposal to change “General Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

8.2 Existing Rule

Matches between teams of the same club may not be postponed by more than seven days. This shall also apply to matches between teams renamed under Rule 11.10 and between those teams and teams of the same club designated in order of strength. Matches between teams of different clubs may not be postponed by more than four weeks.

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This was passed unanimously.

8.5. When a postponement has been agreed it shall be the responsibility of the captain requesting that postponement to offer and agree, within 14 days, an alternative date with the other captain. Postponed league fixtures must be played within one calendar month of the original date. In exceptional circumstances the **League** Secretary shall have the power to extend the new date by a further calendar month even if this falls beyond the existing end-of-season date. Both captains must immediately inform the Fixture Secretary of the new arrangement. Failure to comply with this rule will result in default by the offending team. See also rule 8.2.

Proposal to change “League Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

10.4. Before the start of the season, each club must supply the Fixture Secretary with the names of at least four players who will represent each team. The penalty for late submission of nominations shall be the forfeit of two Game Points for each match played before nominations are received by the **League** Secretary. No club may nominate the same player for more than one team.

Proposal to change “League Secretary” to “Fixture Secretary”. Passed Unanimously

It was also discussed and passed that it is the responsibility of clubs to insure the clocks were not set properly. If they are not the club would be penalized. John Warren will draft a rule for this.

It was also proposed if the entry fees were not paid by 30 November there would be a penalty of £10 Passed Unanimously

- **Election of Office Bearers**

President (Alan Borwell). Alan Borwell was nominated by PW and seconded by PS. Re-elected unopposed.

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

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

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

Treasurer (Pat Moir). Subhayu Bandyopadhyay (known as Banerjee) was nominated by JC and seconded by JA. Elected unopposed.

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

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

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

Ordinary Members.

Paul Shafi nominated by JC and seconded by JA

Keith Rose nominated by JA and seconded by RN

Agnijo Banerjee nominated by JA and seconded by FS

David Findlay nominated by JA and seconded by JC

Scott McKenzie nominated by JA and seconded by JC

Douglas Harvey nominated by JA and seconded by JW

It was decided that an Invitation would be sent out Kirkcaldy chess club to see if any of there members wished to come onto the committee.

Non-Committee positions:

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

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

Re-elected unopposed.

- **AOCB**

Alan Borwell spoke about the 150th Anniversary of the Dundee tournament which was held in 1867 and was hoping to hold a tournament in Dundee in 2017. He has spoken to Alex McFarlane about having the Scottish Championship in Dundee who thought this should be possible. Alan will chair an organising committee and invite volunteers. Those who have already volunteered are Jean Chalmers, Ray Noble, Jim Anderson, David Findlay and Alastair Dawson. Keith Rose will be contacted to see if he wishes to volunteer.

- **Presentation of Trophies**

JR Chalmers Grand Prix: David Findlay
Most improved Junior Trophy
TAFCA Allegro 1st Andrew Ward St.Andrews
Knockout-St Andrews A
Division 2 Dundee C
Division 1 Dundee A