

Minutes of TAFCA AGM held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Chaplaincy, Dundee University

Present: A Borwell, Mrs J Chalmers, J Warren, D Findlay, S McKenzie, I Washington, A Gourlay, R Noble, K Rose, P Shafi, A Dawson, F Stevenson

Apologies: D Harvey, J Anderson

Approval of Minutes: Proposed by R Noble. Seconded J Warren

Matters Arising: None

President's Remarks: Alan said that we had had another good season with the TAFCA League. Dundee A retained the trophy for Division 1 by conclusively winning all their matches and without losing any individual game and Perth B won the second division by a clear margin, winning all of their 8 matches. In the KO competition, Castlehill C beat Castlehill D in the final. The 3 Dundee City teams again did well in the SNCL as did the Perth team.

We have been well served once again by our capable and hard working office bearers. Jean Chalmers has been our usual very enthusiastic and efficient General Secretary. John Warren has run the TAFCA League and KO competitions very well and kept the tournaments running on schedule without any major problems during the season. Ray Noble again looked after the Jim Chalmers Grand Prix, dealt with publicity matters and arrangements re trophies. Despite two attempts, he was unable to get enough players to enable TAFCA Individual or Allegro events to take place. New Treasurer Subhayu Banerjee made arrangements with the Bank for taking over from Pat Moir and has done well in his first season, producing accounts and having them audited.

Paul Shafi has developed and maintained the website for which we are most grateful.

Once again there was a successful Dundee Congress organized by Keith Rose and his usual very capable team. It was pleasing that there was again a Perth Congress as part of the Scottish Chess Tour initiative.

On the playing side, the winner of the Jim Chalmers Grand Prix was Aaron Gourlay of Perth Chess Club who is the first teenager (J15) to win the competition, with Alastair Dawson in second place and Ian Washington third.

Young Tom Constance from Castlehill reached the final of the all Scotland Nancy Elder Cup. Several junior players from the area continue to improve rapidly and several represented Scotland in the Glorney Cup and other strong international Junior events. As TAFCA Delegate to Chess Scotland, I attended several meetings. Finally he thanked all officers and clubs for their work and support in the last year.

League Secretary: John Warren gave a resume of the final league positions. In Division 1 Dundee A won all matches and individual matches. Dundee C were to be relegated to Division 2. It was close between Dundee C and Castlehill C. In Division 2 Perth B won all matches and will go up to Division 1. There were very few defaults this year and this was a credit to team captains. Matches started on time as well. In the Knockout Castlehill beat Castlehill B to win 6.5 to 1.5. 7 teams entered. The handicap system helps. John said we should keep the format the same. Hopefully Perth will enter next year. The Committee are to look at the system. Alan said that St Andrews didn't put teams in this year. Alastair said that Daniel Chambers, the St Andrews contact, was back and John is to contact him.

Treasurer's Report: Subhayu Banerjee submitted a report to the AGM. Last year's balance was £1,098 with a £246 surplus. This year it was £1,291 with a surplus of £193. Because of the problems with the Bank of Scotland, they had paid compensation of £106. The accounts were healthy. Frank is to audit. Accounts proposed by A Borwell and Seconded by K Rose. Alan asked if we could use some of the money to help other local chess events. Jean explained the predicament that the Dundee Congress was in and said that an injection of funds would help them to get premises for this year. The previous premises were under new management and had increased the rental way beyond the Congress's means. John suggested that the Dundee Congress could incorporate the TAFCA Individual and said that we needed to support the Congress. Alan said that Chess Scotland are developing a chess tour. It would be a pity if Dundee wasn't part of the Tour. He asked if there was any reason why Dundee didn't want to be part of the Tour. Keith said that he would be happy but didn't want the tournament FIDE rated because of negative feedback previously. Alan said its not a problem now. Keith said that the Congress committee would discuss this again. Perth is run by Chess Scotland people. Dundee can be run by Chess Scotland or a local committee. Keith said he wouldn't want Chess Scotland to run it. Alan said that Keith should consider this in the future. David Findlay asked if there were other events for TAFCA to support. Alan suggested that TAFCA give £500 to the Congress. Alastair asked if £500 would be enough and Keith said not quite. Alan proposed that TAFCA give £500 to the 2017 Congress. Seconded by David Findlay. There was unanimous agreement and Keith thanked TAFCA for their donation.

Proposals: No proposals had been submitted

Election of Office Bearers:

		Proposed	Seconded
President	Alan Borwell	J. Chalmers	J Warren
Vice President	Alastair Dawson	J. Chalmers	K Rose
Treasurer	Subhayu Banerjee	R Noble	J Chalmers
Fixture Secretary	John Warren	R Noble	D Findlay
General Secretary	Jean Chalmers	A Borwell	R Noble
C S Delegate	Alan Borwell	D Findlay	J Chalmers
Info & Press	R Noble for the JR Chalmers Grand Prix		
Minute Secretary	Jim Anderson	J Chalmers	S Banerjee
Ordinary Members:	K Rose	R Noble	S Banerjee
	P Shafi	R Noble	S Banerjee
	Declan Shafi	R Noble	S Banerjee
	D Findlay	R Noble	S Banerjee
	S McKenzie	R Noble	S Banerjee
	Agnio Banerjee	R Noble	S Banerjee
	I Washington	R Noble	S Banerjee
Auditor	Frank Stevenson	J Chalmers	D Findlay

AOCB Jean gave a brief update on the 150th Anniversary Grandmaster Tournament being held in July in the Bonar Hall, Dundee.

Ray said that the Division 1 trophy had now lost both its handles. The Knockout trophy had lost 1 handle. The Committee are to decide re new trophies.

The presentation of trophies followed.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm.