

TAYSIDE & FIFE CHESS ASSOCIATION

72nd TAFCA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24th May 2022

St Peters Church Hall at 7.45 pm

1. Present:

Alastair Dawson; Jean Chalmers; John Warren; Ray Noble; James Anderson; Alan Borwell; Christine Sims; Ray Flood; Rishi Vijayakumar J10 + his mum & dad; Keith Rose; Alastair Wood; Peter Selbie; George Herd; Euan Murray; Oggy Kolev; Marcus Wylie; Graham Atkins; Kit McEvoy Gould;

On Zoom: David Findlay; Jacques Ophoff;

2. Apologies for absence

Stuart Blyth; Ian Washington & Scot McKenzie

3. Approval of AGM Minutes for 2021

Approved By: J Anderson. Seconded by: A Borwell

4. Matters Arising from minutes: Ray pointed out that some names had been spelled incorrectly – Rishi Vijayakumar, Richard Polaczek IM, Jan Barron-Majerik.

5. President's Report

Alastair gave a full report on TAFCA including 4NCL: Dundee A just missed out on playoffs; Dundee B got promoted to division One; Dundee D got promoted to division Three and Dundee E got promoted to division four. Dundee C also got promoted to division three but also won the division four play-offs to be crowned as division four champions! All of the above mentioned is dependent on it running again and how many teams are entered. Congratulations to all players and teams. Alastair thanked John Warren for all his hard work with the TAFCA league online. He also thanked David Findlay, Alan Borwell & Graham Mooney for their hard work in the 4NCL and other tournaments.

6. SNOCL, 4NCL, 2020 Chess League, Scottish team Challenge

David Findlay gave a report on all of the above events, noting the success of the Dundee City teams in the 4NCL; also the 3 teams in the SNOCL (Dundee City A 2nd in div 1); Dundee City A won the chaotic Scottish team challenge at a canter! The 2020 has blossomed into a great worldwide tournament with both Dundee City teams doing well against very strong opponents!

7. Fixture Secretary Report

John gave full accounts for the TAFCA season 2021-22 which involved 20 teams split between two divisions. Division one champions Dundee A (9th time in a row). Relegated: Dundee B & Perth A. Defaults 8 games.

Division Two champions Kirkcaldy A; Dundee C get promoted as well. Defaulted games 31! This included 3 matches, St.Andrews B & St.Andrews D were responsible for most of these.

John finished by saying he is standing down as fixture secretary due to work and life commitments. He has done this job for a long time and seeks permanent time-off. Alastair thanked John for all his service to TAFCA.

8. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were presented by Subhayu and had been audited by Trevor Harley with the **Bank Balance £1672.02**. Subhayu mentioned problems with late payments from teams/clubs which caused paper trail problems when auditing the accounts. It has been a difficult few years with the pandemic and hopefully we will get back to normal for 2022-23.

9. Tournament Organiser's Report

Ray gave a run down on the TAFCA Allegro Champion Series, J.R,Chalmers Grand Prix and the new TAFCA Team Battle & Individual.

There were six individual club winners in the TAFCA Allegro (see trophy presentations) and an overall champion- Ed Spencer (Dundee).

J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix Winner – Richard Kynoch (Castlehill)

TAFCA Team Battle – Castlehill A: Individual Richard Polaczek IM (Castlehill)

The team Battle is a new event and one that while a bit marmite due to the quick time control has proved very successful in Ray's eyes and he would like to see it continue especially as it's an online event. Ray also thanked John Warren for all his hard work as Fixture secretary as online involves far more work than OTB!

10. C.S. Delegate Report

Alan first of all wanted to thank David Findlay & Graham Mooney, plus the captains of the 4NCL, SNOCL and 2020 Chess for all their hard work and organization. David especially has given a lot of his time in organising these events and has proved to be very good at it! Not too much on the Chess Scotland front due to pandemic. Their AGM is 11th June 22 and hopefully we will know more after that. Alan mentioned the Edinburgh Bi-Centenary in celebration of their club which is the only club in Scotland to have their own premises! Alan said he will not be standing for this post again. Time to give others a go!

That concluded all the reports from the office bearers

11. Honorary Presidents

Alastair Dawson (TAFCA President) Once again thanked John Warren for his contribution as Fixture Secretary over the years and presented him with the "Honorary President" award to mark his invaluable work over the years as TAFCA Fixture Secretary. John was overwhelmed and honoured to be given this award from TAFCA. He thanked everybody for this honour.

12. Presentation of Junior trophy (TAFCA Most Improved Junior Award)

Due to it getting late it was decided to present Rishi Vijayakumar J10 (Castlehill) with his TAFCA most improved junior award for 2019-20 (J8), 2020-21 (J9) & 2021-22 (J10). To win the trophy for the last three years is an amazing achievement.

13. Election of Office Bearers: (current post holders in brackets)

- (i) President: (A Dawson)
Proposed: J.Anderson Seconded: S Banerjee
- (ii) Vice President: (P Selbie)
Proposed: Marcus Wylie Seconded: Alan Borwell
- (iii) League Secretary (John Warren) Ray Noble was nominated for post
Proposed: S.Banerjee Seconded: J Anderson
- (iv) General Secretary (Mrs J Chalmers)
Proposed: S.Banerjee Seconded: Keith Rose
- (v) Treasurer (S Banerjee)
Proposed: J.Anderson Seconded: Peter Selbie
- (vi) C S Delegate (A. Borwell) Peter Selbie was nominated for post
Proposed: Jean Chalmers Seconded: A Borwell
- (vii) Allegro & JRC GP (Ray Noble) James Anderson nominated for post
Proposed: Jean Chalmers Seconded: S.Banerjee
- (viii) Minute Secretary (Mrs J Chalmers)
Proposed: Ray Noble Seconded: Alan Borwell
- (ix) Auditor (T Harley)
Proposed: Alastair Dawson Seconded: Peter Selbie
- (x) Ordinary Members
Marcus Wylie; Keith Rose; David Findlay & Stuart Blyth; John Warren; Jacques Ophoff & Daniel Coleman
Proposed: K Rose Seconded: J Anderson

14. Proposals

- (i) **Committee Proposals**
The League and Time Handicap competitions should be played OTB for season 2022-23. After a short discussion this proposal was passed
- (ii) It was proposed to change the Submission of results by match card to electronic means (Email or text), with the results emailed/text by both captains within 48 hours of the match being played. (Fixture Secretary prefers emails as it keeps a paper trail!). This was passed. 11 votes in favour. Against 0.
- (iii) TIME: Rule 17: We should move to an increment time-control for TAFCA league matches which would get rid of the quick-play finish and mean both players keep writing down their moves.

Proposed Time-control: 1 hour 15 minutes + 10 seconds increments:

There was a protracted discussion from all sides including the benefits and potential problems around how long an individual match might go on as we only have a 3 hour time slot for most venues. Ray said he had taken that into consideration and this time control would be best, but you could go for a slightly quicker one if you wished. Others

thought it best to stick to a fixed time control and Alan Borwell while wanting increments would have preferred 30 seconds as he feels 10 seconds does not give enough time to write down moves. In the end we had to stop the discussion and call for a vote. Proposal was passed. For 7. Against 4.

Ray pointed out that due to the above proposals being passed the following rules need to be changed or removed:

Agreements and Interpretations: Number 12

"Submission of results may be made to the fixture secretary by email, but the result card must be fully completed and submitted in accordance with rule 19."

This should now be removed as not relevant now. "PASSED" For 10. Against 0.

SUBMISSION of RESULTS

19.2 Submission of this card must not be delayed. Where the result card is not received by the fixture Secretary within nine days of the appointed match date, the home team shall be penalized the sum of £2.00. Failure to pay the penalty within two weeks of the Treasurer's request for payment will result in the deduction of 2 game points for each offence.

This should be changed to:

"19.2 Submission of result by email must not be delayed. Where the email result is not received by the Fixture Secretary within 48 hours of the appointed match date by "BOTH" team captains, the offending team(s) shall be penalized the sum of £2.00. Failure to pay the penalty within four weeks of the Treasurers request for payment will result in the deduction of 2 games points for each offence."

This was passed

15. AOCB

Ognyan "Oggy" Kolev mentioned the free chess book library (other books as well) online due to out of date copyright. He says it's a wonderful source for those looking for chess books (and other types of books). We all agreed and he will provide the link for everybody.

4. Presentation of Trophies:

Three years of trophies were presented:

Division One Trophy: 2021-22: Dundee A

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Division One Trophy: 2019-20: Dundee A

Division Two Trophy: 2021-22: Kirkcaldy A

Division Two Trophy: 2020-21: Castlehill E

Division Two Trophy: 2019-20 Castlehill D

J.R. CHALMERS GRAND PRIX MEMORIAL TROPHY:

2022 Champion: Richard Kynoch (Castlehill)

2021 Champion: Andre Babin and Jan Barron-Majerik (Castlehill)

2020 Champion: Ray Flood (Dundee)

MOST IMPROVED TAFCA JUNIOR TROPHY

2021-22 Winner: Rishi Vijayakumar J10 (Castlehill)

2020-21 Winner: Rishi Vijayakumar J9 (Castlehill)

2019-20 Winner: Rishi Vijayakumar J8 (Castlehill)

TAFCA TEAM BATTLE 2021-22

Champions: Castlehill A

TAFCA ALLEGRO OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

2021-22 – Edwin Spencer

2020-21 – Andre Babin

2019-20 - Jacques Ophoff

TAFCA TEAM BATTLE INDIVIDUAL 2021-22

Champion: Richard Polaczek IM (Castlehill A)

TAFCA ALLEGRO INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2021-22

2021-22 – TAFCA Allegro Newport Knights Champion: Richard Kynoch (Castlehill A)

2021-22 - TAFCA Allegro Perth Champion: Aaron Gourlay (Perth A)

2021-22 TAFCA Allegro Dundee champion: Richard Polaczek IM (Castlehill A)

2021-22 TAFCA Allegro Kirkcaldy Champion: Edwin Spencer (Dundee A)

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2020-21 TAFCA Allegro Kirkcaldy Champion: Andre Babin (Castlehill A)

2020-21 TAFCA Allegro Castlehill Champion: Sam Gregory (Castlehill A)

2020-21 TAFCA Allegro St Andrews Uni Champion: Richard Polaczek IM (Castlehill A)

TAFCA ALLEGRO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2019-20

2019-20 TAFCA Allegro Newport Knights Champion: Jacques Ophoff (Dundee A)

2019-20 TAFCA Allegro Perth Champion: Jacques Ophoff (Dundee A)

2019-20 TAFCA Allegro Dundee Champion: David Findlay (Dundee A)

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Meeting closed 22: 25 hrs