



Hull Chess Club – Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 15/07/2022 @ 19:15 Venue: The Charterhouse Hull

Present: Shaun Culkin (Chair), John Cooper (Secretary), Dave Cooper, Chris Harris, Bryan Hesler, Keith Porteous, Paul Stephenson, Steve Thrower, Jack Walker & Bill Wright

1. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Allison, Steve Greep & John Scotter
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**
 - a. None discussed
3. **Committee Members (not discussed at AGM)**
 - a. Currently unknown whether Jason Clemmey wishes to remain on the committee.
Action: Secretary to contact Jason in order to confirm status **Jason is stepping down**
 - b. It is believed that Shaun Moody is willing to continue as the clubs Safeguarding Officer but confirmation of this was not able to be resolved at the recent AGM.
Action: Secretary to contact Shaun in order to confirm status. **Shaun has indicated he is prepared to continue**
4. **Winter League Squads 2022-23**
 - a. A draft proposal of how many teams would be entered into this winter's competition, proposed captains along with members of each team had been circulated prior to and at this evening's meeting, which was the catalyst of much general discussion, a summary of which appears below
 - b. There was general agreement that the number of teams being entered into each of the winter competitions was correct, but it was noted that since the draft proposal was produced Hull X in the 4 x Board competition had been promoted to Division 1
 - c. BH posed the general question regarding what the club's philosophy was regarding the competitions being entered and whether for example the club would put a strongest possible team out, at the expense of others, to win the Division 1 competition, or whether efforts had been made to strengthen promoted teams to the detriment playing strength wise of more established teams. It was generally acknowledged that due to several changes in playing personal that Hull C would have a challenging season following promotion to Division 1, but that Hull A & B were expected to perform strongly despite some changes in team members.
 - d. It was confirmed that previous concerns around the structure of Hull C following it's promotion raised at the AGM and subject to much discussion outside of this meeting since, now appear to have been resolved, with those players wishing to remain

playing in a particular division and / or together as teams mates due to history and such things as transportation, had now generally all been satisfied with the current proposed team structures.

- e. The two Hull Futures teams would be known as Hull Futures 1 and Hull Futures 2
- f. JW raised concerns over the overall playing strength of the Hull C team given they had been promoted.
- g. DC raised concerns regarding Hull D as several playing members historically are not always available for all matches, some for example have competing commitments, so felt that the team did require more members to avoid attending a fixture with less than six players.
- h. A general discussion of the use of reserve players in teams and what the rules might be took place, with several questions raised and answered about various scenarios. It was noted that the full breakdown on the rules around reserve players can be found on the Hull & District Chess Association website in the "HDCA Rules" document available to all to read.
- i. Concern was raised around the potential clash multiple teams playing on the same night as each other. **Action:** Secretary to contact Derek Shepperd with a view to ensuring the fixture list avoids this potential issue. Resolved – **now multiple clashes**
- j. A new captain is being sought for Hull Futures 1 in the 4-board competition as the current none playing one would like to step back.

5. Cup Competitions

- a. A general discussion took place as to whether the club should and indeed had to enter the same teams they have in league competitions, or whether specific teams could be formed for the two cup competitions. It was believed the latter was possible though players from the 6 x board teams would need to enter the 6-board cup competition, similarly 4 x board team would need to enter the 4-board cup.
- b. It was currently unknown as to when entries to the cup competition had to be submitted by. **Action:** Secretary to obtain team submission deadline dates and seek confirmation / clarification regarding the rules around formation of specific cup teams as discussed above in section 5.a **3 teams entered for Atkinson Cup; 2 for Ross trophy**
- c. It was generally agreed that each team captain should inform the secretary as to whether they wished to enter their team into their relevant cup competition.
- d. Hull X made it known that they did NOT want to be entered into a cup competition.

6. Duty Officer Rota Manager

- a. This is a new role the secretary believes is critical to the club and key as to whether he himself would continue as club secretary, or if no volunteer was forthcoming, be one he would undertake himself role instead of his current role.
- b. PS informed the secretary that discussions had been taking place during the last week regarding this new role and that several committee members had agreed to make themselves formally available to cover nights in July and August as duty officer and that one member was prepared to take on the new role of Duty Officer Rota Manager in the hope the secretary would continue in his role this year.
- c. A brief discussion was held over roles and responsibilities of this role and that of the duty officers on any given night took place. These included where keys were located, how to lock up at the end of the night and what to do in the event of a 1st aider being

required. **Action:** Secretary to document the typical activities that need to be performed each night by the duty officer **Circulated**

- d. PS proposed that Keith Porteous be elected as Duty Officer Rota Manager, seconded by JC. A show of hands followed and KP was elected unanimously.
- e. PS circulated the recently populated rota, and it should be noted that on the night BW and JC offered their assistance on some of the available evenings currently blank. **Action:** PS to send updated rota to KP for continued ownership in new role **ROTA collated and largely functioning**
- f. PS was thanked for his efforts in reaching this point with the rota.
- g. JC agreed to continue his present role as club secretary given the progress made to address his concerns around the Role of Duty Manager and rota of Officers. This news was well received by all present.

7. Club Events on Last Friday of each month

- a. JC had previously circulated a proposal to reserve the last Friday of each month for club events where no other matches would be scheduled. A list of possible events had been previously circulated and was again passed around at this evening's meeting.
- b. It was generally agreed that this was a positive idea, and a vote was held that unanimously approved this. **Action:** Secretary to ensure HDCA is aware of this proposal to ensure inclusion in the HDCA handbook. **Events are in the HDCA Handbook**

8. AOB

- a. ST asked whether matches being played as part of the Clubs own Championship should have a fixed night of their own to avoid teams being weakened by potential clashes of matches. This would be a dedicated night free of team matches. After much discussion it was felt that the current system of playing a championship match over a period of x weeks provided more flexibility at this time.
- b. JC stated that he personally felt that a 5 or 6 match Swiss Tournament was not the right way of deciding the club's championship and other formats should be considered, for example and all play all event. **Action:** BH to look at options regarding this. Champs & Major are all-play-all; **Intermediate & Minor are Swiss tournaments**
- c. PS raised subject of Family Membership and definition of Concession Membership as this was raised at the recent AGM. This had been mentioned to the club's treasurer and in principle he agreed that this was a good idea. **Action:** Treasurer to make a proposal for cost of Family Membership and definition of Concession Membership to present to committee for vote. **Treasurer circulated details of current subs categories to all members, an has prepared a proposal for Family Membership for consideration at next AGM**
- d. PS asked the question, as a new committee member, whether the club has any concerns with the HDCA or vice versa at this current time that should be discussed. A general discussion took place during which KP and ST offered some insight on recent HDCA discussions and how things were generally heading in a positive direction. Consensus was that there are no major issues at this time that involve the club in anyway.

Meeting Closed at 21:15