

Minute of Stepps Chess Club AGM – held on Thursday, 29/9/16

In attendance: James McIntosh, Andrew Pollock, Jack Peacock, Douglas Bryson, , Ian Brownlee, William Hulme, Graeme Nolan, Peter Thomson, Malcolm Theodoreson, Paul Boyce, Mark Conn, Bob Henery, Jim Smalls, Tony Gallagher.(14).

Jim McIntosh chaired the meeting in absence of Les Melvin.

Apologies: John Henderson, Alan Barlow, Tom Beattie, William Toland, Alex Gillies, Les Melvin, David Ross.

Secretary's Report: Drew Pollock highlighted the successes of the club over the past season. Dumbarton League 1 and Knock-out competitions were won and Lanarkshire League was also won. Other teams finished mid-table with the only team struggling was the LCL 2 team which finished bottom of the league. The continued need for new members was emphasised. Drew thanked all involved in previous season.

Treasurer's Report: A balance sheet was distributed, showing that the club had a similar balance to previous year. This was healthy although down by some £40 on previous season. The club fees were continued at same level: £40; £20 for seniors/unemployed and £10 for juniors. The fees for the let of the hall were to be increased by 30 pence per hour but the treasurer felt that this would be sustainable for the club.

Election of Office Bearers: Andrew Pollock, James McIntosh and Les Melvin (in absentia)- were re-elected as secretary, treasurer and president respectively. The previous season's captains were all elected en bloc - namely Douglas Bryson, Malcolm Theodoreson, William Hulme, Jack Peacock and Andrew Pollock.

Child Protection Policy: The attention of members was drawn to the policy document and their position in this regard was explained. It was agreed to publish the Policy on the web site, along with the constitution.

Prizegiving: Trophies and shields were distributed to those teams who were successful in the previous season.

Purchase of Digital Clocks: It was agreed after discussion that the club should move towards the replacement of older clocks with digital clocks. It was agreed that the club would finance 2 clocks with members giving contributions towards other clocks. Willie Hulme agreed to coordinate this – the cost of each clock about £45. Members should give money to treasurer and explain it was for the purpose of buying clocks. Cheque would then be issued to Willie Hulme. There would be a knock-on effect on insurance. Jim McIntosh agreed to investigate our position if all equipment was lost to a fire.

AOCB A continuation of the discussion about attracting new members took place. Points of action were as agreed re posters. Ian Brownlee felt that work done by Chess Scotland would bear fruit. The meeting was closed at 8.05.