

SOMERSET COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 119th Annual General Meeting, 2ndnd June 2014

1 Initial matters.

Attendees: M R Baker, G T Berryman, M Cooper, B Edgell (President), R Fenton, J Fewkes, D Gough, G Jepps, R D Knight, M Maber, C McKinley, J Parsons, M Townsend, G Udell, and M Worrall (15 members).. Apologies for absence were received from A Bamford and A Ransom (2 members).

The minutes of the 118th meeting were accepted and then countersigned by the President.

Matters Arising. None

2 Announcement of trophy winners

Competition	May 2012	May 2013	May 2014
Somerset Cup	Taunton	Taunton	Taunton
Div 1	Taunton	Taunton	Taunton
Div 2 East	Frome	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Div 2 West	Yeovil	Yeovil	Sedgemoor
Div 3 Central	Glastonbury	Yeovil	closed
Div 3 East	Frome	Bath	Bath
Div 3 West	Glastonbury	Glastonbury	Weston-s-Mare

3 Treasurer's report.

	2012/13	2013/14
Receipts		
Affiliation fees	141.50	112.50
Frome share of website charges	34.72	21.53
Bank interest	0.51	0.83
County chess surplus excluding WECU Fees	113.00	25.00
Donation	0.00	25.00
"pay to play fees"	0.00	70.00
Total receipts	289.73	254.86
Payments		
Website fees	69.44	43.06
SCCA affiliation to WECU	11.00	11.00
County team fees to WECU, ECF	58.00	44.00
ECF Yearbook	0.00	36.00
Secretary's expenses	0.00	5.80
Engraving	0.00	12.50
"pay to play" fees	0.00	70.00
Total payments	138.44	222.36
Surplus	151.29	32.50
End of year balance	2415.80	2448.30

2014/15. The subject was not raised but I presume it was the intention of the meeting that affiliation fees 2014/15 will be £7.00 for the first team in Divisions 1 and 2, £4.50 for each additional team and £3.50 for a team in division 3. SCCA league games will be graded under the ECF Membership scheme. All players playing graded games are encouraged to become Direct Members of the ECF and games of DMs will be

graded free of charge. There will be a “pay to play” fee of £2.00 per result for players who are not ECF members.

4 Other reports. The following officers reported to the meeting.

4.1 Match Captain reported as follows:

Div 1	2013	2014
Cornwall	W 9-3	D 8-8
Devon	W 9-7	W 10½-5½
Glos	W 11-5	W 13-3
Hants	D 8-8	W 8½-6½
Position	1	1

Div 2	2013	2014
Devon	L 4½-7½	L 4-8
Dorset	W 10½-5½	W 12½-3½
Hants	L 3½-8½	W 3½-2½
Position	2=	2

In the ECF Minor counties championship quarter final Somerset lost vs Suffolk 7½-8½.

Senior Jamboree. We finished second of three with 5½/12.

Graded Jamboree. One team finished third of five teams with 6/12. The other team finished fifth with 5/12.

4.2 The League Secretaries

Division 1: Taunton 10, Glastonbury 8, Yeovil 6, and Frome 0.

Division 2 East: Trowbridge 8, Frome 7, Norton Radstock 3.

Division 2 West: Sedgemoor 22, Taunton 18, Weston-s-Mare 13, Yeovil 12, Chard 8, Wellington 6, and Glastonbury 5.

Division 3 East: Bath 8, Frome 8, Norton Radstock 5 and Trowbridge 3.

Division 3 West: .Weston-s-Mare 15, Taunton Knights 13, Sedgemoor 12, Glastonbury 11, and Taunton Bishops 9.

Next year we might consider reducing team size for Div 1 matches to 4 players per team. Some Div 2 teams have difficulty in raising 6 players. They can consider reducing team size to 4 or 5, or possibly be allowed to “borrow” player(s) from a nearby club.

4.3 CC Match Captain. So far we have scored 6/14. Details are J Rudd 2/2, M Richardt 2/2, B Edgell 0/2, B Gosling 0/2, D Freeman 0/2, J Fewkes ½/2, N Mills 0/0, I Stringer 1½/2

4.4 Tournament Secretary. A detailed written report of 25th Frome Congress held May 9-11 was circulated. There were 145 players entered and 4 sections. The Somerset trophies were won as follows:-

Denys Bonner Trophy (Open)	Barry Morris (Bath)
Leon York Memorial (Major)	Tim Woodward (Trowbridge)
Roy Hossell (Intermediate)	Thomas Cooper (Trowbridge))
Cyril Chapman (Minor)	Ivan Stringer (Yeovil)
Jean Mackereth Trophy	Martin Maber (Taunton)

4.5 Results Secretary: -

A full report is available on the website. An important extracts is “I wish to make a plea to clubs to keep me informed promptly of any changes to the scheduled dates of League matches so that I can keep the website fixture list up-to date.”

4.6 ECF Report 2014.

- Membership/ game fee to remain at the same rate for next season.
- The ECF intends to ease people into membership by raising game fee at a steeper rate than membership fee. I believe the ECF should outright ask the question as to whether people wish to continue with the present game fee/ membership hybrid or move to a pure membership scheme, and will hopefully get that question asked at one of the 2 ECF meetings next season.
- The ECF is doing relatively well financially, and is hoping to have reserves of £72k by next year.

I've kept my report short, but full reports from the 2 ECF meetings I attended this season can be accessed here: <http://www.chessit.co.uk/phpforum/viewforum.php?f=6>

4.7 WECU Executive Delegate: In 2015 the WECU Easter Congress will be played at the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth. Other information is available on the ChessDevon website..

5 Other motions. None

6 Election of Officers

President B Edgell.

Vice-presidents: A Bamford, C F Barratt, G T Berryman, B J Francis, R W Gregory, G N Jepps, R Maishman, C Winch.

Secretary: J E Fewkes.

Treasurer: C McKinley.

League Secretary East: G Udell.

League Secretary West: R Fenton.

Match Captain: R D Knight.

Correspondence Match Captain: J E Fewkes.

Senior Tournament Secretary: G N Jepps.

Junior Organiser: Vacant.

Grading Officer: G N Jepps.

ECF Delegate: B Edgell.

WECU Executive Delegate: B Edgell.

WECU Council Delegate: G N Jepps.

Committee Member: R Carver.

7 Appointments

Accounts Examiner: N Senior

Arbiters: N Belinfante, G N Jepps, A T Mordue and J Rudd,

8 Final Matters

Vote of Thanks. The President expressed his thanks and appreciation to the officers for the work they had during the year.

Any Other business .None.

Next AGM. The 2015 AGM will be held at a venue to be determined at 7.30 pm on the week beginning Monday 1st June. Items for inclusion in the formal agenda should reach the secretary no later than 30th April, 2015.

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.