

SOMERSET COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 121ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 6TH JUNE, 2016

Please note that that SCCA officers made available at the meeting written reports giving many more details than can be included in these minutes. Contact the website or officer concerned or the secretary if you have further questions.

1 INITIAL MATTERS.

Attendees: T Alsop, M R Baker, G T Berryman, M Cooper, B Edgell (President), R Fenton, J Fewkes, D Gough, G Greenland, G Jepps, R D Knight, M Maber, C McKinley, M Turner, G Udell, M Willis, D Wood, and M Worrall (18 members). Apologies for absence were received from A Bamford, N Senior, and a corporate apology from "Wellington CC".

The minutes of the 120th meeting were accepted and then countersigned by the President.

Matters Arising: paragraph titled "eligibility for Somerset Cup matches". M Worrall asked about the removal of the stipulation that "to be eligible for Somerset cup matches a player must have played in at least one match for the club concerned either in the current or the previous season". It was agreed that the issue would be looked at again at the 2017 AGM.

2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROPHY WINNERS

Competition	May 2014	May 2015	May 2016
Somerset Cup	Taunton	*Weston-s-Mare	*Taunton
Div 1	Taunton	*Glastonbury	*Yeovil
Div 2 East	Trowbridge	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Div 2 West	Sedgemoor	Weston-s-Mare	*Glastonbury
Div 3 East	Bath	Norton-Radstock	Frome
Div 3 West	Weston-s-Mare	*Weston-s-Mare	*Yeovil

* Denotes that a presentation was made at the meeting.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Receipts			
Affiliation fees	112.50	133.50	105.50
Frome share of website charges	21.53	35.92	
Bank interest	0.83	0.98	0.90
County chess surplus excluding WECU Fees	25.00	37.00	37.50
Donation	25.00	0.00	
"pay to play fees"	70.00	90.00	88.00
Total receipts	254.86	297.40	231.90
Payments			
Website fees	43.06	71.84	21.53
SCCA affiliation to WECU	55.00	55.00	55.00
ECF Yearbook	36.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary's expenses	5.80	0.00	0.00
Engraving	12.50	8.50	17.00
"pay to play" fees	70.00	90.00	106.00
Equipment for county team	0.00	0.00	272.65
Total payments	222.36	225.34	472.18
Surplus	32.50	72.06	-240.28

End of year balance	2448.30	2520.36	2280.08
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2016/17: Fees will not be changed from last year and will remain as £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 £2.50 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	2014	2015	2016
Cornwall	D 8-8	W 11-5	W 13.5-2.5
Devon	W 10½-5½	W 10-6	L 7.5-8.5
Glos	W 13-3	W 10-6	W 13-3
Hants	W 8½-6½	W 12-4	W default
Position	1	1	

Div 2	2014	2015	2016
Cornwall		W 8-3	Not played
Devon	L 4-8	L 5½-6½	L 2.5-9.5
Dorset	W 12½-3½	Not played	Not played
Hants	W 3½-2½	Not played	Not played
Wilts			W 9-7
Position	2	2	2

ECF Minor Counties	
2014 QF	Suffolk L 7½-8½
2015 QF	Cambridge W 8½-7½
2015 SF	Essex L
2016 QF	Suffolk L 1½-14½

WECU Jamboree	
2015 D1	Somerset 5.5/12
2015 D2	Somerset S&W 8/12 first Somerset N & E 4./12 joint third

4.2 The League Secretaries

Division 1: Yeovil 11, Glastonbury 9, Frome 4, Weston-s-Mare 0

Division 2 East: Trowbridge 11, Frome 4, Norton Radstock 3.

Division 2 West: Glastonbury 16, Sedgemoor 14, Yeovil 14, Taunton 12, Wellington 12, Chard/Ilminster 9, Weston-s-Mare 7

Division 3 East: Frome 7, Trowbridge 6, Bath 6, Norton Radstock 5.

Division 3 West: .Yeovil 18, Sedgemoor 17, Weston-s-Mare 13, Glastonbury 13, Taunton Knights 9, Taunton Bishops 8, Wellington 6.

4.3 CC Match Captain: So far we have scored 8/15. Details are: M Richardt 1/2, J Rudd 0/2, B Edgell 1/2, B Gosling 1.5/2, D Freeman 0.5/1, J Fewkes 1/2, I Stringer 1/2, and M Baker 2/2.

4.4 Tournament Secretary. A detailed written report of 26th Frome Congress held May 15-17 was circulated. The Somerset trophies were won as follows:-

Tournament	2014	2015	2016
Total number of entries	145	153	179
Denys Bonner Trophy (Open)	Barry Morris	Matthew Turner	David Buckley
Leon York Memorial (Major)	Tim Woodward	Andrew Gregory	Tim Woodward
Roy Hossell (Intermediate)	Thomas Cooper	Chris Snook-Lumb	Hugo Fowler
Cyril Chapman (Minor)	Ivan Stringer	Ivan Stringer	Alastair Drummond
Jean Mackereth	Martin Maber	Eva Goldie	Robert Skeen

4.5 Results Secretary: -Printed copies of a detailed report were given to those present at the meeting. Contact the secretary if you would like a copy sent to you by email.

- 1) Clubs are reminded that they can make use of the "Report" data in Score Checker to check whether they have players who have played more than six games, but who are not yet members of the ECF.
- 2) For club results to be included in the end-of-January list, the results must reach the results secretary by 15th January.
- 3) Score checker can allow team captains to enter their match results directly. Please contact Gerry J for further information.

4.6 ECF Delegate. ECF membership fees for adults next season will remain at be Bronze £15, Silver £22, and Gold £32. The game fee for non-members will be £2.50 per game. In 2017 The British championship will be a nine-day event. My report is 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: THE WECU Jamboree will be held on 11 September. Dates for the County matches will be announced in September when the precise number of teams in each division is known. In 2017 the Jamboree will not be held at the Tacchi-Morris Arts centre and may move to Millfield School. Other information is available on the ChessDevon website.

5 OTHER ISSUES.

Proposal for change in Rule 6 of the SCCA Constitution: it was agreed by a 16-0 majority that the stipulation that "the period of office of the president shall not exceed four consecutive years" should be deleted from the constitution.

Proposal re team size in Division 1: it was agreed 11-0 that the team size for the season 2016/17 will be four players per team. This decision should increase the number of teams participating. The indications are that Frome, Glastonbury, Millfield, Taunton, Wells, and Yeovil will all enter teams.

Proposal re failure of Weston-s-Mare to play their scheduled cup-final against Taunton: The W-s-M delegate gave further background information and the options were discussed at some length. The Taunton delegate, M Worrall, proposed that we "draw a line" and start afresh next season, with no further penalty, was accepted.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President B Edgell.

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

Secretary: G Greenland.

Treasurer: C McKinley.

League Secretary East: G Udell.

League Secretary West: R Fenton.

Match Captain: position left vacant.
Correspondence Match Captain: J E Fewkes.
Senior Tournament Secretary: G N Jepps.
Junior Organiser: C Strong.
Results Officer: G N Jepps.
ECF Delegate: B Edgell.
WECU Executive Delegate: B Edgell.
WECU Council Delegate: G N Jepps.

7 APPOINTMENTS

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

8 FINAL MATTERS

Thanks: The president thanked the officers for the work they had done and their reports. The meeting as a whole supported a vote thanking Jim Fewkes for his 42 years of service as Secretary to the Association.

SCCA Constitution: The last time the SCCA rules were printed was 1985. Some modifications are now due and Gerry Jepps has kindly offered to carry out a review. When the new document has been approved by the Executive Committee a copy will be published on the SCCA website.

Rapid Chess: Are there clubs that would be interested in participating in a sequence of 4-board team matches of Rapidplay chess? Each team member would play the four members of the other team and each game would last a total of 40 minutes. Please contact Tom Alsop if you think your club might be interested. Contact details are email: taa2609@gmail.com; mobile 07570 456703.

New SCCA Secretary: the contact details for Guy Greenland are email ggreenland@me.com, mobile 07738 876681, and landline 01278 425200. Guy is seeking to initiate two new SCCA competitions: 1) a home-play knockout tournament for games of 2½ hour duration, and 2) a 1 day rapid-play congress.

Next AGM: The 2017 AGM will be held at The Street Inn at 7.30 pm on Monday 5th June. Items for inclusion in the formal agenda should reach the secretary, Guy Greenland, no later than 30th April, 2017.

Closure: The meeting closed at about 8.45 pm.