

Sandwich Chess Club

Minutes of AGM, Tuesday 6th September 2022
held at St Clement's Hall, Sandwich

Attending: D. Allen, G. Allen, R. Dawson, M. Davies, J. Hunt (Treasurer), H. Sharples (President), R. Starley, A. Tottenham, M. Towlson, J. Thorley
Apologies: none

Meeting opened 7:30pm

1. Apologies – none known

2. Summary of Thanet League events (*H. Sharples*)

- In 2021-22 we won the Team Quickplay Shield and were joint winners of the Julius Day Shield (Jamboree).
- We also entered the Millar Cup, Mick Croft Cup, Steele Cup and Walker Shield. In our first time competing in the Millar Cup we finished 3rd, above Broadstairs and Margate. In the Mick Croft Cup, we were unlucky to have to play the pre-round and lost in the semi-final to Bridge. Our Steele Cup team finished 2nd out of 6, Bridge pipping us by just one point. We didn't perform so well in the Walker Shield, finishing 4th out of 5, but we played every game.
- It was agreed by the meeting that in 2022-23 we would be entering the Millar Cup, Mick Croft Cup and Steele Cup, but not the Walker Shield, in order to make room for a new Club Championship and "The Black-and-White".

3. Treasurer's report (*J. Hunt*)

- The accounts were presented and approved. A motion to raise the annual subscription from £55 to £60 was proposed by J. Hunt, seconded by A. Tottenham, and passed unanimously.

4. Internal events (*J. Hunt*)

- Details were confirmed for two new club tournaments, an ECF-standardplay-rated Club Championship and an ECF-rapidplay-rated tournament, "The Black-and-White".
- Club Championship: closed tournament, time control 75 minutes for all moves + 15 seconds a move, first phase a 5-round Swiss, second phase two all-play-all groups, with the groups set according to the final standings in the Swiss. Prize: Club Championship trophy.
- "The Black-and-White": open tournament, time control 45 minutes for all moves, a 6-round Swiss with two games per round (one black, one white) against the same opponent played back-to-back. Prizes: "The Black-and-White" chessboard trophy, "The Earl of Sandwich" max. 1660 trophy.

5. Election of officers

- H. Sharples was confirmed as President for 2022-23, and J. Hunt was confirmed as Treasurer for 2022-23.
- The role of Secretary was currently being shared by the President and Treasurer, and so a volunteer was sought for the role, but none was forthcoming.
- The existing officers reminded the meeting that an extraordinary meeting of the club could be called at any time during the year if a need for one was expressed to them.

6. Presentation of trophies

- The Team Quickplay Shield was presented to the winning team of R. Starley, H. Sharples, J. Thorley & M. Towlson. The Julius Day Shield was presented to the winning Board 1, R. Starley.

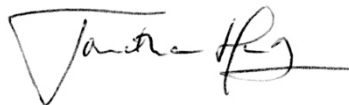
7. AOB (A. Tottenham)

- It was asked if Ramsgate was still in the League. It was confirmed that the club was, but that it was only competing in the Walker Shield, and so we would not meet Ramsgate in competition this season.
- Support was expressed for using the 75/15 time control in the new Club Championship, in order to help players get used to it for League play as well.
- A question was asked as to what resources or facilities the club would make available for improving players. It was agreed that the executive officers would arrange to offer a minimum of three coaching "hours" during the season.

Meeting closed 8:05pm.



Signed (President):



Signed (Treasurer):