

Essex Chess Association

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The meeting was held on 29 May 2013 at Wanstead House, The Green, London E11. and commenced at 8. p.m.

Minutes of the GPC Meeting

Present: Bryan Gaze (Chair), Tom Barton, John Chapman, Alistair Clark, Ian Hunnable, David Millward, Colin Ramage, Joe Rosenberg, David Smith (arrived during meeting), Ivor Smith, Philip Staniland, Steve Wedlock.

- 1) **Apologies:** Dave Hawkins, Steve Abbott, David Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** of GPC meeting held 22 May 2012 were accepted.
- 3) **Matters arising from the minutes:** Malcolm Crane reported that he is completing work on Division 1 Trophy. (Silver Rook / Wedding Cake).
- 4) **League Review for 2012 / 2013:** David Millward reported on the 2012/2013 season, and had been having some PC issues recently.

Loughton vs Brentwood issue: David Millward stated that email / text message is insufficient for a cancellation of a match; parties must speak to each other. Their was general agreement on this. L

Game fees: 3 players registered, 2 Wanstead plus one other. Joe Rosenberg advised that only one club had registered for a concession.

The Spam filter may have blocked some results as 21 were outstanding.

4A) KO Tournament: (This is numbered 4a as it was inadvertently missed off the agenda). Last season 10 teams participated. Writtle suffered a shock defeat against Barking, losing 8-4.

Results:

Plate:	Ilford	8 – 4	Brentwood
Semi-final:	Ilford	9.5 – 2.5	Southend
Final:	Southend	4.5 - 7.5	Ilford

(The results of the other semi-final has not been located).

5. i) Fixtures: If there is no fixtures meeting then a review of the Rule is required, that says “registration must be completed 1 week prior to the Fixtures Meeting”.

Joe Rosenberg that their was no report from Thurrock Chess Club. After discussion, Colin Ramage suggested that we support a change to this rule and David Millward agreed. It was therefore agreed to retain a date.

ii) Pre-arranged Colours: A proposal from Thurrock had been made to have pre-arranged colours in League matches. Bryan Gaze read the proposal. The vote was 11 – 0 against. Since no representative from that Club was present to advocate this idea, Colin Ramage suggested that we drop the item, which we did.

iii) January Grading List: David Millward suggested that we review this issue and seek clarifications. Ian Hunnable suggested that we have a clear statement that we use July List unless there is a valid reason for using the January List, i.e. significant change movement in grade. Philip Staniland suggested that the January grade may not be based on 30 games so an account is taken of a partial list from July. Ian Hunnable mentioned that with a long absence from the game, grades generally drop off. Philip Staniland made the observation that Southend! Use the July Grades while Southend II uses the January Grades, highlighting an inconsistency inside one club. The meeting agreed the following:

That it is a legitimate function of the LMC to review barring lists in the light of the January Grading List and to consult Club(s) in the event of exceptional grading differences, to seek agreement for appropriate modifications to their barring list.

IV) New League format 1 – (New structure) This idea was rejected.

V) New League Format 2 – (5 board League) This was considered for the lowest Division only but not implemented for 2013/2014.

6. Tournament Secretaries: Team Blitz - Ivor Smith
KO Cup - Ian Hunnable
Individual Rapidplay – post vacant and if no
volunteer this tournament would not run. There was a proposal to run his as a closed Essex Event at Writtle with a tentative date of 7 July 2013.

7. Officers for 2013/2014: No changes were proposed. Tom Barton was to be added to the distribution list.

8. Action point completed by Ivor Smith. No details to hand.

9. AOB. Date of AGM was set for 26 June 2013 in the Roding Room at Wanstead House.

John Chapman
General Secretary
20 May 2014