

## BARROW CHESS CLUB

### **Minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Barrow Chess Club**

Held at the British Legion Club,  
Holker Street, Barrow-in-Furness on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

#### Present:

D Cole, G Horne, T Blower, A Llewellyn, M Mackenzie, F Whalley, J Duffield, J Woodburn, R Hayley, Ian Travers, Tony O'Malley

#### Apologies for Absence

No Apologies received.

#### Minutes of the 2021 Meeting

The Minutes of the 2021 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

#### Matters Arising

No Matters arising.

#### Chairman's & Secretary's Report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM. Although Covid19 has been the main issue over the last two years and it hadn't gone away, it was hoped we would get back to normality and be playing more chess. The season had begun promisingly with some new members, especially juniors but had fallen away. We needed a publicity campaign to encourage people to the club and the Chair would be exploring ways to do this.

The unfinished 2019-20 Cumbria season was completed at the end of 2021 with Barrow A winning the Southern Division. The 2021-22 season in Cumbria saw Barrow finish runners up in the Open League and Whitaker Cup.

The Cumbria Team Rapid play is due to take place in October 2022 in Penrith and the County Individuals sometime early 2023. The County will be fielding a team in the NCCU U1850 championships.

ECF fees for 2022-23 would remain the same at £18 for Bronze, £27 for Silver and £39 for Gold members. There has been some activity in Barrow and Ulverston to welcome Ukrainians to chess clubs which has been happening at County and National level. (Penrith club has produced a Ukrainian language chess flyer). The Secretary to contact Peter Hanks on the situation.

#### Treasurer's Report

George reported that the cash and bank balance as at the 31/08/2022 stood at £164.41 with a deficit for the year of £53.06. George presented the Accounts spreadsheet and explained they were for two years so comparatives can be misleading. (*The Accounts are unaudited*).

Fees for the season were recommended to remain unchanged - £10 for Club membership and £5 to play in Cumbria. (ECF fees to be paid outside this). This was agreed.

#### Librarian's Report

Jim circulated a written report to the meeting on the Norry Kirby Snr chess library. During 2019 the library had 395 chess books. 388 books were on the shelves in 2021. There had been 30 additional chess books donated by Eric Fleet. Following a current assessment there are 410 books with 13 books out on loan. There are a few books that can be written off as the loans stretch back a number of years.

Matthew offered to donate CD's of Chess Informant 147-150 which will be logged into the Library. The report was accepted and the Chair thanked Jim for his work.

### Webmaster's Report

Alan reported 54,000 hits on the site overall and there had been 6,000 page hits on the site this year. Alan reported that Information, Competitions and News were the tabs that he regularly updates on the site. If any member needed telephone number information, contact Alan who will give access to the Members area. The Chairman thanked Alan for all his work on the site and urged members to visit it.

### Internal Competitions Report

Trevor reported that most competitions were successful with most games being played. However there was concern over support for the Ladder competition which fell away as the season went on. It was decided that this would be discontinued and the John Game Trophy (given to the Ladder winner) would be redirected to the winner of the Summer League for next season. All other competitions to continue as is.

### Presentation of Trophies

Major: Mathew Mackenzie

Minor: Alan Llewellyn

KO Cup: Matthew Mackenzie

Lightning: Matthew Mackenzie

Summer League Major: Dave Cole

Summer League Minor: Alan Llewellyn

Pairs: George Horne and John Duffield

Ladder: Trevor Blower

Junior: Matthew Paule – not presented (the trophy to be inscribed).

Averages: Matthew Mackenzie (not presented as the trophy is being revamped – the current large board being too cumbersome).

### Election of Officers

Chairman:	Dave Cole
Secretary:	Dave Cole
Treasurer:	George Horne
Librarian:	James Woodburn
Internal Competitions Organiser:	Trevor Blower
Webmaster:	Alan Llewellyn
Auditor:	Tony O'Malley

### Cumbria League & Whitaker Teams

It was agreed that one team enter the Open League, two teams in the Southern division and one team in the Whitaker. Matthew Mackenzie would captain the Open team, Dave Cole and Trevor Blower teams in the Southern Division and George Horne for the Whitaker.

### AOB

George wanted to know who won Cumbria and Grading prizes at the South Lakes Congress 2022. To the surprise of no one it was George who won the Grading prize in his section.

Ian asked if he could be permitted to not write down his moves in graded games because he found it difficult due to health issues; this was agreed.

Tony raised the issue of the need to push for new members and it was agreed that the committee would look into what could be done and how to cater for juniors. Russ proposed that a Junior hour from 6-7pm be dedicated to them which was thought a good idea and would be considered further when juniors appeared.

A question as to the health of Eric Fleet was raised and the Secretary agreed to inquire and report back.

**Dave Cole**

**Hon. Secretary Barrow Chess Club**