

BARROW CHESS CLUB

Minutes of the 134th AGM of the Barrow Chess Club

Held at the British Legion Club,
Holker Street, Barrow-in-Furness on 29th August 2018.

Present:

D Cole, G Horne, A Llewellyn, B Parkinson, T Blower, M Mackenzie, D Miller, T Kirby,
D Martin, F Whalley, I Travers, C Underhill.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from J Woodburn

Minutes of the 2017 Meeting

The Minutes of the 2017 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Chairman's Report/Secretary's Report

The Chairman combined his report with that of being Secretary.

Membership in Barrow has been maintained, although the trend is slowly declining in numbers.

It would be good to see a few more members joining.

The main event in Cumbria was the sad death of John Toothill in November 2017, which resulted in Windermere withdrawing from the Cumbria league. The Rapid play Trophy is to be named after John, which will take place in Penrith in October 2018.

The Cumbria Individuals will take place in Shap in April 2019.

Kendal have a new home venue, but details are not known at present.

Barrow A won the Southern League for the fourth year in succession.

For next season there could be an Open v South League match in Cumbria if it gets organised and possibly an 8 player County Jamboree in the NCCU. The Cumbria U160 team drew with Lancashire, who then went on to win the National final.

Rates for ECF membership fees 2018/19 have been maintained at 2001/18 prices, although Junior rates have been reduced to £5.

A Cumbria EGM has been called for the 1st September to discuss new fixture rules applying to the Cumbria Open League.

Treasurer's Report

George reported that the cash and bank balance as at the 29/8/2018 stood at £295.31 with a surplus for the year of £10.72. There were no large or unusual expenses through the year. £200 of the cash is now in the trophy contingency fund and it was agreed that this figure should be the upper limit.

Fees for the season remain unchanged - £10 for Club membership and £5 to play in Cumbria. (ECF fees to be paid outside this - Bronze £16.00, Silver £23.50, Gold £34.00).

Librarian's Report

In Jim's absence, the Chairman read out Jim's written report. One further addition to the library was made during the season, The World Championship Interzonals 1973 (The Chairman reported that he had returned this book having it out all season). There are 393 books in total with various

magazines being in the library or out on loan. The Chairman pointed out that Alan Llewellyn had donated a further three books on the French, Alekhine and Karpov, and thanked Alan for the donations. Jim reported that the library was well used.

Webmaster's Report

Alan circulated a written report which featured a screen grab of the home page. The Barrow Chess site was first set up in 2007 and attracted about 7000 visitors before a revamp with a hit counter which at 29/8/2018 recorded 36,498 visits. The site was revamped again and improved visually although some pages have been transferred into others. Alan continues to update the site and it was commented how good the site is and encouraged players to use it.

Internal Competitions Report

Trevor reported that there were no problems in any of the competitions. The only change suggested was to change the time control from 1 hour 45 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes each. This was agreed.

Presentation of Trophies

Major: D Cole

Minor: F Whalley

KO Cup: M Mackenzie

Lightning: M Mackenzie

Summer League Major: D Cole

Summer League Minor: T Blower

Pairs: M Mackenzie & T Blower

Ladder: T Blower

Averages: M Mackenzie

The Cumbria Southern League trophy and medals were presented to Barrow A.

Election of Officers

Chairman:	Dave Cole
Secretary:	Dave Cole
Treasurer:	George Horne
Librarian:	James Woodburn
Internal Competitions Organiser:	Trevor Blower
Webmaster:	Alan Llewellyn
Auditor:	Chris Underhill

Cumbria League & Whitaker Teams

It was agreed that a team enter the Cumbria Open league.

The make-up of Teams to be decided post meeting.

AOB

It was suggested that the Evening Mail chess column be revived. The Chairman said he would look into it and try and publicise the Cumbria/Barrow chess results in the paper on a monthly basis.

Dave Cole

Hon. Secretary Barrow Chess Club