

BARROW CHESS CLUB

Minutes of the 136th AGM of the Barrow Chess Club

Held at the British Legion Club,
Holker Street, Barrow-in-Furness on 8th September 2021.

Present:

D Cole, G Horne, T Blower, A Llewellyn, M Mackenzie, F Whalley, J Duffield, J Woodburn,
R Hayley, O Campbell.

The meeting started with a one minute silence for the passing away of Tony Kirby and Derek Miller last year. (The Lions also honoured the mark of respect).

Apologies for Absence

No Apologies received

Minutes of the 2019 Meeting

The Minutes of the 2019 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record with one amendment to the number of hits on the website being 4,000 in a year and 46,000 in total (2019).

Matters Arising

Frank raised the issue of Dave Martin and concerns over his not being seen for some time. He has been round Dave's house at 10 Parade St and confirms he is ok but receiving care. Dave would be happy to see anyone from the chess club if they want to visit.

Chairman's Report/Secretary's Report

The Chairman began with welcoming everyone to the first AGM in two years. Covid19 has been the main issue over this period with the chess club being closed and featured prominently in the recent on-line NCCU AGM and at the Cumbria Chess Association AGM last weekend in Penrith, where the risks and Guidelines were discussed for the upcoming season of OTB chess in clubs. Guidelines have been issued and can be found on the Barrow and Cumbria websites.

It is hoped that the unfinished 2019-20 season would be finished with Barrow A due to play Ulverston and Kendal. The new season in the Cumbria league will have 3 player teams minimum but teams can play 4 players on agreement. Captains are encouraged to contact each other prior to matches to consider arrangements reference covid19. The County is hoping to field a team in the NCCU championships (U140/U1650) and entering a team into the 4NCL, with Alan as team captain.

Treasurer's Report

George reported that the cash and bank balance as at the 31/08/2021 stood at £217.47 with a deficit over two years of £121.85. With little income over 18 months the expenditure came from room hire and the website. Fees for the season remain unchanged - £10 for Club membership and £5 to play in Cumbria. (ECF fees to be paid outside this). (*Signed Audited 2019 a/c's were presented to the Secretary.*)

Website costs were discussed as the Hosting fees are currently paid by Alan and where the club only reimburses around 50% of these costs. The next payment is due in the New Year when it was agreed that the Barrow Committee review to covering these costs in full (£112 in 2021).

Librarian's Report

Jim circulated a written report to the meeting on the Norry Kirby Snr chess library. There are 395 chess books in the library with some books out on loan using the register. 388 books are currently on the shelves. There had been 31 additional chess books donated by Eric Fleet, 30 of which are chess books, which Jim will give a library number.

Webmaster's Report

Alan reported that during the lockdown he had revamped the website with a new design. It was agreed this was a great improvement and thanked for his work. (Oli remarked that the website had directed him to the club.) There had been around 3,000 hits on the site this year with over 48,000 in total. Alan continues to update the site on a regular basis.

Internal Competitions Report

Trevor reported that Martin had finished the top of the Major table with Frank, but had played a lot less games and therefore declared Barrow Champion. The Lightning, Pairs and Summer League had taken place after the club reopened during the summer. For next season the Major would be an all play all from September 2021 till May 2022 with the KO Cup being drawn after October. The ladder competition would also resume.

Presentation of Trophies

Major: Martin Gawne – in chess cupboard to collect

Minor: Frank Whalley – presented

KO Cup: Matthew Mackenzie – presented

Lightning: Matthew Mackenzie – presented

Summer League Major: Kit Hopkins

Summer League Minor: Alan Llewellyn

Pairs: George Horne and John Duffield

Ladder: Tony Kirby (posthumously) – with George to refurbish

Averages: Not yet decided due to outstanding Cumbria Southern League games

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 one team would enter the Open Division, one team in the Southern division and one team in the Whitaker. Matthew Mackenzie would captain the Open team and Trevor Blower the other teams.

AOB

The question of results going into Andy McAtear was raised. It was decided that Trevor would send them in with result/date/colour of the games and cc the Webmaster and the Secretary.

Dave Cole

Hon. Secretary Barrow Chess Club