

BARROW CHESS CLUB

Minutes of the 133rd AGM of the Barrow Chess Club

Held at the British Legion Club,
Holker Street, Barrow-in-Furness on 30th August 2017.

Present:

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from J Woodburn, S Bower and Chris Underhill who arrived with the Minor trophy during the meeting.

Minutes of the 2016 Meeting

No Minutes were produced of the 2016 AGM.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman started his report by saying that new players to the club would be a welcome sign, but that dwindling numbers in clubs across Cumbria is a worrying trend; although the good news in the County is that Keswick club have reformed and are playing in the Cumbria Open league.

The Cumbria U160 team beat the National U160 Champions Yorkshire, but failed to win the NCCU title as Cumbria lost to Lancashire. A new Cumbria v Yorkshire Trophy was played for with John Moore (a former Barrow player) being the Cumbria player honoured in the 'Swallow-Moore' trophy.

In the County, Barrow A won the Southern League and Barrow B were runner's up. Barrow also won the Rapid play team event in Askam, with individual medals for Dave Cole, Alan Llewellyn and John Duffield. In the Cumbria Individual Championships, George Horne won the Cumbria Major title and Trevor Blower the Minor title.

There is to be a three man team Rapid play event to be held at the Crown in Penrith on October 14th 2017; players are encouraged to take part.

The Cumbria Individuals 2018 may be held in Penrith and is now a closed competition rather than an Open.

In the Cumbria League it was agreed that Fischer time controls (or Bronstein time controls) could be used, but only with the agreement of players concerned. This was being trialled as an option, as more and more events are using these controls with digital clocks. (Phil Waters produced an explanation which is to be on the notice board).

In the NCCU a Seniors Team Jamboree could be held in Bradford later this year.

Secretary's Report

No report, as Martin Gawne has stood down as Secretary and reportedly left the club.

Treasurer's Report

George reported that the cash and bank balance as at the 31/8/2017 stood at £284.59 with a loss for the year of £8.19. 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. No further additions to the library were made during the season with 393 books in total with various magazines being in the library or out on loan.

Internal Competitions Report

Trevor reported that there were no defaults and no problems in any of the competitions. There were no recommendations for change and this was agreed. Everyone was happy with the competitions – 'peachy'.

Alan suggested that the Evening Mail chess column be revived. The Chairman said he would look into it and at least try and publicise the Cumbria chess results in the paper.

Presentation of Trophies

Major: D Cole and M Mackenzie – Joint winners

Minor: T Kirby

KO Cup: D Cole

Lightning: M Mackenzie

Summer League: D Cole

Summer League Minor: A Llewellyn

Pairs: M Mackenzie & D Miller

Ladder: T Blower

Averages: F Whalley

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:	TBD

Cumbria League & Whitaker Teams

To be decided post meeting.

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No other business

Dave Cole

Hon. Secretary Barrow Chess Club