

Minutes of the Denton Chess Club AGM September 4th 2013

Present:

John Wood (President), John Lysons (Chairman), Dave Holt (Secretary, Stockport 1st team captain), Sheila Holt (Treasurer), Dave Cook (Stockport 2nd team captain), Tim Hilton (Manchester 1st team captain), Arthur Ryder (Manchester 2nd team captain), Stewart McIlvenna (Manchester 3rd team captain), Stan Bradley, Connor Tierney, Malcolm Furlong, Ivan Unwin, Phil Boyd, Eric Lefnik, John Ryan, Alan Williamson

A minutes silence was held for Don Taylor who passed away this year.

Officer's Reports

Dave Holt reported that the club is still in a good position despite the fact that we lost some players this year.

Sheila Holt reported that the finances were in good condition, with £320 in the bank. The current sponsors are discontinuing due to a legal case in progress but Dave has found another sponsor so the room fee for next year can be covered by sponsorship money. Stan has completed an audit and has given some comments: it would be better to have an official receipt book; team captains should take care to ensure only eligible players are picked to play; drivers should claim the petrol money. Sheila mentioned that we could do with spending some money on more digital clocks and it was agreed that we should buy some. A question was raised about the money Dave Boulden spent on Don's wreath, he should be reimbursed from the club funds.

The team captains reported that the club did well despite losing some good players. The Stockport league 1st team remained in the top division and the 2nd team remained in the 2nd division. The Manchester league 1st team remained in the top division. The Manchester League 2nd team had a mixed season in terms of results but we had a full team for all the matches. Stewart has picked up the role of captain well for the Manchester 3rd team.

Teams for 2013/2014

It was agreed that we keep the same teams for 2013/2014.

Election of Officers

Chairman	John Lysons
Secretary	Dave Holt
Treasurer	Sheila Holt
Stockport 1 st Team Captain	Dave Holt
Stockport 2 nd Team Captain	Dave Cook
Manchester 1 st Team Captain	Tim Hilton
Manchester 2 nd Team Captain	Arthur Ryder
Manchester 3 rd Team Captain	Stewart McIlvenna
Webmaster	Ivan Unwin

Other Business

John Wood presented the trophy for the most improved player to John Ryan.

Proposal: The £6 for fuel be scrapped and the players in the teams contribute £1 to the driver of the car for the journey.

This was debated. Some of the points were:

- Similar schemes work well elsewhere.
- A pound is nothing to pay and less than would be the fare to get to the venue.
- What about the fact that some journeys are much longer than others.
- This would swap the scheme we've got with a worse one. The drivers will only get half the amount they're currently entitled to. They ought to claim under the current scheme, if they don't claim now they're not likely to take money from their passengers.
- A scheme which works well elsewhere is one where everyone pays 10p per mile.
- We should note what the drivers prefer. The two people likely to do the most driving were happy with the current scheme.

A vote was taken:

- Keep the current scheme – 6 votes
- Go with the proposal – 3 votes
- Pay 10p per mile – 0 votes

So we'll keep things as they are.

There was some discussion about recruiting new players. Some of the points were:

- We have a poster up in Sainsbury's. We should put more posters elsewhere.
- We handed out many flyers at the events in Victoria Park, but no-one came.
- One player left due to the feeling of not getting anywhere, but its not possible to become good at chess overnight and good amount of help was given.
- We've lost many players compared with a couple of years ago. But in most cases there were reasons why they couldn't continue, rather than losing interest in the club.
- Maybe we should run an event at the club to invite people to.

On a non-match night should we be quiet? It was agreed that talking is ok but it shouldn't be too loud to give respect to people who are playing games.

The meeting closed and we had some cake.