

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : TUESDAY 8/7/97

Venue Perkins Chess Club

Start of Meeting 19:45

Attendees	David Everington	Richard Thompson	Iain Wilson	Colin Roberts
	Glyn Pugh	Bob Simpson	Roger Brown	Phil Cameron
	Jim Wilkinson	Vic Crean	Nick Rutter	Phil Cherrington
	Richard Archer	Peter Crean	Toby Neal	Dave Gostelow
	Ian Gilbert	Demick Powell	Bryan Brown	Matthew Clark
	Steve Jones	Chris Bayliss	Ron Thomson	Bill Evans
	Alan Shaw (for item 3.2 only)			

1 Apologies Carl Portman Sellick Davies

2. Minutes of the 1996 AGM

Action

2.1 The minutes were adopted, without comment.

3. Officer's Reports

3.1 General Secretary (Iain Wilson)

No formal report was presented; instead Iain said he would provide information at relevant items in the agenda.

3.2 County Junior Organisers (Neil Taylor & Matthew Clark)

As neither Matthew Clark nor the trophies were present the President apologised to Alan Shaw and the Dothill Juniors representative, saying that arrangements would be made to forward the U13 trophy. A. Shaw and the representative then left.

Matthew Clark later appeared and announced the following winners of the Shropshire Schools Chess League (only 5 entrants):

- a). Shrewsbury School as winners of the U19 trophy,
- b). Adams Grammar as winners of U16,
- c). Dothill as winners of U13.

An appeal was made for members to advise him of any teachers who might be willing to help.

The President congratulated Clark on his impending wedding, in Hungary!

Post-meeting Note:

- a) The U13 trophy may well already be in Dothill's possession from the past.
- b) A shield which might be the U16 trophy has found its way into Iain Wilson's hands.
- c) Enquiries are being held.

**Wilson-
Pinkerton
Detective
Agency**

Action

3.3 League Controller (Collin Roberts)

The season ended with :

- Div 1 Champions : CODDON A for a record 6th successive season, on game difference after tying with Telepost A on points.
- Relegated from Div 1 : Oswestry A and Perkins.
- Div 2 Champions : Shifnal A (also promoted : CODDON B).
- Relegated from Div 2 : Telford B, Shrewsbury School and possibly Newport B.
- Div 3 Champions : Oswestry B (also promoted : Shifnal B)

The Division 3 trophy was not available for presentation, as Shrewsbury had not returned it. The President promised to make arrangements.

Roberts apologised for timetable mix-ups and also said that the League Rules would be strictly enforced. Match cards needed to be submitted promptly and outstanding games played within 28 days. Otherwise the Shropshire Star might not be able to publish the final tables (as was the case at the end of the 1996-97 season).

Everington

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3.4 County Individual (Phil Cherrington)

The competition was not quite complete but Nick Rutter was announced as champion (and next year's Division 2 adjudicator). (Unfortunately the trophy was not available for presentation but Dave Gostelow said he would hand it to Nick). Ian Gilbert was congratulated on his runner-up achievement.

Gostelow

3.5 Cox & Minor Trophies (Derrick Powell)

Several games had not been played, largely through club's lower teams disintegrating. There had been no disputes, proving the value of abandoning quickplay finishes. Several match cards were outstanding. The Cox Final was to be between Telford A and either CODDON A or Telepost A (depending on an outstanding game between Trevor Brotherton and Nigel Ferrington).

3.6 County 1st Team Captain (Phil Cameron)

The highlight was victory over Warwickshire (8.5-7.5). Otherwise, the County lost to Worcestershire, Greater Manchester and Staffordshire. We lost (though narrowly 7.5-8.5) to Derbyshire in the Minor Counties knockout and also came last in the Counties Rapidplay at Nuneaton in September (partly because Carl Portman had to be rushed to hospital with Phil Cameron in attendance).

Top scorers were Nigel Ferrington (4/5), Nick Rutter (3/4), Colin Roberts (2.5/3), Glyn Pugh (2/2) and Keith Tabner (1/1).

Cameron announced his resignation after 3 years in the post and was warmly applauded.

3.7 County U150 Team Captain (Phil Cherrington)

The team had a mixed season. It lost to a strong Warwickshire team (grade 139 on Board 12) and was narrowly defeated by Manchester and Staffordshire. The Worcester match was defaulted to avoid clashing with a rearranged U125 match. Top scorer was the captain himself with 2/2. An appeal was made for players graded 140-149 to play more often, though there are not many such players.

- 3.8 *County U125 Team Captain (Roger Brown)*
The captain's summary was a masterpiece of understatement :
"The team was keen. I am pleased with our results. Roger"
The results were :
Played 9
Won 5
Winning Draw 1
Ordinary draw 1
Lost 2 (both in Finals).
Shropshire was beaten by Notts South (6-10) in the MCCU Final and
by Lancashire (4.5-11.5) in the National U125 Final.
- 3.9 *County U100 Team Captains (Sellick Davies / Bryan Brown)*
Only 3 matches were played, culminating in a match played on a
Sunday (to avoid the Cup Final). Shropshire lost to a very young
Essex side with 8 players under 12 (though 4 were England Juniors!!).
Steve Jones (Oswestry) was thanked for his help with logistics.
- 3.10 *Oswestry Quickplay (Ron Thomson)*
The competition, held last October, was won by Glyn Morris (6/6) with
Dave Gostelow 2nd. There were only 30 entrants, possibly because of
the venue (Oswestry Library) not having a bar. New premises are
sought for this year's quickplay (likely to be Sunday, 2nd November).
- 3.11 *Correspondence Chess (Jim Wilkinson)*
Shropshire came 4th (with 16.5 / 24) to Warwickshire. Three games
were lost on time. Because of strong team members, headed by John
Cox, the County is well able to compete.
- 3.12 *Grading Officer (Graham Shepherd).*
A report was received from Graham the day after the AGM.
'I have graded the results of all the matches that I have received. The
final date for grading results to be sent to the BCF for games played
before 30th April 1997 is 21st July. If there are any outstanding match
cards, etc., to be graded I must have them by 18th July at the very
latest. The new grading list should be published by the BCF on August
1st 1997.'
- Graham also tendered his resignation. If no one can be found to
replace him, he will produce the Shropshire Grading List from the new
BCF list.
- NB: Nick Rutter is willing to act as Grading Officer and can be
voted into office (barring any competition) at the Council meeting
in September.**
- 3.13 *Publicity Officer (Toby Neal)*
During the year the Shropshire Star, in addition to the weekly article,
published a front-page article on a Schools competition and Radio
Shropshire 'plugged' the Congress.
The Star could not print the final tables because of unfinished games,
and a list of incomplete games was sent to the League Controller.

- 3.14 **Congress Organiser (Dave Gostelow)**
Over 120 players entered. The Congress was held a week later than usual, (on 10-12 January), to avoid clashing with Hastings. The new venue (WASP Centre; former Hadley Manor School) was generally considered a success.
Prize-winners were :
Keith Arkell (Open)
Nick Rutter/Kiddy Makwaya (best Shropshire players)
Dave Gostelow (U180)
Keith Tabner (joint 2nd in Major)
Mark Hubbuck (joint U130 in Major)
Steve Kempshall (joint 1st in Minor)
Tony Purser (joint 2nd in Minor).

For 1998, Richard Thompson has provisionally booked the WASP Centre again, for 9-11 January. Toby Neal said he thought the Centre's organisers had gone bankrupt and it might not be available. The organisers will check.

- 3.15 **MCCU Delegates (Graham Shepherd / Richard Thompson)**
Nothing to report.
- 3.16 **BCF Delegate (Richard Thompson)**
Nothing to report.
- 3.17 **Treasurer (Richard Thompson)**
Copies of the audited Accounts were distributed.
a). The General Account,
There was a surplus for the year of £102.61 (helped by a double increase in team fees and the creation of two extra teams).
A new item appeared, to allow depreciation of £114 for newly acquired sets (in the books as a fixed asset off £456). Also newly recorded as a fixed asset were County Representation ties (£364).
- b). The Congress Account,
There was a deficit of £175.64.
- c). The Junior Account.
There was neither a surplus nor a deficit.
- 3.18 **Auditor (Glyn Pugh)**
No report; the Accounts have been audited.
4. **Election of Officers.**
- 4.1 **Iain Wilson resigned as General Secretary and was thanked by the President for his hard work behind the scenes over the last 5 years.**
- 4.2 **The AGM agreed, without any opposition, to the proposal that Iain Wilson succeed Phil Cameron as 1st Team County Captain and Phil succeed Iain as General Secretary.**
- 4.3 **There being no other resignations all other incumbents were voted back into their posts en bloc, without any objection.**

	Action
<p>5. Proposals for Revised League Rules.</p>	
<p>5.1 Nick Rutter proposed (seconded by Martin Patterson and Sellick Davies) an amendment to Rule 8 to increase the availability of substitutes, and to reduce defaulted boards and postponed matches. The proposal was : "That players graded below 90 can play up into a team in Div 2 or higher without restriction. Similarly a player graded below 110 can play up into a team in Div 1 without restriction". Following an amendment to cater for two teams from a club in the same division, the proposal was voted and passed by a large majority. Action: Amend rule 8 and other rules as necessary to reflect the change.</p>	Wilson
<p>5.2 Steve Jones proposed (seconded by Ron Thomson) that games in Div 3 be decided by quickplay finish procedures for a trial period of one year. A quickplay finish would reduce adjournments, and reduce travelling (particularly awkward where juniors are concerned). Some comments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Roberts said that Div 3 (unlike Div 1) presented no real problems for adjournments and adjudications, • Derrick Powell said (from Cox & Minor experience) that Quickplay finishes are open to disputes on interpretation of rules, • Wilson said all Div 3 captains would have to possess a copy of up-to-date Quickplay (not Rapidplay) rules, • Peter and Vic Crean objected that there was not a representative Div 3 presence for voting on the amendment. <p>Richard Thompson proposed (Roberts seconded) a time limit of 30 moves in 75 minutes, with the clocks being turned back 15 minutes and the games played to a finish. Passed by 14 votes to 5. Actions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend the rules as necessary 2. Review the experience at the 1998 AGM. 	Wilson 1998 AGM
<p>5.3 Derrick Powell proposed (Jim Wilkinson seconded) to revert to a 1up/1down promotion/relegation system, to reduce the chances of promoted teams being "fishes out of water". Most people present were prepared to accept the risks and challenges (and the extra excitement and tension). The proposal was defeated, with only 2 votes in favour.</p>	
<p>6. Proposed Amendments to Constitution.</p>	
<p>6.1 None.</p>	
<p>7. Purchase of a Software Package for Tournament Draws.</p>	
<p>7.1 Dave Gostelow suggested that the Association purchase a package that could handle tournament draws plus the administration of addressing etc. A likely package existed, costing £120. It could be used for the Congress as well as quickplays held in the County. The necessary hardware could be obtained from various sources. The AGM agreed that full investigation should take place, with a view to purchase.</p>	Gostelow

Action

8. Any Other Business.

8.1 County Sets on Loan.

Derrick Powell mentioned that the Old Hall School in Wellington had borrowed 16 boards & sets for several months. Julian Squires, a teacher, had asked Derrick to express his thanks and would shortly be returning the sets as the school intended to buy its own.

8.2 TELEPOST.

Peter Crean announced that Telepost will now play on Tuesdays not Thursdays (to avoid the radio hams).

N.B.

8.3 County Ties.

David Everington appealed to Shropshire players who have represented the County to buy a tie, price £6. Orders so far have been disappointing.

N.B.

8.4 Ian Gilbert.

He has become Midlands Junior Champion, possibly a first for a Shropshire player. He was presented with a County Tie, to go with the suit he might buy one day.

8.5 Smoking.

Iain Wilson mentioned that there have been recent instances of players and bystanders smoking within designated playing areas while a match was in progress. He asked Club Secretaries to remind Team Captains of the No Smoking rule.

8.6 New FIDE Rules (June 1997).

Jim Wilkinson drew the AGM's attention to a FIDE rule amendment making a player's record of a game the property of the controller not the player.

The Council meeting in September will address the issue; all officers and Club Secretaries will need to familiarise themselves with the amendment.

**All Officers
& Club
Secretaries**

8.7 Bunch of Flowers.

The AGM agreed with Phil Cameron's suggestion that Roger Brown's mother be presented with, say, a bunch of flowers at the first home County match next season. Phil and Roger to discuss details.

**Cameron /
Brown**

8.8 Blind Chess Championships.

Iain Wilson read out extracts from a letter from the fund-raising manager of 'British Blind Sport', asking for a donation towards the British Chess Championships for the blind and partially sighted. The AGM agreed to donating £20 and the Treasurer drew a cheque for the Secretary to send.

The meeting closed at 21:15. (Is this a record?)

**Iain Wilson
General Secretary**

12th September 1997

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION TROPHIES

(CURRENT POSITION : 8/7/97)

TROPHY NAME	PURPOSE	CURRENT HOLDER
Silver King Cup	Divison 1 Championship	CODDON A
George Williams Cup	Division 2 Championship	SHIFNAL A
Jack Baldwin Cup	Division 3 Championship	OSWESTRY B (though still with Shrewsbury?)
Bomere Shield	Division 4 Championship	In safe keeping with Iain Wilson
E. Groome Trophy	County Individual Champion	Nick Rutter (though still with Dave Gostelow?)
Cox Trophy	Summer Knockout	Present to Telepost A at Council
Schalscha Trophy	Minor Knockout	Present at Council
Howard E. Perry Cup	County Open Champion	In safe keeping with Iain Wilson
	County Major Champion	
Rose Bowl	Individual Correspondence	In safe keeping with Eric Elwell
R.H. Ingram Trophy	Lightning Team Trophy	?????
-	Under 18 Individual	In safe keeping with Iain Wilson
??	Most improved junior	In safe keeping with John Casewell
??	Under 18 (or 19?) School Team Champions	Shrewsbury School
Junior Team Championships	Under 16 School Team Champions ????	With Iain Wilson while he confirms its purpose (seems U16, based on Charlton winning 1988-93, Shrews Sch 1994). Then Adams Grammar School.
??	Under 13 School Team Champions	Dothill Juniors should hold it, if we can find it.

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

To all Officers and Club Secretaries :

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting will be held at
Coddon Chess Club, Coddon Pavilion, Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford
on Wednesday, 17th September 1997 at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the 1996 Council Meeting (Matters arising).
3. Officer's Reports (if anything to be reported)

	Officer	Incumbent	To include
a.	General Secretary	Phil Cameron	County Calendar Fixtures, Nominations sheets, Match cards supply.
b.	League Controller	Colin Roberts	
c.	Treasurer	Richard Thompson	Trophies presentation
d.	Auditor	Glyn Pugh	
e.	Grading Officer	Philip Cherrington	Trophies presentation
f.	County Individual	Ron Thomson	
g.	Oswestry Quickplay	Jim Wilkinson	Venue & Dates
h.	Correspondence Chess	Derrick Powell	
i.	Cox & Minor Trophies	Toby Neal	Nuneaton Jamboree
j.	Publicity Officer	Dave Gostelow	
k.	Congress Organiser	Matthew Clark	Nuneaton Jamboree
l.	County Junior Organiser	Iain Wilson	
m.	County 1st Team Captain	Philip Cherrington	
n.	County U150 Team Captain	Roger Brown	
o.	County U125 Team Captain	Bryan Brown,	Nuneaton Jamboree
p.	County U100 Team Captains	Sellick Davies	
q.	MCCU Delegate	Richard Thompson	
r.	BCF Delegate	Richard Thompson	

4. Election of Officers. (Vacancies for Grading Officer and second MCCU Delegate)
5. Adoption of Constitution Amendments. (None).
6. Adoption of League Rule Amendments. (Two amendments proposed and carried at the AGM)
7. Discussion on June 1997 Amendments to FIDE Laws of Chess
8. Any Other Business.

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING : WEDNESDAY 17/9/97

Venue **Coddon Chess Club**

Start of Meeting **19:45**

<i>Attendees</i>	David Everington	Phil Cameron	Richard Thompson	Colin Roberts
	Glyn Pugh	Iain Wilson	Philip Cherrington	Roger Brown
	Sellick Davies	Bryan Brown	Derrick Powell	Jim Wilkinson
	Matthew Clark	Toby Neal	Nick Rutter	Alan Silver
	Bob Simpson	Fred Harris		
	(to receive prizes)	Neil Allen	George Viszokai	

<i>Clubs not represented</i>	None
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1. **Apologies** None

2. **Minutes of the 1996 Council Meeting**

Action

2.1 Jim Wilkinson stated that the correspondence details were not quite accurate. The correct final position was Warwickshire first with 24 points and Shropshire second with 20 points.
With this amendment the minutes were adopted as a true record.

3. **Officer's Reports**

3.1 *General Secretary (Phil Cameron)*

The County Calendar was available as a hand-out to all attendees, but details of the under 100 matches were not included as the MCCU has yet to determine the dates and venues for these matches.
All County captains were issued with a copy of the county calendar.

- 3.2 *League Controller (Colin Roberts)*
 Club representatives were each handed an envelope containing fixtures and match cards.
 There is one new team in Div 3, Wellington D, but three teams have disbanded since last season; Newport C, Coddon D and Coddon E. Colin asked for result cards to be sent direct to him so that he could keep a closer check on adjournments and postponed matches. He would subsequently pass the results to Toby Neal for publication in the Shropshire Star.
 At this time John Casewell pointed out that the Telepost home matches were scheduled for Thursday but the club had changed it's match night to Tuesday to avoid the "radio hams".
 Colin asked all clubs to check the fixture lists and notify him of any other discrepancies by the following weekend.
 He added that he would then issue a complete revised fixture list to all club secretaries.
 (NB: The revised fixture lists were issued about a week later. These showed that division 2 was reduced to seven teams following the withdrawal of Oswestry B.)
- 3.3 *Treasurer (Richard Thompson)*
 No report. League Fee demand forms were handed to representatives from each club.
- 3.4 *Auditor (Glyn Pugh)*
 No report.
- 3.5 *Grading Officer (Graham Shepherd)*
 County grading lists were presented in three formats, one in grading order, one alphabetic and one by club.
 Graham had resigned his post at the previous AGM and was thanked by the committee for all his efforts.
- 3.6 *County Individual (Philip Cherrington)*
 The clear winner of the tournament was Nick Rutter scoring 6½ points, with seven competitors following him on 5 points. After applying the tie-break rules Nigel Ferrington was awarded second place and Colin Roberts third.
 Grading prizes were won by Mark Hubbuck (Under 140) scoring 4 points, Eugene Raby (Under 115) scoring 3 points and George Vizokai (Under 100) also scoring 3 points.
 The E. Groome trophy for the champion had previously been presented to Nick by last year's winner, Dave Gostelow.
 Individual trophies and cheques were presented on the night to Nick, Colin and George. The remaining cheques and trophies were given in safe keeping to other members of the winners' clubs.
 The 1997/98 competition will start at the beginning of October and the entry fee will remain at £8.
 Entry forms and last year's final tables are to be sent out imminently to previous entrants and to clubs.

Action

N.B.

All Clubs

Roberts

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| 3.7 | <p><i>Oswestry Quickplay (Ron Thomson)</i>
 Not present. The General Secretary, however, had received entry forms, confirming the date to be Sunday, 2nd November, but with the venue changed from Oswestry Library to Oswestry's own chess club. Ron Thomson will shortly distribute entry forms to clubs.</p> | <p><i>Action</i>

Thomson</p> |
| 3.8 | <p><i>Correspondence Chess (Jim Wilkinson)</i>
 Shropshire came fourth with 16½ points. Winners were Warwickshire (24 points), second Greater Manchester (23½ points) and third were Nottinghamshire (21 points).
 Jim asked all players to pay particular attention to the time control as several games had been lost on time.</p> | |
| 3.9 | <p><i>Cox & Minor Trophies (Derrick Powell)</i>
 The Cox Trophy was presented to Neil Allen for Telepost A. The Minor Trophy had previously been presented to Shifnal A. Derrick reported that the new adjournment rules had caused no problems, but there were still six match cards outstanding.</p> | |
| 3.10 | <p><i>Publicity Officer (Toby Neal)</i>
 The column in the Shropshire star will begin again next week and Toby appealed for interesting items/games to include in the article.</p> | |
| 3.11 | <p><i>Congress Organiser (Iain Wilson for Dave Gostelow)</i>
 This year's Congress is in serious jeopardy of not taking place. The WASP Centre, which hosted the congress last year, is not available due to the management being locked out by Wrekin Council until repairs have been completed. The congress committee are currently exploring the possibility of using two rooms at the Oakengates Theatre as the venue on 9th - 11th January, while still pursuing the possibility of gaining access to the Court Centre at Madeley.
 (NB : The latest information is that Oakengates Theatre is not a viable option, but enquiries are being made at Cordingley Hall in Donnington, Telford and Harper Adams Agricultural College in Newport.)</p> | Wilson |
| 3.12 | <p><i>County Junior Organiser (Matthew Clark)</i>
 Forms will be distributed to Shropshire schools to invite them to enter the competitions.
 The Under 16 trophy was given to Matthew to present to Adams Grammar School.</p> | |
| 3.13 | <p><i>County 1st Team Captain (Iain Wilson)</i>
 The Counties Rapidplay will be held in Nuneaton on Sunday, 28th September and the first county match against Staffordshire will be on 8th November.</p> | |
| 3.14 | <p><i>County U150 Team Captain (Philip Cherrington)</i>
 The first match is on 11th October against Worcestershire and Philip will be contacting the eligible players.</p> | |

- 3.15 *County U125 Team Captain (Roger Brown)*
The first match is against Greater Manchester on 18th October.
- 3.16 *County U100 Team Captains (Sellick Davies / Bryan Brown)*
No match dates currently available.
- 3.17 *MCCU Delegate (Richard Thompson)*
Nothing to report.
- 3.18 *BCF Delegate (Richard Thompson)*
Nothing to report.
4. *Election of Officers.*
- 4.1 *Grading Officer*
Following the previous AGM, Nick Rutter had volunteered for this job and his election to the post was confirmed by a show of hands.
- 4.2 *MCCU Delegate*
A second MCCU Delegate post is available which potentially involves attending two meetings a year, usually at Derby. Iain Wilson offered his services for this post and this was willingly accepted by the meeting.
5. *Adoption of Constitution Amendments.*
- 5.1 No amendments needed to be adopted.
6. *Adoption of League Rule Amendments.*
- 6.1 The two league rules passed at the previous AGM were formally adopted by the meeting.
7. *Discussion on June 1997 Amendments to FIDE Laws of Chess*
- 7.1 Jim Wilkinson read an article from a chess magazine which described certain changes to FIDE rules concerning score sheets, demonstration boards etc. These were discussed by the meeting but it was not clear how they were to be implemented or what penalties could be imposed. Jim was asked to contact the BCF to clarify matters and report back with his findings.
8. *Any Other Business.*
- 8.1 **Wellington Club Venue.** Derrick Powell distributed maps to show that the new location of Wellington Chess Club was the Sir John Bayley Club in Haygate Road and asked visitors to park at the rear of the building. Occasionally the venue would not be available for matches, in which case they would be held at Old Hall School, Holyhead Road.

Action

Wilkinson

- 8.2 **Church Stretton Club Venue.** Alan Silver reminded the meeting that the new location of Church Stretton Club was the Mayfair Community Centre in Easthope Road. He had previously issued maps to all club secretaries.
- 8.3 **Shrewsbury School Club Venue.** Matthew Clark informed the meeting that matches were now being played in the library, but visitors would still be met at Kingsland House.
- 8.4 **County Letterheads.** David Everington produced a supply of A4 paper embossed with the Shropshire Chess Association Logo, which could be used by officials of the association. Supplies were distributed at the meeting and officers advised to copy these for future use. If anybody requires a supply of this stationery please contact the General Secretary.

Action

The meeting closed at 20:35.



**Philip Cameron
General Secretary**

9th October 1997