

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To all members of the Shropshire Chess Association :

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at
Coddon Chess Club, Coddon Pavilion, Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford
on Wednesday, 20th June 2001 at 7.45 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the 2000 A.G.M. (Matters arising).
3. Officer's Reports.

	Officer	Incumbent	To include
a.	General Secretary	Phil Cameron	
b.	League Controller	Colin Roberts	League Tables, Trophies Presentation
c.	Treasurer	Richard Thompson	Accounts
d.	Auditor	Glyn Pugh	
e.	Grading Officer	Nick Rutter	
f.	County Individual	Nick Rutter	Trophies Presentation
g.	Oswestry Quickplay	Ron Thomson	
h.	Correspondence Chess	Jim Wilkinson	
i.	Cox & Minor Trophies	Derrick Powell	
j.	Publicity Officer	Toby Neal	
k.	Congress Organiser	Iain Wilson	
l.	County Junior Organiser	Alan Shaw	
m.	County 1st Team Captain	Iain Wilson	
n.	County U150 Team Captain	Windsor Peck	
o.	County U125 Team Captain	Roger Brown	
p.	County U100 Team Captains	Bryan Brown, Ian Davies	
q.	MCCU Delegates	Richard Thompson, Iain Wilson	
r.	BCF Delegate	Richard Thompson	

4. Election of Officers.
5. Proposals for Revised League Rules. **(Must be sent to General Secretary by 13th June)**
6. Proposed amendments to Constitution. **(Must be sent to General Secretary by 13th June)**
7. Any Other Business.

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION : CLUBS AND

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CLUB & DAY	VENUE	SECRETARY
CHURCH STRETTON Thursday	Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, (01694 722077)	Alan Silver
CODDON Wednesday	CODDON Pavilion, Trench Road, Donnington, Telford	Eugene Raby
LUDLOW Monday	The Spicer's House, 101 Corve Street, Ludlow, SY8 1EB (01584 874869)	David Foster
MARKET DRAYTON Friday	Stafford Court Hotel, Stafford Street, Market Drayton.	Ray Thomas
NEWPORT Thursday	Royal British Legion, Avenue Road, Newport.	Martin Patterson
OSWESTRY Tuesday	Conservative Club, 35 Willow Street, Oswestry	Gareth Hampson
PERKINS Tuesday	Perkins Engines Social Club, Albert Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury.	Bob Simpson
SHIFNAL & TELFORD Wednesday	The Barley Mow, Court Street, Madeley, Telford.	Richard Thompson
SHREWSBURY Friday	League of Friends Cafeteria, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Welshpool Road, Shelton, Shrewsbury.	Fred Harris
TELEPOST Tuesday	Postal Social Club, Railway Lane, off Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.	John Westhead
WELLINGTON Thursday	Education Suite, Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.	Derrick Powell

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : WEDNESDAY 20/6/2001

Venue **Coddon Chess Club**

Start of Meeting **19:50**

<i>Attendees</i>	Iain Wilson	Phil Cameron	Richard Thompson	Colin Roberts
	Glyn Pugh	Windsor Peck	Derrick Powell	Bryan Brown
	Jim Wilkinson	Ian Davies	Nick Rutter	John Westhead
	Glyn Randle	Sellick Davies	Martin Patterson	Graham Shepherd
	Nick Graham	Ray Thomas	Keith Tabner	John Casewell
	Alan Shaw			

1. | **Apologies** | Alan Silver, Bill Jenryk, Keith Grice, Toby Neal |

2. | **Minutes of the 2000 AGM** |

2.1 | The minutes were adopted as a true record of the previous meeting. |

3. | **Officer's Reports** |

3.1 | **General Secretary (Phil Cameron)** |

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

3.2 | **League Controller (Colin Roberts)** |

- Division 1 Champions : Telepost A, ahead of Shrewsbury A.
- Relegated from Division 1 : Shifnal & Telford A and Church Stretton
- Division 2 Champions : Shifnal & Telford B, also promoted Shrewsbury B
- Relegated from Division 2 : Newport B and Wellington B
- Division 3 Champions : Shifnal & Telford C, also promoted Newport C

Colin reported that Telepost retained the Division 1 title with ease this year, thanks partly to the addition of Richard Bryant to the team. The relegation issue was more complex, made more so by the games postponed by Wellington due to a lack of venue.

In Division 2 the winners were Shifnal & Telford B, which allows that club to retain a presence in the 1st division following the relegation of their A team. It will be interesting to see which players represent the teams next year.

Action

The closest battle of the season saw Shifnal & Telford C beating Newport C to the Division 3 title on goal difference. At least this allows Newport to keep a team in each division as their B team was relegated from division 2.

The meeting discussed the problems of postponed games without reaching any significant conclusion and decided to leave the matter with Colin.

3.3 *Treasurer (Richard Thompson)*

A statement of accounts was distributed to the meeting. This showed a deficit for the year of £174.87 due mainly to an increase in county team costs and room hire.

He confirmed that the accounts had been audited.

3.4 *Auditor (Glyn Pugh)*

Glyn confirmed that he had seen and signed this year's accounts.

3.5 *Grading Officer (Nick Rutter)*

Nick's reported that there had been 3 different versions of this year's grades at the start of the season due to problems at the BCF. He is hopeful that there will be fewer versions this year and that they will be available by the beginning of August.

3.6 *County Individual (Nick Rutter)*

Nick submitted a written report and this showed that Nigel Ferrington had won the County Championship with a score of 6 out of 7. In second place was Jamie Hopkins with 5½.

At this time the third place and grading prizes are undecided as a result of unfinished games.

He concluded by thanking David Everington for acting as caretaker for the tournament.

3.7 *Oswestry Quickplay (Ron Thomson)*

Ron submitted a report that the tournament was held at Oswestry's library and drew an entry of 31 players.

The winner yet again was Richard Bryant with a score of six out of six and second place was won by Glyn Morris of Urmston. The junior prize was won by Thomas Pym.

He thanked Toby Neal for publicising the event and said that the provisional date for this year's event would be 28th October 2001.

The event showed a comfortable profit this year thanks mainly to the snack bar and generous donations.

3.8 *Correspondence Chess (Jim Wilkinson)*

Jim informed the meeting that Shropshire finished fourth of nine with 17½ points and that the winners were Warwickshire with 24 points.

This year will be the last year that he will undertake this role after 7 years in the post of correspondence chess organiser.

- 3.9 *Cox & Minor Trophies (Derrick Powell)*
Derrick submitted a written report in which he stated that neither competition was finished as yet, but both are on schedule. The Cox Trophy was entered by 17 of the 22 league teams and the Minor Knockout by 8 of the 15 eligible teams.
This year random pairings were used and this has produced no problems but the increased flexibility of substitution into higher teams has led to fewer players being eligible for the Minor Knockout.
- 3.10 *Publicity Officer (Toby Neal)*
Toby had submitted a written report in which he stated that regular chess columns had appeared in the Shropshire Star on Tuesday nights.
He added that it was difficult to produce league tables as there appeared to be a lack of communication between himself and the League Controller regarding the results of matches.
- 3.11 *Congress Organiser (Iain Wilson)*
Iain submitted a report that showed that the 26th running of the Shropshire Congress had to be cancelled because of lack of support, only 50 entries would have incurred huge losses.
He suggested that because of date changes the traditional congress is no longer viable and that the County should consider transferring its support to the 'Stars Barred' Wrekin Congress to be run by Church Stretton Chess Club in January.
- 3.12 *County Junior Organiser (Alan Shaw)*
Alan's report informed the meeting that the county had fielded teams at Under 9 and 11 level, but no entry at Under 18 because it clashed with the Under 11 competition.
Again this year the stars of the county junior scene were Simon Fowler and Thomas Pym who both represented their country.
The Coddon junior team was less successful this year without Simon's help.
- 3.13 *County 1st Team Captain (Iain Wilson)*
Iain reported that Shropshire had lost all three matches in the Midlands section and again defaulted the away match to Greater Manchester. They also defaulted to Derbyshire in the Minor Counties.
The results were not terribly surprising as we were outgraded in every match and the fact that the Under 125 matches are on the same day means that sometimes we cannot field a full side.
The team used 23 players, 6 of which took part in all matches this season.
- 3.14 *County U150 Team Captain (Windsor Peck)*
The Under 150 team achieved one victory from the four matches and in total used 32 players.
The team could really do with a more settled squad of players as only Colin Roberts and Iain Wilson played all the games.
- 3.15 *County U125 Team Captain (Roger Brown)*
There was no report available of the Under 125 team.

3.16 *County U100 Team Captains (Bryan Brown / Ian Davies)*
A written report from Ian showed that the team had been very successful, winning all three regional games against higher graded opposition. Although subsequently losing to both Leicestershire and Lancashire in very close matches, the 20 players who represented the team can feel very proud of their efforts.

3.17 *MCCU Delegates (Iain Wilson / Richard Thompson)*
No report, Iain will be attending the AGM.

3.18 *BCF Delegate (Richard Thompson)*
Again nothing to report.

4. *Presentation of Trophies*

4.1 At this time the President, Ian Wilson, presented the trophies to the victorious teams in the Shropshire league.

5. *Election of Officers.*

5.1 All officers were re-elected without opposition, except for the now defunct position of Congress Organiser.

6. *Proposals for League Rule Amendments.*

6.1 None

7. *Proposals for Constitution Amendments.*

7.1 None

8. *Any Other Business.*

8.1 Eugene Raby said that Lawrence Cooper was offering a free simultaneous, Newport Club to look into this.
Windsor Peck proposed a vote of thanks to Church Stretton Club for organising the congress this year.

The meeting closed at 22:30

Philip Cameron
General Secretary

10/09/2001

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

2001 COUNCIL MEETING

To all Officers and Club Secretaries :

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting will be held at
Perkins Chess Club, Perkins Social Club, Albert Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury
on Tuesday, 18th September 2001 at 7.45 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Officer's Reports (if anything to be reported)

	Officer	Incumbent	To include
a.	General Secretary	Phil Cameron	Fixtures, Nominations sheets, Match cards supply
b.	League Controller	Colin Roberts	
c.	Treasurer	Richard Thompson	Trophies presentation
d.	Auditor	Glyn Pugh	
e.	Grading Officer	Nick Rutter	
f.	County Individual	Nick Rutter	
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r.	BCF Delegate	Richard Thompson	

3. Any Other Business.

SHROPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING : TUESDAY 18/9/2001

Venue Perkins Chess Club

Start of Meeting 20:00

Attendees	Iain Wilson	Richard Thompson	Colin Roberts	Graham Shepherd
	Roger Brown	Nick Rutter	Martin Patterson	Ron Thomson
	Toby Neal	Keith Grice	Eugene Raby	Fred Harris
	John Westhead	Ray Thomas	David Everington	John Casewell
	Steve Kempshall	Rodney Holmes		

Clubs not represented Ludlow

1. **Apologies** Phil Cameron

2. **Officer's Reports**

Action

2.1 **General Secretary (Phil Cameron)**

No report as absent – thanks due to Toby Neal and Iain Wilson for the contents of these minutes.

2.2 **League Controller (Colin Roberts)**

Colin Roberts said there would be eight teams in each division in the coming season. Last season Shifnal and Telford A were relegated from division one, and the club's B team were promoted to the division, so they had renamed the teams so that the A team was in the first division. A new team was playing in the league – Market Drayton – and Telepost now had four teams. There was no Newport B team, but an A and C team.

2.3 **Treasurer (Richard Thompson)**

Richard Thompson said fees were unchanged.

2.4 *Auditor (Glyn Pugh)*

No report.

2.5 *Grading Officer (Nick Rutter).*

Lists of latest grades were distributed.

2.6 *County Individual (Nick Rutter)*

David Everington said Nigel Ferrington won. In the absence of the winner and runner-up, third prize was presented to Nick Rutter. President Iain Wilson thanked David Everington for taking over the running of the competition during the season.

2.7 *Oswestry Quickplay (Ron Thomson)*

Ron Thomson said this would be at Oswestry library on October 28. He added that the Oswestry club now had new premises, the Conservative Club in Willow Street.

2.8 *Correspondence Chess (Jim Wilkinson)*

No report.

2.9 *Cox & Minor Knockout (Derrick Powell)*

Iain Wilson presented the Cox Trophy to David Everington of Shrewsbury chess club. The meeting heard Shifnal and Telford won the Minor.

2.10 *Publicity Officer (Toby Neal)*

Toby Neal said there were problems last season with results not coming through, hence no league tables. It was agreed to monitor the flow of results this season to ensure there were no similar problems.

2.11 *Congress Organiser (Graham Shepherd)*

Graham Shepherd said the congress would be at Madeley Court Centre on January 5 and 6. Iain Wilson praised him for his tremendous work, and said the future of the congress after January was uncertain.

2.12 *County Junior Organiser (Alan Shaw)*

No report.

2.13 *County 1st Team Captain (Iain Wilson)*

Iain Wilson said he would like to hear of any newcomers graded over 125, who could be potential players for the team.

2.14 *County U150 Team Captain (Windsor Peck)*

No report.

2.15 *County U125 Team Captain (Roger Brown)*

Roger Brown said they got through to the Midlands final, but it had not yet been played. His mother would no longer be preparing sandwiches at the Shifnal venue this year. It was agreed to give her flowers in appreciation of her work over the years.

2.16 *County U100 Team Captains (Bryan Brown/Ian Davies)*

No report.

2.17 *MCCU Delegate (Richard Thompson)*

Iain Wilson said it was rumoured that Greater Manchester were not going to continue in the MCCU, but would go to Northern Counties. However, they were on the fixture list for the season. The meeting also considered whether to contribute to the MCCU's fund to support junior players in exceptional circumstances. It was agreed to consider the matter at the AGM. *Not going to do anything.*

2.18 *BCF Delegate (Richard Thompson)*

Nothing to report.

3. *Any Other Business.*

Toby Neal said Wellington were playing at a new venue, the Princess Royal Hospital, this season.

Richard Thompson, speaking on behalf of Shifnal and Telford club, said levels of noise at some clubs had been inappropriate, with some clubs having to share facilities with other uses. He asked for clubs to ensure their surroundings were reasonably quiet. Iain Wilson said there was a problem at Wellington on one night, and there could be problems at Perkins and Newport. Toby Neal of Wellington said it was better to have a noisy club than no club and Steve Kempself of Perkins said they had no real alternative but to play in their club room. He offered to have the telly turned down. David Everington said they had played Perkins at the tail end of a wake and treated it with a certain amount of amusement. It was the same for both teams.

Iain Wilson said Carl Portman, now playing in Germany, was proposing an exchange match between Shropshire players and members of his club. The meeting voted to support the idea in principle and the president is to follow the idea up with Portman.

The meeting closed at 21:25

Philip Cameron
General Secretary

12/10/2001