



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 18th June 2013, Joe May's

The first AGM of SCC was a resounding success with a surprisingly large turnout of 36: 6 senior players, 18 juniors and 12 parents/grandparents, not counting the siblings who came to watch the prize giving. Following the reports the ice was broken by contributions from many players and parents alike. Lots of new people volunteered for various posts on the committee and there was a really good feeling at the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies** were accepted for Robert & Ryan Staunton, Brendan Morrissey and Fred Harte.
- 2) **Minutes** of the first meeting of SCC on 2/10/12 were read and adopted
- 3) There were no **Matters arising**
- 4) **AOB** items were taken for later discussion below from
 - a) Seamus Casey – Coaching
 - b) Paula O'Neill – Sets for sale?
 - c) Notices – Alexander Unguryan
- 5) **Reports** on the following were read as indicated below – see Yearbook for content
 - a) Chair/Secretary/Tournament Controller's reports – John Loughran
 - b) Ratings officer – Fred Harte (read by John)
 - c) Team Captains' reports –
 - i) Paschal O'Shea - Bodley
 - ii) Enda Joyce – WBC, Community Games, Novices league
 - d) Junior officer – Enda Joyce
 - e) Webmaster – John Loughran
 - f) Treasurer – Paschal O'Shea
 - i) A detailed report prepared by Paschal and John was read. In summary we have a surplus from income minus expenditure of about €400. We spent a lot this year on new equipment and the perpetual cups. Next year our expenses will be less so we can afford the following.
- 6) **Fees** will be reduced to €60 for adults and €50 for juniors with a reduction of €10 in fees for the second and subsequent members of the same family.
 - a) The club will also subsidise about half the cost of ICU fees for members playing in the leagues who pay their club and ICU fees in one instalment as follows (see website too):
 - i) The adult fee of €35 will now cost members €15 making their total fees $60 + 15 = €75$.
 - ii) The over 65s fee of €20 will cost members €10 making their total fees $60 + 10 = €70$.
 - iii) U18's who played last season, the fee of €20 will cost members €10. Total fees $50 + 10 = €60$.
 - iv) The fee for new U18's of €10 will cost members €5. Total fees $50 + 5 = €55$.
 - v) Members who are unsure about playing in the leagues may pay the reduced ICU fee later.
 - vi) Adults/juniors joining late will pay €40 after Christmas and €20 after March for club fees.

- 7) **Teams** for next year. We plan to have:
- Leinster leagues (Oct – April, 11 – 14 matches) 2 teams: one in division 5 BEA (5 players) and one in division 6 Bodley (5 players).
 - KO Cups (May – early June, 3 – 7 matches): 1 or 2 teams of 6.
 - Community Games (January – one night): at least one team of 5 plus 2 subs in the U16s & the same in the U12s.
 - Novices (April – May, 3 – 4 Sundays): 2 or 3 teams of 4.
- 8) **Giant set.** John's idea was to buy a giant chess set (Cost approx STG£300) to fit on a board on the ground (about 4 m x 4 m) in a sheltered area with a hut or other area to store the pieces. The board could be painted on tarmac or paving stones. Someone would need to be willing to house the set and make it available. Ideas for possible locations included:
- New community garden – contact Martin Scully.
 - The bandstand near the lifeboat house – perhaps too exposed. Is there a suitable hut nearby?
 - The community centre or near the bowls club – needs to be not on grass.
- Ardgillan
- No one volunteered to follow this up so if you have any ideas please contact one of the committee.
- 9) **Parental supervision** / rota – Parental supervision is required by Joe May's and in the interests of providing a suitable environment in which both adults and juniors can enjoy their chess. Seamus Casey and Paula O'Neill volunteered as Parent Reps. Seamus volunteered to make up a rota for parental supervision. All parents will be asked to supervise the children in the club on one or more club nights throughout the year. A list of parents' contacts will be compiled by the Membership Officer (Alex) and circulated to all parents next season to enable them to swop with each other if some nights do not suit them. The parents' job will be to try to keep the young players reasonably quiet and if possible, occupied, especially on match nights, but above all to provide supervision. As Score Keeper Seamus will also enlist the help of some parents to keep the scores.
- 10) AGM of LCU – was last night. Next year the Club Championships and AGM will be earlier in case we want to propose motions at the LCU AGM. We are entitled to send 2 reps who can vote.
- 11) AGM of ICU – Takes place in mid-September usually. Motions are on the ICU website beforehand. All ICU members are entitled to attend.
- 12) Election of officers – The following were elected by a show of hands. Where 2 or 3 share a post they will be asked to decide who the lead person is, just to make committee meetings a little more manageable. For now the first person list below in each office will be leader of that office. Last year there were about 3 proper committee meetings and numerous informal planning sessions between various members.
- Chair – John Loughran
 - Secretary – John Loughran
 - Tournament controllers – Tadeusz Szczęśniak, Alan O'Kelly, John Loughran.
 - Treasurer – Seamus Casey
 - Junior officers – Enda Joyce, Mairéad Johnston
 - Coaching officers – Paschal O'Shea (Lead officer), Brian Leonard, Victor Unguryan
 - Ratings officer – Fred Harte

- h) First team captain – Tadeusz Szczęśniak
- i) Second team captain – Paschal O’Shea (depending on team selections)
- j) First cup team captain – vacant until later
- k) Novices Herons team captain – Enda Joyce
- l) Novices Terns team captain – vacant until later
- m) Webmaster – John Loughran
- n) Membership officer – Alex O’Brien
- o) Prizes officer – Paula O’Neill
- p) Equipment officer / librarian – Mairéad Johnston, Owen Johnston
- q) PR – John Loughran
- r) Parent representative – Seamus Casey, Paula O’Neill
- s) Score keeper / junior organiser – Seamus Casey, Marek Szczęśniak and Alexander Unguryan.

13) Prizes for the Club Championships, Board Prizes and Medals for the Novices league were awarded as detailed in the yearbook.

14) Certificates were awarded to all members listing the internal tournaments they played in, any prizes they won and their end of season Skerries rating.

15) AOB

- a) Seamus Casey – Coaching. This item was discussed when the new coaching officers (Paschal, Brian and Victor) were elected. Ideas mentioned included:
 - i) One adult would circulate to each pair of juniors playing friendly games and offer advice and suggestions before moving on to the next pair.
 - ii) Coaching for short periods (15 to 20 mins) by a number of coaches each to a few players in small groups as was done before.
 - iii) Keep a record for each player of coaching received – Victor.
 - iv) Buy a demonstration board which hangs on the wall and give coaching to all players at once for a short time before tournament games begin – Tadesz. Perhaps we could borrow such a board and try this out before purchase – John.
 - v) One to one coaching after games as done irregularly. This requires players to record their moves.
 - vi) Coaching in schools – Kate Pilkington does in St. Patrick’s SNS. Make contact with others.
 - vii) Other ideas which I forget. If you have ideas share them with Paschal, Brian or Victor.
- b) Paula O’Neill – Are there sets for sale? The Equipment officers (Mairéad and Owen) will do a stock take and we will decide how many more sets we can sell, but there are definitely some available.
- c) Alexander Unguryan – Notices of upcoming tournaments. These are available on the ICU Calendar of Events on their website. There is a link to this from our website.
- d) Seamus Casey proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing (or should it be “staying on with lots more help”) committee which was appreciated.

The next meeting of the new committee will take place on our first day back on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30 pm downstairs in Joe May’s after we have the kids organised at 7 pm upstairs and supervised by a parent. All new committee members are asked to attend. Before then the outgoing officers will hand over to the incoming officers. To facilitate the hand over we may make out a suggested list of tasks performed in each office, and circulate it by e-mail.

John Loughran, 19th June 2013