

Skerries Chess Club - Cumann Fichille na Sceirí

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Joe May's on 28 April 2014

By Seamus Casey, minor edits by John Loughran

The Second AGM of Skerries Chess Club was held upstairs in Joe May's.

Thirty one of the Club's Forty two members were represented on the night.

1) Apologies were accepted for Paschal O'Shea, Fred Harte, Luke Whelan.

2) Minutes of the previous AGM of SCC were read and adopted.

3) There were no Matters arising

4) AOB items were taken for later discussion below from

- a) Brendan Morrissey - Venue alternatives (and later...)
- b) Daniel Stefan – Three-person Chess.

5) Reports on the following were read as indicated below

- a) Chair/Secretary – John Loughran (Summary of the Year's activities)
- b) Membership Officer - John Loughran /Alex O' Brien (42 Members, 31 Junior)
- c) Tournament Controller – Alan O'Kelly and John Loughran
- d) Team Captains' reports –
 - i) BEA – John Loughran (Promotion to O'Hanlon – Div 4 next year !!!)
 - ii) Bodley – John Loughran in Paschal's absence.
 - iii) Community Games – Enda Joyce (Silver for U12's and U'16's !!!)
- e) Junior officer – Enda Joyce (Next is the Novices League – May 18th)
- f) Coaching Officer - Presented by John / Clodagh in Paschal's absence
(Good progress recorded this year for Juniors to be built on next year.)
- g) Ratings officer – Fred Harte (Summarised by John Loughran)
- h) Webmaster – John Loughran (Lots of work-would appreciate help)
- i) Parental Representative– Seamus Casey (Good support from Parents)
- j) Treasurer – Seamus Casey (Approx €1,500 in the kitty at year-end)

6) Fees – These will be held as the same level as this year with the club paying approx. 50% of ICU fees for members playing on relevant Club Teams. This should result in a surplus similar to this year, part of which is suggested to be used to get a Master in to coach the adults and top Juniors two or three times in the season.

7) Teams for next year.

- a) Leinster leagues (Oct – April, 11 – 14 matches) 2 teams: one in division 4 O'Hanlon (6 players) and one in division 6 Bodley (5 players).
- b) Community Games (January – one night): at least one team of 5 plus 2 subs in the U16s & the same in the U12s.
- c) Novices (May, One Sunday): 2 or 3 teams of 4 – Clubs and/or schools can enter

8) AGM of LCU – will be held in June, Club Motion : Extend Fischer mode option to all divisions.

9) AGM of ICU - September

10) Election of officers – The following were elected on a show of hands....

- a) Chair – John Loughran
- b) Secretary – John Loughran
- c) Tournament controllers – Alan O’Kelly, John Loughran.
- d) Treasurer – Seamus Casey
- e) Junior officers – Enda Joyce,
- f) Coaching officers – Clodagh Zomer supported by Alex O’Brien
- g) Ratings officer – Fred Harte
- h) First team captain – John Loughran
- i) Second team captain – Enda (Vice – Dermot Murphy and Gordon Roe)
- j) First cup team captain – John Loughran
- k) Novices Herons team captain – Enda Joyce
- m) Webmaster – John Loughran (Supported by Fred Harte)
- n) Membership officer – Alex O’Brien (supported by Janine Bourke)
- o) Prizes officer – Paula O’Neill
- p) Equipment officer / librarian – Enda Joyce (Supported by Gordon Roe and Brendan Morrissey)
- q) PR – Clodagh Zomer
- r) Parent representative – Seamus Casey, Paula O’Neill (Supported by Parents)

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

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

13) AOB

a) Brendan Morrissey – Venue. Though the venue is not perfect – (a bit dark) – it is offered to us free of charge by Joe May’s unlike all the other possible venues which had been canvased which were either expensive and/or small. Agreed to remain in Joe May’s but if a more appropriate venue is identified by any member it would be considered.

b) Daniel Stefan - Three person chess – Daniel to identify to John / Enda where he had seen the sets

c) Alan O’Kelly proposed a vote of thanks to John Loughran for his tireless work in getting the club to this stage. Roundly applauded.

Seamus Casey, John Loughran, 19th June 2014