



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 26th April 2016

See yearbook for more details of reports and other items. Items in **bold** require action.

Apologies

Paschal O'Shea (in USA), Mark Allidine (away). Cathal Joyce.

Minutes of 2015

Minutes of AGM 2015 were read.

Matters Arising

- a) Sarah Staunton, Jamie's mum, will talk to Martin Scully re **giant chess set** in Floraville.
- b) **Hoodies** now available for €15. 9 adults want one as do 13 children with parents' approval.

AOB items noted for discussion at the end

Fred – Coaching with David Fitzsimons

Chair/Secretary's/Membership Officer's/PRO's Report – John Loughran

John Loughran read.

Attendance

The attendance was way up: 28 members incl. parents of juniors who are members (e.g. Dan, Alan...) and 14 parents who are not members (e.g. Paula, Clodagh etc.), a total of 42 people.

Calendar of Events for 2015/16 Season – and Team Results

Referred to.

Tournament Controller's Report - Internal tmt's – Alan O'Kelly, John Loughran

Read briefly.

Team Reports: First Team: Leinster League Division 4, the O'Hanlon Cup

Team Captains' reports. Verbal reports given in addition to material in yearbook.

Team Reports: Second Team: Leinster League Div 7A, O'Sullivan Cup, was read.

Team Reports: Third Team: Leinster League Div 7B, O'Sullivan Cup, was read.

Team Reports: Knockout Cups: Killane Shield, summer 2015, read briefly.

Junior Officer's Report – Enda Joyce and Clodagh Zomer

Junior officer's report – Enda Joyce, Clodagh Zomer, both read reports.

Coaching Officer's Report – Clodagh Zomer

Coaching officer's report – Clodagh Zomer read report.

- a) Marco volunteered to help with this as new Coaching Officer. **More structured approach. Curriculum** for coaching. Will develop with help from others.
- b) A proposal was made for **dedicated coaching nights** (40 minute sessions) for junior players with no formal tournament games scheduled.
- c) **Chess passport** – Marco's idea to award to players who have completed some coaching. (Last two items were discussed under AOB).

Rating Officer's Report – Fred Harte

Ratings officer's report – Fred Harte briefly mentioned report.

Skerries and ICU ratings and predictions – John Loughran

Skerries and ICU ratings and predictions – John Loughran read.

Notices: John Loughran

Notices: Cups, Malahide, Drogheda – John Loughran read.

- c) Knockout Cups – players willing to play include: 1. Enda Joyce, 2. Nikolai Dimitrov (confirmed later), 3. Daniel Stefan, 4. Fionn Reid-Kelly, 5. Tiernan Ryan, 6. Sam Zomer. (Unavailable include Paschal, Marco). We should **ask those absent from AGM** e.g. Ryan Corneille, Mark Allidine. Also ask Luke Doyle.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran read it.

Parent's Representative Report – Paula O'Neill

Paula O'Neill read. **Parents' rota** was given out. Few filled it in. Add section to membership form asking parents of juniors if they can be added to the parent rota.

Treasurer's Report – Gráinne Ryan

See end of printed copy of yearbook. Gráinne read it and John added to it.

Fees

- a) We decided to keep fees as they are at present i.e. adults €60, U18s €40, extra €10 to play in leagues.
- b) Use extra money as follows: **Better prizes** (chess books for €15 to €30), **petrol money** for people driving to matches (Committee will need to decide detailed guidelines here), **sponsor** bulk of entry fees for juniors into tournaments.
- c) **Supply each primary school** with €100 euro for 10 good sets and boards – St. Patrick's, Realt na Mara, Educate Together and Holmpatrick.

Teams for next year

Some (Enda included) were in favour of only having two teams in the leagues. However most members of the third team were present and all wanted to play next year including the captain. We will see how many wish to play in the leagues next year and then decide.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union, Tuesday 14th June 2016

Dermot Murphy will represent Skerries at LCU AGM on Tues 14th June in Dublin Chess Club. John will prepare motion proposing Fischer time controls for divisions 3 and below.

AGM of Irish Chess Union

No motions proposed.

AOB Items can be discussed now

- a) Fred – Coaching with David Fitzsimons. Fred felt it was bad value for juniors. Cost was 3 x €80 for 3 sessions + €10 euro train fare for one night. Mixed views were expressed. About 6 players were in favour of asking David to come back again next season, possible for only one session. One problem was the speed of the session, too fast for many players to keep up.
- b) A **simul** was proposed, 20 boards at one time.

Skerries Chess Team Promoted

Uncut version of article sent to Skerries News, April 2016, was referred to but not read.

Election of new committee

People new to various posts are in italics. Juniors are indicated as U18.

- a) Chair – John Loughran, will continue, no others.
- b) Secretary – John Loughran, will continue, no others.
- c) PR – John Loughran, Paula O'Neill, Clodagh Zomer, *Eoin O'Kelly* (U18)
- d) Webmasters – John Loughran, *Marco Mancosu*, Fred Harte
- e) Membership officer – *Alex O'Brien*
- f) Tournament controllers – *Marco Mancosu*, John Loughran
- g) Pairings organiser and score keeper – Clodagh Zomer, perhaps *Gráinne Staunton*
- h) Ratings officer – Fred Harte
- i) Prizes officer – Paula O'Neill
- j) Equipment officer / librarian – *Dan Aldridge, Daniel Stefan* (U18) (librarians and leaders), Juniors including *Eoin O'Kelly, Charlie Dunne, Bláithín Aldridge, Moses and Reuben O'Brien, Shane Clinton and Sam Zomer*.
- k) Treasurer – Gráinne Ryan
- l) Parent representative – Paula O'Neill, *Clodagh Zomer, Louise Dunne*
- m) Junior officer – Enda Joyce, Clodagh Zomer (1)
- n) Coaching officer – *Marco Mancosu, Enda Joyce*
- o) Coaches – John, Enda, Paschal, Fred, *Dan* (1/2/3)
- p) Club captain – John Loughran
- q) First team captain – John Loughran
- r) Second team captain – Enda Joyce, *Daniel Stefan*
- s) Third team captain – Dermot Murphy, *Fionn Reid-Kelly*
- t) Cup team captain(s) – *Enda Joyce*
- u) Novices team captain(s) – Enda Joyce

Prize Giving Ceremony

Alan and John awarded prizes.