**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

 **75th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OF**

**EAST CHESHIRE CHESS CLUB 2022**

The 75th AGM was held on Wednesday 1st June 2022 at Cheadle Hulme Institute, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Thirteen members were present: Geoff Brindle, Keith Hodgson, Steve Kelly, John Reed, Steve Tatlock, David Taylor, Neil Currie, Nick Flaherty, Tom Jones, Tudor Rickards, Geoff Smith Arnold Pease, Keven Holton.

1. **Chairman’s Introduction**: David Taylor welcomed all those present, and in particular new member Neil Currie.
2. **Apologies**: Steve McCall, Stephen Tranter, Jim McKie, Paul Bamford.
3. **Minutes of the 74th AGM (23rd June 2021):**

These were approved unanimously by all present without change and signed by David Taylor as Chairman.

1. **Matters Arising**:

No matters arising that were not to be dealt with in the main body of the meeting.

1. **Election of Officers**:
* Chairman: David Taylor
* Treasurer: Steve Kelly
* Secretary: Keith Hodgson
* Website/ Online Chess Manager: Geoff Brindle
* Social Committee: David Taylor / Steve Kelly
* Auditor: Jim McKie

Proposed: Tudor Rickards Seconded: John Reed Unanimously voted for.

1. **Election of Team Captain**:
* Tom Jones (A Team) – support from John Reed during 2022/23 season when needed
* Steve McCall (B Team) – had indicated his willingness to continue
* (Limit League) – to be determined if a Limit League team was possible to enter into one of the leagues next season

Proposed: John Reed Seconded: Steve Kelly Unanimously voted for.

1. . **Presentation of Trophies**:
* Match play Winner: Steve Kelly
* Runner-up: Tom Jones
* Kellett: Online Winner: Trophy awarded to Jim McKie

*(With only two games played in the “over the board” Kellett tournament, no trophy will be awarded for that tournament)*

1. **Treasurers Report**:
* Steve Kelly’s report and accounts circulated to all members prior to the meeting and was considered and approved.
* The Club broke even during 2021/22
* After discussion it was proposed by Steve Kelly and agreed by all present to set the subscription at £20 for 2022/23 to cover rent and costs known, although it may have to rise to £30 within the next season or two.
* No payments had been made for the website and an action was agreed to enquire on any website costs and to keep it updated.
1. **Secretary’s Report:**

Steve Tatlock’s circulated report to all members on this subject was discussed.

Stockport League: No decision yet, anticipated return to Over the Board play will happen in some form in Autumn 2022.

Manchester Chess League: The Club had competed successfully in the Over the Board and Online formats of the Manchester League in 2021/2022. After some discussion it was decided unanimously to enter a team provisionally in the Manchester League for 2022/23.

The Secretary was asked if we were entering a team in the Manchester League Summer Competition. The Secretary reported no invitation had been received to do so by the Club. To be looked into. On a show of hands there was insufficient interest to warrant entering a team if an invitation was received.

1. **Club Competitions**:
* Kellett Trophy: options for play either at the club or Online were considered. It was agreed that the Kellett competition would be run from the Club’s premises to encourage physical presence of the Members.
* Team Captain’s Reports:
* Keith Hodgson had circulated a report from the joint Captains and Tom Jones added his summary. Nine members had competed for the Club so far in 2022 and had some notable performances particularly against Swinton and Worsley Club where we were considerably out graded. All those who had been involved Online and Over the Board were thanked by the Captains.
1. **Any Other Business**:
* Keith Hodgson/ Steve Kelly to take up premises access issues with the Trustees, in the first instance.
* Stephen Tranter, having sent apologies to David Taylor, had asked if it was possible to discuss chess training initiatives on certain club nights. It was agreed it was a good idea and John Reed said he was happy to host a couple in September/October time. Dates to be confirmed.
* **LiChess website** It was suggested that all the members be circulated with a full list of the club members contact details - ie their email addresses and Lichess user names. This would enable a member to challenge another member to a game on a date and time convenient to both should they wish to do so. The members present agreed for this to be done and Keith Hodgson will therefore arrange to circulate such a list
1. **Club Re-opening**:
* Agreed opening date, Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm
* Social Evening to be held, Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm
* Members encouraged to attend future Club evenings whenever possible.

The meeting closed at 8-45pm.

Signed by Chairman -------------------------------------------------------------- Date --------------------------