**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OF**

**EAST CHESHIRE CHESS CLUB 2021**

The 74th AGM was held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 online, via Zoom, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Eight members were present: Paul Bamford, Geoff Brindle, Keith Hodgson, Steve Kelly, Jim McKie, John Reed, Steve Tatlock, David Taylor.

1. **Chairman’s Introduction**: David Taylor welcomed all those present and agreeing again to the holding the AGM this year online via Zoom, due to the Covid pandemic.
2. **Apologies**: Tom Jones, Arnold Pease, Steve McCall, Tudor Rickards, Stephen Tranter, Geoff Smith.
3. **Minutes of the 73rd AGM (23rd June 2020) :**

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

1. **Matters Arising**:

Bank mandate adding Stephen Tatlock. Steve Kelly reported this had not been possible at the bank due to Covid, it would be attended to as soon as restrictions eased.

1. **Election of Officers**:

* Chairman : David Taylor
* Treasurer : Steve Kelly
* Secretary : Steve Tatlock
* Website/ Online Chess Manager : Geoff Brindle
* Social Committee : David Taylor / Steve Kelly

Proposed: Jim McKie Seconded: Keith Hodgson Unanimously voted for.

1. **Election of Team Captain**:

* Tom Jones (A Team)
* Steve McCall (B Team)
* Keith Hodgson (Limit League)

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

1. **Presentation of Trophies:**

* John Reed received the 2020 Matchplay Runner – up Trophy (delayed Presentation)
* Kellett Trophy - Paul Bamford (Winner -11.5 points)

- Steve Tatlock (Runner-up – 10 points)

All who took part congratulated Steve Kelly in organising such a well-run competition.

1. **Treasurers Report**:

* Steve Kelly’s report and accounts circulated to all members prior to the meeting was considered and approved.
* After discussion it was proposed by Steve Kelly and agreed by all present to set the subscription at £10 for 2021.

1. **Competitive Chess:**

Steve Tatlock’s circulated report to all members on this subject was discussed, in summary nothing will become clear until after further Government announcements expected on or about 17th July.

Stockport League: No decision yet, anticipated return to Over the Board play no later than January 2022 at this stage.

Manchester Online League: There may be further competition in September to December, and East Cheshire has been accepted if that is the case. Steve Tatlock reported at least 14 members had expressed interest in playing competitively so two teams could be entered. If this eventuates, all present thought this was possible.

If the Manchester Online League continues the appointment of Tom Jones as 1st Team Captain, and Keith Hodgson as 2nd Team Captain for this specific competition was confirmed. John Reed felt we would be very competitive at ‘A’ Division level online.

Consideration was also given to entering at least one team in the Manchester “Over the Board” League in future (and maybe a Limit League team raised by Keith Hodgson) if there was any interest in doing so. There were positive views, also though the issue of more chess and more travelling were raised.

1. **Club Competitions**:

* Kellett Trophy: options for either at the club or Online to be considered in September. Also if Online, whether Steve Kelly wants to organise the tournament again.

1. **Online Club Nights:**

* Geoff Brindle’s report circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting was discussed.
* Geoff indicated his willingness to continue hosting this for our Members (and Northenden Members still very welcome).
* All members to be encouraged to attend Thursday nights whenever possible, as numbers had fallen,
* Geoff was open to considering different formats for the evening (e.g. Maybe a Chess 360 evening now and again).
* The plan was to run the Online Club night in its current form until at least September, assuming the Club could return to the premises by then.
* John Reed felt ‘Online’ Chess is here to stay.
* Keith Hodgson asked if it was possible to have a list of our Members online names and Northenden Members for identification purposes, so all were aware of who they were playing to help with social interaction (this has been subsequently circulated to all members by Steve Kelly).

1. **Any Other Business**:

David Taylor reported that Geoff Smith was quite ill, and all present wished him a good recovery.

The meeting closed at 8-20pm.