

UCU AGM 2022  
27 June 2022  
Time: 8pm  
Location: Fruithill Chess Club



### **1. Previous minutes**

Read through and accepted noting these should be published prior to the AGM on website in advance.

### **2. Chair Review**

Mark Newman – Annual review.

Minute's silence held for members who passed during the year: Frank Carrothers, Dennis Thorpe, Peter Wilson, Paddy Quinlan

### **3. Prize giving**

Honorary Memberships presented to Brendan Jamison and Neil Gardner, followed by League Prizes and Tom Clarke memorial awards.

### **4. Treasurer**

ADS – outlined current UCU balances and answered queries on the provided accounts.

Re layout there were no concrete suggestions re layout

Accounts accepted.

### **5. Administrator's Report**

*Alex Goss – Tournament Director*, presented a recap of events and winners over the last season and gave special thanks to the arbiters and volunteers.

*Robert Lavery – Ratings Officer*, explained that in spite of a break in over the board chess due to Covid 19, ratings were not hugely impacted.

*Neil Gardner – Youth Development Officer*, shared details of ongoing teachings at Lisburn Chess Club and the need for volunteers and noted Mark Newman's commitment to the Children's Chess tournaments at Methody.

### **6. Resolutions**

An update was provided on last year's AGM motion relating to previous investigations and incidents.

Votes to motions/resolutions presented as below:

Motion i – passed

Motion ii – passed

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Motion iii – passed

Motion iv – passed

Motion v – not passed

Motion vi – not passed

Motion vii – passed

Motion viii – not passed

Motion ix – not passed

It was noted members should consider the wording of their proposals for the AGM.

## 7. Election of Board Members

Results of votes as per below

Position	Member
Chair	Mark Newman
Secretary	Pat McKillen
Treasurer	Adrian Dornford-Smith
League Controller	Alex Goss
<b>Tournament Director</b>	<b>Position not filled</b>
Ratings Officer	Robert Lavery
Women's Development Officer	Karina Campbell
Web Editor/Social Media Officer	Karina Campbell
Youth Development Officer	Neil Gardner
Funding Officer	Danny Roberts
Trophies Officer	Geoff Hindley
UCU historian	David McAlister
CoCC Chair	Alex Goss
Member without portfolio	Andrew Todd
Member without portfolio	Joe Gunning
Member without portfolio	Martin Johnston

## 8. AOB

Clarification was sought as to how long after a player stopped playing would they become inactive on the members list. Robert Lavery clarified and agreement made to amend lists on website to reflect.

Several members noted the recent Belfast Telegraph article and what action should be taken by the UCU. An agreement reached after a discussion to put a simple statement together on UCU website.

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Query raised as to the simul usually held prior to Bunratty and if this was to take place; Damien Cunningham agreed to assist in looking into this further with Mark Newman.

Danny Roberts noted the UCU write ups did not include details of games or any commentary; it was reiterated any member can submit an article for publication and more content will be welcome from members.

Damien Lavery noted the positive reaction after uploading the games online post Williamson Shield and suggested to ordering new stationery so carbon copies can be kept. Board to look into.

Meeting ended 10:50pm.

**ACTIONS:**

1. UCU Board - decide official season start/end date for membership clarity
2. UCU Board – statement regarding Belfast Telegraph article
3. UCU Board – look into new stationery, scoresheets for tournaments