

UCU AGM 2024

Mon 17th June 2024

Time 7:30pm

Location: Fruithill Chess Club

1 Minutes Silence

In memory of those former members who passed way during the previous 12 months

William McGrattan

2 Previous Minutes

Martin Johnston presented minutes of previous AGM.

These were challenged by Damien Lavery who believed they did not fully reflect the level of discussion in some respects regarding

Knowing definitively who is and is not a fully paid-up member of the union
Differences between prize money at tournaments and money received from entrance fees and sponsorship.

The minutes were accepted subject to some changes by Damien Lavery regarding the above matters

2 Chair Review

Martin Johnston – Annual Review.

Mentioned the many events and tournaments including, the league, ladies' day, continued success of Lisburn chess club and new chess clubs.

Special mention was given to Michael Devine, Robert Lavery and Karina Campbell.

3 Prize Giving & Honorary Memberships

Prizes were awarded for the following

League prizes – Division 1 and Division 2

Tom Clarke memorial award

Gambit Trophy

Honorary Membership

No honorary memberships awarded this year.

4 Treasurer Report

Adrian Dornford-Smith (ADS) presented an overview of UCU finances and balance sheet.

Proposed – Damien Lavery

Seconded – Martin Kelly

Passed

5 Administrators Report

League Controller

Successful completion of a very competitive league. Some minor changes and clarification of rules to be prepared in advanced of next season's league.

Ratings Officer

Robert Lavery gave an update on the FIDE adjustment and how it is likely to impact UCU and ICU ratings.

Robert Lavery is going to apply the same changes to the UCU ratings.

Youth Development

Lisburn are continuing with their very successful Tuesday night youth events

Women's Officer

6 Resolutions

Motion 1 –

The details and outcomes of all code of conduct investigations to be made available to the UCU membership upon completion.

Proposer – Michael Sheerin

Seconded by – Damien Lavery

Motion Passed

10 for

6 against

Motion 2 –

Honorary members who do not pay full ordinary membership fees are not permitted to vote at any AGM or EGM.

Proposer – Michael Sheerin

Seconded by – Damien Lavery

Motion Not Passed

3 for

10 against

Motion 3 –

Players should be allowed one free league game before having to pay up as UCU members

Proposer – Martin Kelly

Seconded by – Graeme McCormick

Motion Passed

11 for

3 against

Motion 4 –

Simplification of what constitutes a quorum for an executive meeting. 5 members, 1 of whom must be either the current Chair or Secretary

Proposed – Karina Campbell

Seconded by – Adrian Dornford-Smith

Motion Passed

15 for

1 against

7) Election of Board Members

Position	Member
Chair	Martin Johnston
Secretary	Pat McKillen
Treasurer	Adrian Dornford-Smith
Tournament Director	Edward Khanzharov
League Controller	Michael Devine
Ra8ngs Officer	Robert Lavery
Youth Development Officer	Neil Gardner
Child Protec8on Officer	Vacant
Womens Development Officer	Karina Campbell
Funding Officer	Danny Roberts
Trophies Officer	Geoff Hindley
Web Editor / Social Media Officer	Karina Campbell
UCU Historian	David McAlister
ICU representative	Vacant
Members Without Portfolio	Chris Armstrong
	Amol Thoke
	Chris Kelly

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The membership were reminded that items here are non-binding, meaning, whilst the membership could vote on the, the board were not obliged to adopt them.

1) Introduction of Titles

Quite a lot of support for the UCU to award its own local titles. UCU welcomes any suggestions as to how this would be implemented and produce a blueprint for the introduction of this. Further discussion and follow-up of this to be forthcoming next season.

Proposed Neil Gardner

Seconded – Karina Campbell

Passed

2) Recording of Games

Damien Lavery

The UCU should endeavour to have as many games of its top tournaments broadcast live. Also, all games should, where possible and within reason, be recorded and published in line.

Damien Lavery offered to take photographs of game record sheets and manually input these into a chess database.

Meeting finished at 9:00 pm