

ICI AGM 2025

Mon 30th June

Time 7:30pm

Fruithill Chess Club

17 people in attendance

1 – Previous Minutes

Martin Johnstone presented the minutes of the previous AGM.

Proposed by Adrian Dornford-Smith

Seconded by Damien Lavery

Minutes of 2025 AGM accepted without contention

2 – Chair Review

Marting Johnstone recapped in the 20242025 season and noted the following.

The continuing growing in the following chess clubs, Bangor, Downpatrick and Lisburn.

The work in children's chess carried out y Mark Newman.

Lisburn chess club supporting chess in prison and getting funding for this endeavour.

3 – Prize Giving

League Prizes

Div 1 – Belfast South

Div 2 – Fruithill

Tom Clarke Memorial award

Senior – Mandor Tahmankar

Intermediate – Jade Sandrey

Honorary Memberships

None

4 – Treasurers Report

Adrian Dornford-Smith presented an overview of the UCU finances and balance sheet.

There was a net deficit circa £1600.

Current total balance approx. £5732 – reasonably healthy.

Membership fees are same as previous years.

A pdf version is available on request.

Proposed - Karina Campbell

Seconded – Chris Kelly

Treasurers Report accepted without contention

5 – Administrators Report

League Controller

Both leagues completed without incident or complaints.

All games were ICU and UCU rated.

The new 2-point deduction seemed to have had desired effect. There was a noticeable reduction in the number of games being postponed.

Ratings Officer

New ratings system aligned to recent FIDE adjustments.

July ratings to be published shortly after AGM.

Youth Development

Lisburn still running their very successful Tuesday night events.

Month chess events and annual Stormont prize giving running again in 2025/2026 season.

Tournament Director

KC reported on a busy tournament schedule of events and noted the following

Belfast Chess Social

Team Rapid

Childrens Chess Grand Prix

6 – Resolutions

None

7 – Election of Board Members

Chair:	Martin Johnstone
Secretary:	Pat McKillen
Treasurer:	Adrian Dornform-Smith
Tournament Director:	Karina Campbell
Vice Tournament Director:	Chris Kelly
League Controller:	Michael Devine
Vice League Controller:	N/A
Ratings Officer:	Robert Lavery
Youth Development Officer:	Neil Gardner
Child Protection Officer:	Neil Gardner
Womens Development Officer:	Leah Worbrey
Funding Officer:	David Corr
Web Editor / Social Media:	Larina Campbell
USU Historian:	David McAllistair
Members without Portfolio:	Chris Armstrong, Amol Thoke

8 – AOB

Neil Gardner

Expressed an interest in developing a national title under the auspices of the Ulster Chess Union.

Bangor Chess club have a club master title for anyone with a rating greater than 1800.

Karina Campbell

Made an appeal for more volunteers to become arbiters