

**Minutes for the**  
**Bury Area Chess League**  
**Annual General Meeting 2022**

**Date and Time: 7:30pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**Venue: Linton Chess Club**

**1. Welcome**

- a. Present
  - i. Alan Richardson (AR), Paul Kemp (PK), Oliver Lenton (OL), Steve Lovell (SL), Craig Bradshaw (CB), Michael Osborn (MO),
- b. Apologies
  - i. Bob Jones (BJ), Mark Szymanski (MS), John Wickham

**2. Minutes of the previous AGM, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

- a. Adoption of minutes subject to any corrections
  - i. Approved
- b. Matters arising from those minutes
  - i. None

**3. Officers' Reports – any prepared will be circulated but with the exception of the Treasurer's Report only arising questions will be discussed.**

- a. Chairman
- b. Treasurer (PK)
  - i. Report and Proposed fees for next season
    - 1. Restore league fees (and RG) to pre-pandemic (£20 per league team and £5 per Roger Goldsmith, predicted to incur a loss of around £100; appropriate given the reserves of the BACL and the wish to continue to support recovery of the clubs after the pandemic - Agreed
  - ii. Whether a slimmer version of the league handbook would be more desirable
    - 1. We will stop producing the handbook.
    - 2. The relevant information should be on the league website – SL
    - 3. A printable version of the rules (PDF) should be available online – SL to coordinate.
    - 4. All references to the 'league handbook' to a more relevant phrase - SL
    - 5. An email should be sent around team captains with a list of the contact details of all team captains – MS to coordinate.
      - a. All agreed
- c. Fixture Secretary and Roger Goldsmith Organiser (MS)
  - Change from game of the season based on division it was played to game of the season based on ratings of the player (open, U1900, U1600)
    - 1. This format will trial this coming season and if the numbers don't improve then will consider scrapping
    - 2. More advertising of the prize is needed – PK

a. All agreed

d. Grading Officer (BL)

- i. Update the rules to reflect the new ECF rating codes (P and K rather than A, B, C etc)
- ii. BJ - This role should be renamed 'Ratings Officer'. The ECF has recently changed the letter codes added to the monthly ratings. Basically there are now just two letters - K and P. The easiest way to consider these is that a K rating is a 'proper' rating, based on at least 10 games, whilst a P rating is a 'partial' rating based on fewer than 10 games. For our purposes, 'standard over-the-board ratings' (see Rule 5) should be considered to be K ratings. A P rating is effectively the same as an estimated rating. P ratings can often be subject to large monthly changes as the player's rating settles down over a longer period. It is therefore wrong to use P ratings for eligibility purposes.
- iii. Where the Ratings Officer notes that an estimated rating departs significantly from player's results he may update the estimate in consultation with the relevant captain. Update rule if necessary (RJ).

1. All agreed

e. Internet Officer (SL)

- i. More publicity for Game of the Season
- ii. Encourage captains to verify check results on the LMS
- iii. BAFL and Bury Congress website addresses changing from .org.uk to .org

f. Congress Organiser (SL)

- i. Capacity this year will increase to 118 (still in Moreton Hall)
- ii. British sugar sponsorship deal has ended.
- iii. Entries will go live next week

#### 4. Further Matters for the Consideration of the Meeting

- a. Proposed changes to rules 8 for rearranged fixtures – the new rule was agreed (SL to update rules on website and new downloadable PDF)
- b. Proposed change to rating limit for RG to encourage/enable greater participation by clubs' lower-rated players with less risk of a mismatch was agreed at 6200 (SL to update on website).

#### 5. Election of Officers

- a. PK has given one years notice of intention of retiring from the role of treasurer.
- b. CB volunteered for Vice Chairman role - agreed
- c. AR has given one years notice of intention of retiring from the role of Chairman
- d. All other officers happy to continue in place
  - i. All agreed

#### 6. League and RGT Entries

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|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Bury      | 2 / 2 / 2 and RG | 1 / 1                               |
| b. Linton    | 1 / 2 / 2 and    | 1 / 2                               |
| c. Ely       | 1 / 0 / 1        | 1 / 0                               |
| d. Sudbury   | 0 / 0 / 1        | 0 / 1 (provisional – MS to confirm) |
| e. Cambridge | 3 / 2 / 0        | 1 / 0                               |
| f. Newmarket | 0 / 0 / 1        | 0 / 0 (OL to confirm with Charles)  |

- i. Cambridge request that not all their teams in div 1 play a match on the same night – MS

## **7. Upcoming Events**

- a. 15th / 16th October      Bury Congress
- b. 25th September          Cambridgeshire Rapidplay
- c. 8th OR 15th September League Jamboree – SL to confirm with MS
- d. The EACU team championships will be in November

## **8. Any other Business**

- a. Note that ECF membership is rolling now so captain need to ensure that all players have current membership
- b. GOS winners: Div 1 Anas ibn Saifullah (Linton v Cambridge), Div 2 – no entry, Div 3 Stephen Pride (Ely v Cambridge)
- c. Players of the season: Div 1 Richard Tozer, Div 2 Martyn Goodger, Div 3 Stephen Pride