

BURY CANNONS CHESS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at Moreton Hall Community Centre, Bury St Edmunds, on Thursday 10 June 2010.

- Present:** Gordon Chapman, Dave Clark, Ken Edwards, John Feavours, Adam Harvey, Bob Jones, Mark Le-Vine, Steve Lovell, David Salvage, Hugo Smith, Stuart Tate, Scott Taylor (12 members).
In the absence of the Chairman (Steve Ruthen), Hugo Smith took the chair.
- Apologies:** Peter Campbell, Richard Dickinson, Yvonne Freiherr, Laureano Garcia, George Horan, Sean Horan, Emile Kosviner, Alan Merry, Peter Newton, Colin Roberts, Steve Ruthen, Mike Taylor, Zac Vane (13 members).
- Minutes:** The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved unanimously, having been proposed by Ken Edwards and seconded by Scott Taylor. There were no matters arising.
- Secretary:** Bob Jones reported that 42 members had paid their subscriptions during the past year. He explained that the website had been updated, with all results being shown within a few days of the matches being played. It is now possible to link directly to Dave Wild's site, to see how each member's grade is progressing over the season.
- Treasurer:** Bob Jones submitted a statement of accounts, showing a surplus of £59 for the year. Membership income had increased by £130 from the previous year, due partly to the £1.00 increase in subscriptions, but mainly to the increase in the number of paid-up members.

No change was needed in membership subscription levels.
- Teams:** A 20-page booklet containing all the team captains' reports was distributed.
- Elections:** The following were proposed voted unanimously into office:
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| Chairman | - | Steve Ruthen (proposed D Clark; seconded M Le-Vine) |
| Secretary | - | Bob Jones (proposed A Harvey; seconded K Edwards) |
| Treasurer | - | Hugo Smith (proposed B Jones; seconded K Edwards) |
| Ex Officio | - | Colin Roberts (also Club Championship Organiser) |
| | - | Alan Watkins |
| | - | Scott Taylor |
| | | (above three proposed M Le-Vine; seconded A Harvey) |
- Teams:** It was agreed that team captains for Bury Area League teams would include Colin Roberts (Scarabs), Bob Jones (Scorpions), Scott Taylor (Vipers), Hugo Smith (E), Steve Lovell (F) and Sean Horan (G). It was not certain at this stage if would be possible to field two teams in Division 2.

It was agreed that the Club should continue to field three teams in the Suffolk League, with other teams being entered for the Roger Goldsmith Cup (BACL), Suffolk League Cup, Suffolk League u125 and u145 Cups and the BACL Rapidplay.
- BACL AGM:** The proposed rule changes were discussed, and it was agreed to support all except the final one. It was considered that the team winning the toss should continue to have White on odd boards, rather than being allowed to choose.

Bury Cannons have eight votes at the League AGM on 17 June and the following agreed to attend: Gordon Chapman, Bob Jones, Steve Lovell, Scott Taylor. Hugo Smith may also be available. Further volunteers would be sought.

AOB:

- a) **Club Championship.** Winners of this season's tournament were Bob Jones (Open) and Steve Lovell (u125). Bob was presented with the Pott Trophy by the Acting Chairman. It was agreed that a permanent trophy should be purchased for the u125 winner.

The 2010/11 Club Championship will commence soon, on a similar basis to the previous year.

- b) **Summer programme.** Members were reminded that the programme for the remainder of the summer was set out in the Captains' Reports booklet..
- c) **Jamboree.** The annual Bury League Jamboree will take place at Moreton Hall on Monday 13 September. League fixtures will commence on 27 September.
- d) **Congress.** Bob Jones confirmed that the Bury St Edmunds Congress would take place on 30/31 October. It was hoped to use the new Apex venue, but if this is not completed in time, the Corn Exchange will still be available.

The Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10, thanking Bob Jones for all the work he does as Club Secretary.

The AGM was followed by a six-round 5-minute tournament, won by Bob Jones with Mark Le-Vine runner-up.