

ESSEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Meeting of the Essex Executive Committee held on Monday 30th July 2007

A Brief Report by ECA Chairman, David Smith

I am pleased to report that two appointments were made to the Executive Committee of the Association on Monday.

David Payne (Thurrock CC) was appointed to the position of Assistant Match Captain whilst **Malcolm Crane** (Thurrock CC) became one of the "Executive members" (i.e. without portfolio) following the recent re-location of Roy Watts to pastures new.

These appointments, together with the election at the AGM of **Gavin Strachan** (Brentwood CC) to the post of Assistant General Secretary represent the first new blood on the Executive for a number of years and as such is a very welcome development.

Sadly however the news on the County Captaincy front was not so good; although Roy Heppinstall was re-elected as Open Match Captain at the AGM, his continuing illness now makes it unlikely that he will be able to carry out this role, and a replacement is sought.

Preferably a strong player (175+) the new Captain will need to be in touch with the top Essex players in order to select and motivate a team capable of continuing the successes achieved by Roy in recent years.

Please contact myself or President John Philpott if you wish to volunteer for this vital role in Essex Chess.

Also, as many of you know, John Philpott is now relinquishing his role as U175 Match Captain after an unprecedented run of success in recent years. Fortunately however, John will remain on hand with help and advice to anyone willing to take this on again please contact myself or President John if you wish to put your name forward.

Other matters discussed at the Executive included Eligibility for Essex Titles, where it was agreed that the Rules Sub-committee would investigate and report back, and the possible introduction of a series of Club Blitz events open to all which could be used as a form of fund-raising exercise for the Association.

David Smith

Chairman

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