

ESSEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT St. ETHELBURGA'S CATHOLIC CLUB BARKING on THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2006 at 8.00 pm.

Present

D. Smith (in the Chair), T. Barton, G. Brown, S. Burns, J. Chapman, D. D'Cruz, W. De Jong, B. Hammond, A. Haydon, I. Hunnable, N. Kerby, P. Laundry, C. Lee, D.J. Millward, S. Murray, F. O' Regan, J. Philpott, C. Ramage, J. Rosenberg, B. Shepherd, I.B.N. Smith, R. Smith, M. Sullivan, R. Watts and S. Wedlock.

1. Apologies for absence

S.J. Abbott, J. Goldberg, R. Heppinstall and I MacLachlan.

2. Introduction

David Smith stated that this Special General Meeting has been convened because the Annual general Meeting on the 29 June 2006 had been inquorate.

The purpose of this meeting was to ratify the decisions taken by the AGM.

He reported that the Essex 1st team had won the Counties Championship under the captaincy of Roy Heppinstall and Essex had won the Ward Higgs Counties Postal Championship under the captaincy of Steve Abbott. The meeting congratulated both Roy and Steve in the customary way.

3. Accounts for 2005/2006

Joe Rosenberg confirmed that he had nothing to add to his report at the AGM.

David Smith proposed, as Chairman, that the accounts be adopted and this was carried nem con.

4. Subscription, Game Fee and Surcharges for 2006/2007

Joe Rosenberg confirmed that the subscription, Game Fee and Surcharges would remain the same as for 2005/ 2006.

David Smith proposed that these subscriptions, fees and surcharges be approved.

This was carried nem con.

5. Election of Officers, other members of the Executive and Vice Presidents for 2006/2007 and appointment of Honorary Life members for 2006/7

David Smith proposed that he read out a list of officers, proposed and seconded at the AGM. These would be agreed by acceptance in the normal way unless challenged by any member present when a particular officer post was announced.

The election of all officers was approved except for the post of Assistant General Secretary.

Barry Shepherd, Shell Chess Club, read out a statement to the meeting.

“Shell oppose and protest any re-election of Mr. Goldberg while his case is still sub judice to formal deliberations of ECA Chairman and ECA Executive Committee”

Roy Watts stated that he was aware of the issue and had tendered his resignation from the Executive because he was not happy with what had happened. He suggested that the appointment of the Assistant General Secretary be left to the Executive after they have investigated the complaint from Shell.

Colin Ramage said that he was not aware of the issues but that he agreed that this was reasonable.

David Smith proposed that the appointment of the Assistant General Secretary be left to the Executive.

This was carried nem con.

David Smith read out a list of VPs and this was approved.

David Smith then proposed that Roy Heppinstall be elected as an Honorary Life Member.

This was carried unanimously.

6. The appointment of the Auditor

David Smith proposed that Syd Kalinsky be appointed Auditor.

Carried nem con.

7. Revisions to the Constitution

a) To amend clause 9 to reduce the quorum for a general meeting to 12 from 15.

b) To amend clause 3 so references to British Chess Federation now read to English Chess Federation and British Chess Federation.

Proposed by David Smith and carried nem con.

The meeting closed at 8-30pm.