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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Chess Association.

The meeting was held at Chandlers Ford Chess Club on Wednesday 21st June 2023. The President, Dave Nelson, took the chair with the following 6 members attending: M.Clarke, A.Mills, G.Moore, D.Nelson, G.Stuart and J.Wheeler.

1. Apologies.
Apologies were received from M.Blake, R.Marsh and F.McLeod.

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM.
These had been circulated in advance. The minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising. There were none.

4. Reports.
4.a Secretary
The secretary reported on the activities of the Association for the preceding year, during which chess began to recover from the effects of Covid and lockdown.

He paid tribute to two former Presidents of the Association who had sadly died in the last year – Chris Priest and Paul Hurn. Both had contributed greatly in different ways to the HCA, and both will be sadly missed.

Over-the-board matches in the Chiltern League had restarted, but with just one section. We had managed to win this section, and the meeting congratulated Fraser and his team on their success.

We took no part in the WECU county championship, nor in the national county finals.

We held a successful Individual Championship at Fareham in November 2022 after a gap of two years, with a record entry of 87 players. Our new champion is 16-year-old Iwan Cave of Chandlers Ford. We are planning to return to Fareham in November 2023.

Our archivist had produced numerous articles for the website, based on material in the archives, and the meeting thanked him for his work.

Finally the secretary thanked his fellow officers for their help and support throughout the season, which was his last as Secretary. A new secretary will be needed to replace him later in the meeting.

4.b Match Captain
We had a good season, and won the Chiltern League for the first time in many years.

4.c Grading Officer

Roger Marsh provided a written report, confirming that all the results that he has received had been submitted for this year's rating.

Many clubs had moved their events to the ECF LMS for rating, and the Southampton League planned to do the same in the coming season. This reduced Roger's workload, and compensated somewhat for the increased workload from monthly rating.

4.d Delegate to HJCA.

No report.

4.e Individual Championship

The latest congress had been held at the Lysses House Hotel in Fareham in November 2022.
A record entry of 87 players took part (64 last time).
We made a surplus of £497.99 on a turnover of £2,639.60.

Oliver Gill of Leeds won the Open, ½ pt ahead of Iwan Cave and Roland Bezuidenhout. Iwan Cave won the Silver Rook (county championship) on tie-break.

Patrik Baron won the Major, ahead of Dave Collyer and James Schumacher.

Tom Philidor won the Minor and the Parsons Cup, ahead of Oliver Ward, with Freddie Christou-Moore and Ayan Pradhan sharing 3rd place.

Sofia Syed won the Ladies prize with 4 pts.

12 games were entered for the Best Game Prize, which was won by Nigel Saunders.

4.f ECF / WECU delegates' reports

We had played in an online WECU county championship as part of a composite team including Wiltshire and Dorset, organized by Graham Stuart.

4.g Correspondence Match Captain

We had won promotion from Div 2, and are now playing in the Ward-Higgs event (Div 1) in the current season.

4.h Webmaster

The meeting thanked the webmaster for keeping the website going in difficult times.

4.i Archivist

The archivist reported on an eventful season with the archives, and outlined his plans for the future.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of £2,061.82 in the bank, from £1,401.63 last time. The excess of £560.19 was largely due to the congress surplus of £497.99.

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6. Election of officers.
Peter Eales had been co-opted as Vice-President during the season.

John Wheeler was standing down as Secretary. at the end of the current season, and the meeting elected Graham Stuart to take over as Secretary..

The full list of officers is as follows:

President	Dave Nelson
Vice-President	Peter Eales
Secretary	Graham Stuart
Treasurer	Gillian Moore
Match Captain (WECU)	(vacant)
Match Captain (Chiltern)	Fraser McLeod
Under-1850/1650 Captain	Ashraf Syed
Ratings Officer	Roger Marsh
Correspondence Match Captain	Phil Barber
Webmaster	Mickey Blake
ECF Delegate	Graham Stuart
WECU Delegate (Executive)	Graham Stuart
WECU Delegate (Council)	(vacant)
Chiltern League delegate	(vacant)
HJCA delegate	(vacant)
Archivist	Graham Stuart
Hampshire League Conductor & Quickplay Organiser	(vacant)
Individual Championship Co-ordinator	Gillian Moore
Honorary Examiner	Prof & Mrs Gareth Jones

Dave Nelson was co-opted as Congress Organiser.

7. Rule Changes.
No changes were proposed.

8. Fees for the 2023/2024 season.

8a. Set base rate for 2023/2024 fees.
The treasurer proposed no change, leaving the base rate at £1.60, meaning that affiliation for one team would cost £8, and individuals £4.80.

8b. Set the board fee for county matches for 2023/2024.
Board fees were amended to £3.00, £1.50 for Juniors.

9. County Match Programme for 2023/2024.
The meeting agreed to continue with one team in the Chiltern League.
No decision was made on the National County Championship Final stages.

10. Individual Championship 2023.

The Lysses House hotel in Fareham had been booked for 3-5 November.

A draft entry-form was approved, including making the Open into a FIDE-rated event.

11. A proposal to allocate £476 to buy digital clocks this year, with further purchases in later years, was approved.

12. AOB. A proposal to setup a working group to explore options for restarting the Hampshire League modelled on the Premier League, was approved. Peter Eales will lead the group.

13. Close
The meeting closed at 9.30 pm, with thanks to the Chandlers Ford Chess Club for allowing the use of their club-room.