

Huddersfield & District Chess Association

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AGM

Wednesday 9th June 2010

at Lindley Liberal Club, 7.40 pm

Present

President	Bill Lumley
Secretary	Geoff Peake
Treasurer	David Firth
Brighouse	-
Calderdale	Dave Patrick
David Browns	Alec Ward, R. Caufield
Holme Valley	{G.M. Peake} S.V. Thompson, R. Keely, L. Keely, N. Battye
Huddersfield	{D. Firth} P. Czerwinski, M. Rojinski, C. Stratford, D. Keddie, E. Mellor
Netherton	{Bill Lumley} P. Shaw, J.V. Newsome
Wakefield	M. Shelmerdine, M Wilford
West Bretton	D. Toulson

1. Absent Friends

President Bill Lumley reminisced about Edgar Priestley and Roger Tuddenham

"In the space of two weeks, HDCA has lost 2 members who will be justifiably remembered as true icons in the history of the HDCA.

Edgar Priestley and Roger Tuddenham were similar in many respects.

They both loved the game of chess

Both were tireless in their desire to promote the spirit of the game, and to foster its development within their Clubs and in the HDCA.

Both were totally unselfish in the time and effort which they were prepared to freely give, so that others might share their passion and enjoyment in playing chess and in being part of a Chess Club.

Roger and Edgar were both experts in the art of Chess, but they were also experts in the art of human behaviour in which field they never failed to conduct themselves with dignity and understanding. The cut and thrust of competition is part of the attraction of the great game of chess, but Roger and Edgar never lost sight of the importance of showing respect for colleagues and opponents alike.

They were both outstanding Club men, and I know from personal experience how indebted we all are for the enormous contribution which they made to HDCA over the past 40 years.

I say 40 years because this is the length of time which I knew them both. Edgar 's involvement went back much longer in fact (1941).

I First met Edgar in 1972 when Polytechnic affiliated to HDCA- at the AGM at 20 Macaulay Road I watched as Team Captains approached Edgar one at a time to pay fees! - He had meticulous attention to detail.

They both valued the history and heritage of Huddersfield Chess Club and HDCA.

Roger was a teacher/ chess captain at New College, then at Denby Dale, Chartist, West Bretton.

Robert Sutcliffe has written a touching tribute on Geoff Peake's website, supported by Dave Toulson. Reading this brought tears to my eyes.

I remember AGMs at ICI with many questions about FIDE Rules and so on from Roger Tuddenham - fuelled by many pints of Guinness !

Roger once went to visit chess-playing optician Horace Walker, and solemnly requested " I would like a pair of spectacles that see at least two moves ahead !".

I know that I speak on behalf of all of you, who like me had the privilege of knowing Edgar and Roger through chess. It was indeed a privilege and we can all count ourselves fortunate to have enjoyed the company and friendship of two of the nicest men we could ever have wished to meet.

Edgar and Roger, you will be sadly missed.

May you both RIP."

After this Bill called for a minute's silence.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

3. MINUTES OF 2009 AGM - APPROVAL

Proposed Alec Ward, seconded John Newsome {unanimous}

4. MATTERS ARISING

Geoff Peake explained that normal grades were used in the Rapidplay competition as there was insufficient data to produce a reliable Rapidplay Grading list from current data.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President thanked people for attending and all officials for their hard work. He said that David Firth wished to retire as Treasurer, but would continue to the end of next season if no replacement could be found. Bill himself would retire as President at the end of next season as he would have completed 5 years as President, which is the normal length of stay {though there is no written rule about this}.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thanks

We judge people for how much contribution they have made at a chess level to their Club and to the HDCA, and also at a personal level, as a friend. So for me Roger was a giant. The great man is gone. I thank him posthumously for his advice and comments. He will be badly missed !

Edgar Priestley has been a mine of information about HDCA chess and has made a fantastic **contribution** to chess in the Huddersfield area, though I did not know him well at a personal level.

David Firth, the quiet man, the third man thanks for his help and support, work as treasurer. Unsung hero Bill called him!

Thanks to **Bill Lumley**. If we are talking about contribution – who has made more? And he is still contributing.

Nigel Hepworth who has done a fantastic job with Huddersfield Congress and Rapidplay and Juniors, and now has a Huddersfield Club website running. Huddersfield have a variety of in house competitions such as Summer Tournament, Swiss Championship etc.

Peter Czerwinski for spotting various errors and his help with hosting the Rapidplay, booking rooms, Individual KO.

John Newsome: What a contribution he has made, especially to Netherton.

Paul Jackson for his help and common sense.

Thanks to Holme Valley, Netherton, David Browns and Huddersfield for hosting Rapidplays.

Thanks to all the **Captains**. Remember being a Captain is a very responsible position. It should not be entered into lightly, and undertaken with great care.

SNOW !

This extended the season. The fixtures had to be revised a couple of times.

I hope this went smoothly enough for everybody. Perhaps we ought to build in spare week for postponed matches and an extra week's rest at Christmas ?

Calderdale

We welcomed a Calderdale team to the league this year, and very welcome they were too. They came 4th in the Examiner Handicap, 2nd in the Bill Lumley Rapidplay ! and reached the semi-final of the Team KO. **Not a single default !**

Defaults,

Defaults are a bad thing and the worst sorts of default should be culpable. Hence the proposal that we shall consider later.

Yorkshire League

Congratulations to Huddersfield for doing well in the Woodhouse this season. {Note that Roger Keely said that Huddersfield had done **uncomfortably** well, as they had only survived very late in the season!}

Grading

I graded all leagues games, Individual KO, Netherton Club games, Huddersfield Tournaments, Huddersfield Congress, Yorkshire League games, Calderdale League games, Rapidplay.

The Web site

If you do spot an error please email me, and apologies for any mistakes I may have made

Absence

I shall probably be away during the season. Any volunteers for a contact person please let me know.

Review

We should always look at what went wrong, what went right. Why? What can be improved ? Out of this comes the propositions each year. Hence defaults being put on the list.

New Grades

These have been implemented this season.

Why are some players not graded ?

The Grading season runs from **1st June to 31st May**. This Grading List includes all players who have had nine or more games recorded on the system in the last three seasons, including at least one in the most recent season. Players **not** meeting this requirement are **ungraded**, and do not appear.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer said that one more club had contributed fees {Calderdale}. The income had been about the same as last year, the cost of hosting the Rapidplay events had been met. The deficit on the year was £50, the current balance was £675. In reply to a question by David Keddie about interest the Treasurer stated that interest rates on the account had been greatly reduced.

Roger Keely proposed the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Norman Battye {unanimous}.

8. CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUE FEES 2010-2011

The Treasurer proposed that fees be kept the same as last year, seconded by J.V. Newsome {unanimous}. The President said where was Roger Tuddenham to debate that one!

9. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President; Bill Lumley was proposed by Geoff Peake, seconded by David Firth {unanimous}

Secretary: Eddie Mellor proposed Geoff Peake, Norman Battye seconded. {unanimous}

Treasurer: David Firth had asked to step down and proposed Chris Stratford , seconded by Alec Ward. {unanimous}

11. ELECTION OF COMPETITION (HANDICAP) COMMITTEE

Present : WF Lumley, AR Tuddenham, PH Jackson, G M Peake

Chris Stratford proposed that Eddie Mellor replace Roger Tuddenham, seconded by J.V. Newsome {unanimous}

12. PROPOSITION 1 Defaults (G M Peake/S.V. Thompson)

In reply to Mark Shelmerdine, Geoff Peake confirmed that the "defaults" on the table were penalties - i.e. acted as "yellow cards", and the total of 7 penalties led to a "red card". They did not have any effect on match scores.

Amendment one Roger Keely proposed that there be **no penalty** for options 3 and 4 in the table, seconded by J.V. Newsome.

Vote was For 9, against 5 ,abstentions 5. {Mark Rojinski had left}

Amendment two David Keddie proposed that option 2 should be **one** "default", not two, and that the "red card" total be 10 not 7.

Vote was For 9, against 5, abstentions 5.

The amended proposition was then voted.

Vote was For 9, against 9, abstention 1.

Since a two thirds majority is needed to change Constitution & Rules the proposal was defeated.

PROPOSITION 2 F W Brown Trophy (G M Peake/ S.V. Thompson)

Geoff Peake withdrew this proposition after discussion of possible scenarios of results in the Huddersfield Congress. Therefore the proposition was not passed.

13. Next Year's Team Entries / Updating contact details.

A date was fixed: August 16th 2010 as the last date to inform the Secretary of Team entries / Contact details for next season.

14. The cost of Trophies / Engraving

The Treasurer gave details of how the costs of trophies / engraving from Ballards had increased, though not from Viktor Eglington. It was decided that the secretary should look into the costs of alternative shields / alternate suppliers.

15. A.O.B

Dave Patrick made a personal request for members not to take their own drinks and food into the Calderdale venue. The venue was free as the management relied on members purchasing drinks etc.

Chris Stratford asked members to send contributions to the Examiner Chess column.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

PROPOSITION 1 {defeated}

1	A team failing to turn up to fulfil a fixture without warning* the opposition.	<i>6 defaults {for that Team}</i>
2	A player not turning up, and thus leaving his opponent with no game without warning.	<i>2 defaults</i>
3	A team defaulting a match WITH warning to the opposition so no players had to travel unnecessarily. <i>Postponing Matches -Please note that on current rules, matches can be postponed /rearranged, though the opposition must be given 8 days warning.</i>	<i>3 defaults</i>
4	A team defaulting a board WITH warning to the opposition so no players had to travel unnecessarily.	<i>1 default</i>
<p>*Warning Time : Direct contact with the opposing Captain the day before the match or earlier. {Not email as not everyone will read emails daily}</p>		
<p>In any one Competition [e.g. Examiner] when a Team's default total exceeds 7 then that team does not play any more matches that season in that competition {i.e. defaults the rest of its matches in that competition 0-6.}</p>		
<p>Extenuating circumstances: If there are extenuating circumstances the captain can appeal to the Executive Committee.</p>		

PROPOSITION 2 {withdrawn}

That the F W Brown trophy be awarded to the highest placed Huddersfield & District Chess association registered player in the annual Huddersfield Rapidplay.

Huddersfield K.O. Champion	2010	P. Shaw
Section 2a K.O. Champion	2010	R.J. Sutcliffe/P.H. Jackson
Section 2b K.O.Champion	2010	C. Stratford
Section 3 K.O. Champion	2010	M. Wilford
Section 1 K.O. Finalist	2010	D. Patrick
Section 2a K.O. Finalist	2010	R.J. Sutcliffe/P.H. Jackson
Section 2b K.O. Finalist	2010	J. Hill
Section 3 K.O. Finalist	2010	N Batty

2010	Watkinson Trophy	Huddersfield Knights
2010	Littlewood Shield	Huddersfield Bishops
2010	Team K.O. Cup	Netherton B
2010	Examiner Plate	Huddersfield Rooks
2010	Bill Lumley Rapidplay	Netherton A
2010	Individual K.O. Cup (Section 1)	P. Shaw
2010	Individual K.O. Cup (Section 2a)	
2010	Ind K.O. Cup (2b David Woodhead)	C. Stratford
2010	Individual K.O. Cup (Section 3)	M. Wilford
2010	FW Brown Trophy	Not yet played