

**Minutes of the Holme Valley Chess Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 6th May 2008** *minutes by Peter Douglas*
[and Treasurer's Statement]

Present: Norman Battye; Peter Douglas, Joe Froggatt, Kevin Haigh, Roger Keely, Geoff Peake, Stewart Thompson, Leo Keely

- 1 Norman Battye was elected chairman
- 2 Apologies were received from James Grist, Graham Hughes
- 3 The minutes of the meeting of the AGM from 29th May 2007 were accepted as a true record.
- 4 Matters arising
 - a. Geoff Peake noted that annual subscription was £15 although the financial report suggested players were paying £10. Norman Battye reported this was the case as he thought that was the actual rate. The subscriptions for the future season 2008/9 are discussed below
 - b. Concern was expressed about the security of the equipment at the current venue. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to buy a locking box. This would only be undertaken after an audit of the current equipment. The audit would take place early next season.
 - c. The club nights have not been successful but after discussion it was agreed to have club nights combined with a talk by Roger Keely. These would be arranged when the fixture list became available early in September.
- 5 Secretary's report: Roger Keely thanked Geoff Peake for his highly detailed website that kept the match details up to date. Overall he felt the season had gone OK but too few people turned up at club nights.
 - a. Venue and match night. The meeting unanimously agreed that the venue was fine and the collection of match fees had worked well. It was noted by Geoff Peake that while the minutes indicated a rate of £2 only £1.50 was collected. This would be rectified during the coming season.
 - b. Recruitment and publicity- all aspects had been covered in matters arising.
 - c. Other matters – there were no other matters
- 6 Report on club individual competition and club nights: Geoff Peake was disappointed that the club competition did not occur. It was unanimously agreed that the linking of club nights with potential speakers (Roger Keeley in the first instance) may prove popular with chess players from other clubs.. Publicity would be organized between Joe Froggatt and Stewart Thompson.
- 7&8 Team Captain's report
 - a. Roger Keely reported on the Scratch Team performance for the Watkinson Trophy. The team came 5th, won three, lost three and drew

one. In the Bill Lumley Rapidplay the team came third just one point off the top spot.

b. Kevin Haigh reported that the team won the knock-out trophy. In the Examiner handicap league the team won three and lost four and finished sixth.

9 Treasurers report- Norman Battye supplied a list of income and expenses for 2007/8. In summary

a. Income: membership fees £110 + players game fees £117 = £227

b. Expenses: Room hire £100 + fees (HDCA) £20 = £120

c. Excess of income over expenditure £107

d. A surplus from the previous year of £24.08 means the balance is **£131.08**

Stewart Thompson expressed concern that some members had not paid their subs for the current year. After much discussion it was agreed that members must pay with 3 months of joining the club, Proposed by Stewart Thompson; seconded by Joe Froggatt.

Club subs to remain as for 2007/8: Annual £15; Junior £10 ; New member £10 and match fee £2. Geoff Peake asked for a receipt to be given for subs, all agreed. It was unanimously agreed that all monies received and paid should have a receipt so the financial audit is more transparent.

10 Any more reports – no reports submitted

11 Election of officers: The following elections were unanimously agreed:

a. Secretary – Roger Keely

b. Team captain (scratch) – Roger Keely

c. Team captain (Handicap) – Kevin Haigh

d. Treasurer – Norman Battye

e. Recruitment and Publicity – Joe Froggatt & Roger Keely

12 Purchase of Equipment – it was agreed to wait until after the audit of the chess equipment in September, to determine whether new boards or sets are needed, and the size of the locking box.

Meeting ended 9.10 pm