

WDCL MINUTES FOR AGM HELD 29 JUNE 2009

Opening Address by Hon President

20.00 hours – Welcome from Simon Woodcock

Attendees

Paul Jackson, Graham Pennington, Peter Willoughby, Gareth Ellis, Ian Campbell, Peter Furlong, Philip Coughlin, Paul Talbot, Mark Talbot, Dave Merry, John Beynon, Stephen Harrison, Martyn Winn, Judy Brown, Joshua Oxley, Martin Brown, Clinton Halsall, Steven Potter, Steven Wagstaff, Steven Jones, Damian McCarthy, Joe Chambers, Gareth Dykes, Jonathan Smith, Tom Vout, Nick Cooke, Mike Rotchell, Martin Cooksey, Colin Ford

Apologies for Absence

None

Proposal to accept minutes of 2008 AGM

Proposed and accepted

Hon Secretary Report

Attached

Disputes Committee for be formed – each club to nominate member

Jonathan Smith to review and rewrite rule book for presentation 2010 AGM

Hon Treasurer Report

Tom Vout in absence of Simon Atkinson

Audited accounts for 2007-2008 proposed and accepted - attached

Presented accounts for 2008-2009; proposed and accepted – attached

Total arrears at 16 June 2009 of £818.17; at AGM reduced to £262.42

Match Secretary's Report

Attached

Competition Secretary's Report

Attached

Presentation of Outstanding Trophies

Ormskirk – Kalmar Cup Runners Up Medals 2008

Northwich – Division Trophy and individual medals

John Benyon – Division 3 Player of the Season

Election of Officers

Standing for re-election and current vacancies

President	Simon Woodcock	Re-elected
Vice President	Peter Furlong	Re-elected
Secretary	Richard Hughes	Re-elected
Treasurer	Simon Atkinson	Re-elected
Match Secretary	Judy Brown	Elected
League Grader	Stephen Harrison	Re-elected
ECF Grader	Stephen Harrison	Elected
Competitions Organiser	Paul Talbot	Re-elected
Junior Organiser	Gareth Ellis	Re-elected
Fixtures Secretary	Paul Talbot	Re-elected
Publicity Officer/Webmaster	Clinton Halsall	Re-elected
Auditor	Tom Vout	Re-elected

Nominations

Match Secretary – Judy Brown elected unopposed

Fixture Secretary – Steve Potter and Talbot; Paul Talbot re-elected 11-8

Confirmation of Player Registration Procedure for the WDCL 2009-10 Season

Current procedure to be used by clubs when registering players is

- Full Name
- ECF Grading Reference and Grade
- If not ECF graded provide NW ELO Grade
- Players without either an ECF or NW ELO Grade will be allocated a provisional grade by Match Secretary. If the Match Secretary is unavailable then either the League Secretary or the President can allocate a grade

Confirmation of Recent Rule Changes

- Only one re-arrangement of any match is allowed
- All matches to be completed by the Peninsula Cup Final
- Long Game – adjournment only after each player has played 30 moves and 2½ hours has passed.

Confirmation of the Rules on Adjournments

- The correct procedure is that the resumption date should be agreed on the night and be within 28 days of the adjournment
- Players may make other arrangements at their own risk on the condition that, in the event of any dispute, any decision made by the WDCL is final and that the resumption date must be agreed and played within 28 days of the adjournment

Richard Furness 400 League

- Richard Furness never applied “one club” rule to this competition
- The Competition Organiser will have the final decision on the composition of any team

Formation of Divisions (provisional)

Division 1: Atherton A, Widnes A, Penketh A, Central A, St Helens A, Northwich A, Culcheth-Lymm A

Division 2: Atherton B, St Helens B, Ormskirk A, Northwich B, Runcorn, Wigan-Knights, Padgate A

Division 3: Ormskirk B, Widnes B, Padgate B, Culcheth Lymm B, Winwick A, Penketh B

Division 4: Skelmersdale, St Helens C, Culcheth-Lymm C, Winwick B, Formby, Wigan-Knights B

Richard Furness 400 League Entrants:

Central, Wigan, Northwich, Culcheth-Lymm A & B, St Helens A & B, Winwick, Runcorn, Padgate, Widnes

Peninsula Cup Entrants:

Atherton, Central, St Helens, Ormskirk, Northwich, Wigan-Knights, Winwick, Penketh, Widnes

Kalmar Cup Entrants:

Atherton, St Helens, Ormskirk, Culcheth-Lymm, Northwich, Wigan-Knights, Penketh, Widnes, Formby

Kalmar Shield Entrants:

Padgate, St Helens, Ormskirk, Culcheth, Northwich, Wigan-Knights, Winwick, Penketh, Widnes, Formby

Diary

Confirmation of the date of the 2009 Team Lightning Competition and collection of the WDCL 2009 – 20010 Handbooks; **clubs who fail to collect their handbooks will be charged postage.**

Confirmation of the dates for

Peninsula Cup Final	26 th April 2010
Kalmar Cup Final	10 th May 2010
Kalmar Shield Final	17 th May 2010

Presentation of Trophies 14th June 20010 + Individual Lightning

Team Lightning 6th September 2009

AOB

Objection by Culcheth-Lymm as they had not received copies of the proposals 21 days before the AGM

Effectively meant that no decisions all most proposals except those not involving rule changes and RF 400 league

Decided to proceed with no votes on contentious issues

Judy Brown read out letter from George Davison highlighting the achievements of Grappenhall juniors over the years.

Either EGM or Executive Committee Meeting to decide future of Grappenhall

Martin Cooksey stated that never envisaged that current situation with Grappenhall juniors would arise that is they would move on to a league club after one or two seasons

Proposals

1. Richard Hughes – for 2010 AGM

The normal rate of play is for each player to complete all moves in 90 minutes.

2. Richard Hughes – for 2010 AGM

If both players agree the WDCL can, after consultation with a suitably qualified person, give an adjudicated result in an adjourned game.

3. Simon Woodcock – for 2010 AGM

The WDCL reverts to its original rule that a player can only be registered for one club during a season

Discussed but no vote

4. Wigan-Knights Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

The rate of play in the long game to be increased to 35 moves in 75 minutes and 28 moves per hour thereafter. An adjournment can be made after each player has made 35 moves and 2½ hours has been played

5. St Helens Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

The two rates of play are “long” and “fixed finish”. If the “long” rate of play is selected then the rate of play is 36 moves in 90 minutes with a time check every 24 moves thereafter. An adjournment can be made after each player has made 36 moves and 3 hours has been played

6. St Helens Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

The home player chooses the time control. If the game is adjourned the away player has the choice of venue for the resumption

7. St Helens Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

If the long game is adjourned, the resumption is at the away venue unless both players agree to resume at the home venue

8. Wigan-Knights Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

If both players agree, each player has 75 minutes to complete all moves. This has to be agreed before the game starts and both captains informed

9. Wigan-Knights Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

Kalmar Cup – This event is for teams of 5 players whose combined grade does not exceed 900

10. Wigan- Knights Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

Kalmar Shield – This event is for teams of 5 players whose combined grade does not exceed 700.

11. Richard Hughes

RFL 400 League - This event is for teams of 4 players whose combined grade does not exceed 500

Proposed, seconded and approved

Vote: For Unanimous Against None

12. Wigan-Knights Chess Club

RFL 400 League – only open to players graded under 150

Proposed and seconded

Vote: For None

Not carried

13. Wigan-Knights Chess Club – for 2010 AGM

For WDCL league matches replace the toss for choice of colour on board 1 with the home team plays white on odd boards

14. Grappenhall – for 2010 AGM

A Junior Club (Grappenhall CC or similar Junior Club) with no WDCL League team, can register with WDCL and enter teams into WDCL Cup competitions by agreement at the AGM.

15. Grappenhall – for 2010 AGM

The Grappenhall CC/Junior Club members registered for their WDCL Cup teams should then be allowed to register to play for another WDCL Club in League matches.

16. Grappenhall – for 2010 AGM

The Grappenhall CC/Junior Club members registered for their WDCL Cup teams should then be allowed to register to play for another WDCL Club in the RF 400 League

17. Richard Hughes – for 2010 AGM

The Grappenhall CC/Junior Club U18 members registered for their WDCL Cup teams should then be allowed to register to play for another WDCL Club in League matches

18. Richard Hughes – for 2010 AGM

The Grappenhall CC/Junior Club U18 members registered for their WDCL Cup teams should then be allowed to register to play for another WDCL Club in the RF 400 League

19. Grappenhall – 2010 AGM

A player can play in the 400 league for a different club than the one that they play for in the WDCL league (to increase participation in the 400 league.)

WDCL AGM 2009 – League Secretary's Report

Introduction

In general, the league and cup competitions proceeded well.

Issues that arose during the season are:

Division 1

Late withdrawal of St Helens B from Division 1; this effectively meant no relegation from Division 1

Grappenhall

Complaint received regarding J & S Blackburn playing for Grappenhall in the Cup Competitions as this was contrary to what had been agreed at previous AGMs ie only U18s eligible.

Clubs consulted and with no clear outcome decided

- Players age 18 or over on 31/08/2008 already registered for Grappenhall can continue to play in the WDCL 2008-9 Cup Competitions.
- Further discussion required at the WDCL 2009 AGM

Adjournments

There is a problem with adjournments and resumption dates which will not be repeated in 2000-2010

Results and League Tables

Problem with access to match results and league tables as Match Secretary not available from January to March 2009

Action is being taken ensure this does not occur in 2009-2010

Presentation Evening and Individual Lightning

Attendance continuing to improve – 22 entries in Individual Lightning

Many thanks to all participants

WDCL Website

Now active and clubs are requested to contribute

Communications

Please think twice before committing anything controversial to paper.

Thanks

Chess Maze International for providing equipment for Individual & Team Lightning

Winwick Chess Club for providing venue for AGM, Presentation Evening and the various Competition Finals

Noel McLaughlin (Northwich) for providing WDCL Handbooks

Warrington and District Chess League League Tables 2007-2008

Division 1									
07 June 2009		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	Widnes A	10	8	2	0	38.5	21.5	17	18
2	St Helens A	10	6	2	2	35.5	24.5	11	14
3	Atherton A	10	3	3	4	32	28	4	9
4	Central A	10	3	2	5	27	33	-6	8
5	Penketh A	10	3	1	6	24.5	35.5	-11	7
6	Northwich A	10	1	2	7	22.5	37.5	-15	4

St Helens B was withdrawn from competition just before the season began

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Division 2									
07 June 2009		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	Culcheth-Lymm A	12	11	0	1	56	16	40	22
3	Padgate A	12	7	2	3	37.5	34.5	3	16
2	Wigan-Knights	12	6	2	4	41.5	30.5	11	14
5	Atherton B	12	6	1	5	37.5	34.5	3	13
4	St Helens C	12	3	2	7	31	41	-10	8
6	Runcorn	12	3	2	7	25.5	46.5	-21	8
7	Ormskirk A	12	1	1	10	23	49	-26	3

Division 3									
07 June 2009		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	Northwich B	10	8	0	2	38	22	16	16
2	Winwick A	10	6	2	2	34.5	25.5	9	14
3	Culcheth-Lymm B	10	6	0	4	34	26	8	12
4	Widnes B	10	5	1	4	31	29	2	11
5	Penketh B	10	2	0	8	20.5	39.5	-19	4
6	Ormskirk B	10	1	1	8	22	38	-16	3

Division 4									
07 June 2009		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	Padgate B	12	8	2	2	41.5	18.5	23	18
3	St Helens D	12	8	0	4	35	25	10	16
2	Skelmersdale	12	6	3	3	36	24	12	15
5	Winwick B	12	6	2	4	31.5	28.5	3	14
4	Northwich C	12	5	1	6	24	36	-12	11
6	Culcheth-Lymm C	12	2	2	8	23.5	36.5	-13	6
7	Formby	12	1	2	9	18.5	41.5	-23	4

Match Sectary Report 2008-9

Division 1

Champions - Widnes A
Bottom Place Northwich A

I can report a good season for Division 1, Unfortunately St Helens B withdrew from the division so the field was cut to 6 Teams instead of the usual 7. Out of the 30 matches to be played notification of all the matches were returned, 9 boards were defaulted in total with 1 Full Match being defaulted no disputes to note

Division 2

Champions -Cultheth-Lymm A
Bottom Place Ormskirk A

I can report a good season for division2 , Cultheth -Lymm A were in very impressive form this season only losing 1 game and finished with aboard difference of 40.. very well Done out of the 42 matches to be played notification of all the matches were returned , 15 boards were defaulted in total with 2 Full Match being defaulted one dispute was noted with regard an adjourned game which was dealt with by the league secretary

Division 3

Champions -Northwich B
Bottom Place Ormskirk B

Unfortunately I have to report that obtaining results for matches in this division proved something of a challenge!
It is expected that Widnes B, Ormskirk B and Penketh B captains will improve and send match score cards in on time next season
One match Score card fail to materialize and is still unaccounted for, although the match result is now known
on the plus side this division had only 4 defaulted games overall

Division 4

Champions -Padgate B
Bottom Place Formby

Another good season for division 4, no Problems to report here , this division always has the best record for returning results and playing matches on time etc , there were 12 boards defaulted and 2 full match defaults in total

Brian Martin
Match Secretary
6th June 2009

W. & D. C. L 2009
1st DIVISION CHAMPIONS
WIDNES A

W. & D. C. L 2009
2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONS
CULCHETH-LYMM A

W. & D. C. L 2009
3rd DIVISION CHAMPIONS
NORTHWICH B

W. & D. C. L 2009
4th DIVISION CHAMPIONS
PADGATE B

W. & D. C. L 2008
PENINSULA CUP WINNERS
GRAPPENHALL

W. & D. C. L 2008
PENINSULA CUP RUNNERS UP
WIGAN-KNIGHTS

W. & D. C. L 2008
KALMAR CUP WINNERS
WIDNES

W. & D. C. L 2008
KALMAR CUP RUNNERS UP
CULCHETH-LYMM

W. & D. C. L 2008
KALMAR SHIELD WINNERS
GRAPPENHALL 2

W. & D. C. L 2008
KALMAR SHIELD RUNNERS UP
GRAPPENHALL 1

W. & D. C. L 2008
DIVISION 1 PLAYER OF THE SEASON
BARRY GROVES

W. & D. C. L 2008
DIVISION 2 PLAYER OF THE SEASON
IAN JOHNSON

W. & D. C. L 2008
DIVISION 3 PLAYER OF THE SEASON
JOHN BENYON

W. & D. C. L 2008
DIVISION 4 PLAYER OF THE SEASON
DAVID KELLY

RICHARD FURNESS 400 LEAGUE 2009
PLAYER OF THE SEASON
DAVID KELLY

RICHARD FURNESS 400 LEAGUE 2009
WINNERS
ST HELENS A

W. & D. C. L 2009
INDIVIDUAL LIGHTNING
WINNER

W. & D. C. L 2009
TEAM LIGHTNING
WINNER

W. & D. C. L 2009
U100 INDIVIDUAL LIGHTNING
WINNER

Annual Trophies

- Presidents Cup -
- WDCL Player of the Season -
- Div 1 Trophy – Widnes A
- Div 2 Trophy – Culcheth-Lymm A
- Div 3 Trophy – Northwich B
- Div 4 Trophy – Padagte B
- Peninsula Cup – Grappenhall
- Kalmar Cup - Widnes
- Kalmar Shield – Grappenhall 2
- Individual Lightning -
- U100 Lightning -