

AGENDA WDCL Annual General Meeting Monday - 27 June 2011

1. Opening Address by Hon. President
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of WDCL AGM 2010
4. Report - Hon. Secretary
5. Report - Hon. Treasurer
6. Report - Match Secretary
7. Report - Competition Secretary
8. Presentation - Outstanding Trophies
9. Election Of Officers:
 - 9.1 President Simon Woodcock
 - 9.2 Vice President Peter Furlong
 - 9.3 Secretary **Vacant**
 - 9.4 Treasurer Simon Atkinson
 - 9.5 Match Secretary Judy Brown
 - 9.6 League Grader Martin Cooksey
 - 9.7 ECF Grader Stephen Harrison
 - 9.8 Competitions Secretary Paul Talbot
 - 9.9 Junior Organiser Gareth Ellis
 - 9.10 Fixtures Secretary Peter Furlong
 - 9.11 Webmaster/Publicity Officer Clinton Halsall
 - 9.12 Auditor Tom Vout
 - 9.13 Disputes Panel **VACANT**Nominations received: **NONE**
10. Formation of Divisions
 - 10.1 Division 1
Atherton A, Culcheth A, Northwich A, Padgate A, St Helens A, Warrington Central, Widnes A
 - 10.2 Division 2
Atherton B, Northwich B, Ormskirk A, Penketh A, St Helens B, Wigan Knights A, Winwick A
 - 10.3 Division 3
Culcheth B, Padgate B, Penketh B, Runcorn, Widnes B, Wigan Knights B
 - 10.4 Division 4
Culcheth C, Formby, Ormskirk B, Skelmersdale, St Helens C, Winwick B
 - 10.5 Richard Furness 500 League Entrants
 - 10.6 Peninsula Cup Entrants
 - 10.7 Kalmar Cup Entrants
 - 10.8 Kalmar Shield Entrants
 - 10.9 Freshers League Entrants - also Report from Judy Brown
11. Diary
 - 11.1 5th Sep 2011 Handbooks (2011-2012 season) and Team Lightning
Note: Clubs who fail to collect their handbooks will be charged postage.
 - 11.2 30th Apr 2012 Peninsula Cup Final
 - 11.3 14th May 2012 Kalmar Cup Final
 - 11.4 21st May 2012 Kalmar Shield Final
 - 11.5 11th Jun 2012 Trophy Presentation and Individual Lightning
 - 11.6 25th Jun 2012 WDCL AGM 2012 (proposal deadline 7:30pm 14 May 2012)
12. AOB
 - 12.1 Rules committee - Submission of proposed rules for acceptance by the W&DCL
 - 12.2 Proposals - attached
13. Meeting close

12.2 WDCL AGM Proposals

12.2.1 No. of Boards

12.2.1.1 Simon Woodcock (Atherton):

Rational: easy transport, only 1 car, numbers falling in the leagues and this may help reduce defaults.

Proposal: Atherton chess club would like to propose that the league reduce the numbers of players in a team to 5 players across all the divisions.

Obvious that panels would change accordingly but we are not putting that in the proposal.

12.2.1.2 Paul Talbot (Wigan Knights):

Rational: This would help alleviate the problems some teams have with finding enough players and defaults and may even lead to an increase in the number of teams clubs are able to field in the league. Proposal: matches in all divisions reduce to 5 boards with the away team having white on odds (similar to division 4). This would mean that the number of panel players could be reduced from 4 to 3 which I would like to also be part of this proposal.

12.2.2 Equipment Purchase

12.2.2 St Helens CC

Proposal: The WDCL purchases 6 digital clocks and keeps them at Winwick for the purpose of use at the Cup finals.

12.2.3 Clocks and Rate of Play

12.2.3 St Helens CC / Judy Brown (Match Secretary)

Rationale: The league has players of various abilities and styles of play. In order to consider people who find fixed finishes particularly stressful, and to assist league officers that can end up having to spend considerable time sorting out disputes around the 10.2 rule, a further time control option is suggested if both players agree to it. The Fischer time control is used at the British Championships and many Congresses around the country due to the fact that it prevents a player from trying to win purely on time, and reduces stress on both players and officials.

The idea is that there is always at least 10 seconds in which to move, and therefore if a position is drawn, there is time to demonstrate it.

A game can go over 3 hours if it goes on for more than 60 moves. However, as players are then moving at a rate of 10 seconds a move, even a 90-move game would only last 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Proposal: Clocks should be started at the official (or agreed) starting time, after the opponents have agreed the rate of play.

The opponent of an absent player is entitled to decide the rate of play (from the 3 options below), and may set, and start, the clocks accordingly.

The 'normal' rate of play is Fixed finish (see detail below.)

The alternative time control options are 'long' and 'Fischer' (see below.) Fischer time can only be chosen if a suitable (digital) clock is available.

The 3 time control options:

Fixed Finish

All moves in 90 minutes.

Fischer Time

All moves in 1 hour and 20 mins. Plus 10 secs increment from move 1.

(NB When playing this time control, a draw can not be claimed under rule 10.2)

Long play

36 moves in the first 90 minutes with a time check every 24 moves per hour thereafter.

The game can not be adjourned unless it has been in progress for a minimum of 3 hours.

12.2.4 Postponed Matches

12.2.4 Judy Brown (WDCL Match Secretary)

Rationale: This season, there have been so many re-arranged matches that the second half of the season contained far more matches than the first. One team went into March having played less than half of their matches, several others having played precisely half.

Proposal: All matches that are scheduled for the first half of the season must be played by January 31st.