

# AGENDA

## WDCL Annual General Meeting Monday - 27 June 2011

Present: Simon Woodcock (President), Clinton Halsall (Secretary), Simon Atkinson (Treasurer), Gareth Dykes (Ormskirk), Bill Potts (Ormskirk), Colin Ford (Runcorn), Neil Folland (Skelmersdale), Peter Newcomb (Skelmersdale), Derek Holland (Skelmersdale), Tom Vout (Culcheth Lymm), Paul Jackson (Atherton), Martin Lythgoe (Atherton), Martin Cooksey (Penketh), Judy Brown (St Helens), Bernard Bedworth (Winwick), Peter Furlong (Winwick), Ray Smith (St Helens), Ste Potter (St Helens), Gareth Ellis (Widnes), Andy Coe (Culcheth Lymm), Nick Cooke (Culcheth Lymm), Jonathon Smith (Culcheth Lymm), Mark Talbot (Wigan Knights), Paul Talbot (Wigan Knights), David Merry (Wigan Knights), Sean Murphy (Ormskirk).

1. Opening Address by Hon. President  
Declining numbers within chess making it difficult for clubs.
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of WDCL AGM 2009  
Accepted P: J Brown S: R Smith
4. Report - Hon. Secretary  
Smooth year apart from a few minor disputes.
5. Report - Hon. Treasurer  
Financially healthy. Difficult year due to grading charges. Discussed grading status to be reported by Match Secretary (e.g. ECF/NMS, game fee).
6. Report - Match Secretary  
Attached  
Also Judy expressed she would like the W&DCL to fund Freshers League Trophies to enable the league to run F.O.C.
7. Report - Competition Secretary  
Only 2 defaults across all competitions. Congratulations to St Helens for gaining places in all 3 finals and winning 2 of them (Peninsular Cup, Kalmar Shield) and Congratulations to Widnes for winning the the Kalmar Cup.  
1<sup>st</sup> round jamboree was well received.
8. Presentation – Outstanding Trophies
9. Election Of Officers:

9.1	President	Simon Woodcock
9.2	Vice President	Peter Furlong
9.3	Secretary	<b>VACANT</b>
9.4	Treasurer	Simon Atkinson
9.5	Match Secretary	Judy Brown
9.6	League Grader	Martin Cooksey
9.7	ECF Grader	Martin Cooksey
9.8	Competitions Secretary	Paul Talbot
9.9	Junior Organiser	<b>Vacant</b>
9.10	Fixtures Secretary	Paul Talbot
9.11	Webmaster/Publicity Officer	Clinton Halsall
9.12	Auditor	Tom Vout
9.13	Disputes Panel	<b>to be formed when required</b>

Nominations received: **NONE**
10. Formation of Divisions
  - 10.1 Division 1  
Atherton A, St Helens A, Central A, Culcheth A, Padgate A, Knights A Ormskirk A, Widnes A
  - 10.2 Division 2  
Northwich A, St Helens B, Atherton B, Penketh A, Winwick A, Ormskirk B, Runcorn,

## Culcheth B

### 10.3 Division 3

Widnes B, Knights B, Padgate B, Selmersdale, Culcheth C, Ormskirk C, St Helens C

### 10.4 Division 4

disbanded

### 10.5 Richard Furness 500 League Entrants

attached

### 10.6 Peninsula Cup Entrants

attached

### 10.7 Kalmar Cup Entrants

attached

### 10.8 Kalmar Shield Entrants

attached

### 10.9 Freshers League Entrants – also Report from Judy Brown

attached

## 11. Diary

### 11.1 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2011 Handbooks (2011-2012 season) and Team Lightning

Note: **Clubs who fail to collect their handbooks will be charged postage.**

### 11.2 30 Apr 2012 Peninsula Cup Final

### 11.3 14 May 2012 Kalmar Cup Final

### 11.4 21 May 2012 Kalmar Shield Final

### 11.5 11 Jun 2012 Trophy Presentation and Individual Lightning

### 11.6 25 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

New rules accepted with the following amendments:-

8.5.3 Disputes panel to be formed when required.

9.2 to be reverted back to “current playing strength”

**Accepted (18-0-0)**

Martin formally thanked JS and SP for their work drafting the new rules.

### 12.3 Proposals

#### 12.3 WDCL AGM Proposals

##### 12.3.1 No. of Boards

###### 12.3.1.1 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.

Martin Cooksey suggested discussing 12.3.1.2 first as it seemed a fuller proposal.

**WITHDRAWN**

###### 12.3.1.2 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.

**NOT CARRIED (11-8-0)**

### **12.3.2 Equipment Purchase**

#### **12.3.2 St Helens CC**

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

**NOT CARRIED (5-13-0)**

### **12.3.3 Clocks and Rate of Play**

#### **12.3.3 St Helens CC**

**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.

**NOT CARRIED (5-12-2)**

### **12.3.4 Postponed Matches**

#### **12.3.4 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.

**NOT CARRIED (10-6-3)**

#### **12.4 Any Other Business**

**12.4.1** Gareth Dykes enquired about liability insurance.

Suggestion were made, ECF insurance or Venue insurance if a members club

**12.4.2** Suggest trophy presentations to move to AGM as Trophy night is poorly attended. It was also noted that Lightning events may not be viable in the future due to poor turn out.

**12.4.3** Bernard Bedworth informed us of the sad loss of Ken Horne (Winwick).

Ken was a long time participant in the W&DCL and will be sadly missed.

**13** Close 22:05hr

Clinton Halsall