

## Witney Chess Club AGM 12/9/2011

Twelve members present

Apologies: Helen Meyrick, Ian Gilders, Catriona Hauer

### 1. Junior chess

There are fifteen paid up youngsters at present, five of whom have played for the third team in the league last season.

We held a very successful Junior Rapidplay Tournament last October.

Several of our youngsters represented Oxfordshire and several played in the Junior 4NCL.

### 2. First team (captain: Mike Truran)

A great year in which we won Division 1 and reached the semi-final of the Frank Wood Shield. Mark Hannon had the best record with 12 points out of a possible 13, closely followed by Dave Hackett with 10 out of 12.

### 3. Second team (captain: Derek Edwards)

After a cracking start with five wins out of five we faded a bit in the second half of the season and finished third. Anco van Velsen had the best League record with 6.5 out of 9, with Otto Sanodze and Patrick Moss not far behind.

### 4. Third team (captain: Roger Turner)

The challenge was not only to obtain promotion but also to give some youngsters a game, both of which were achieved with a first place in the league and five youngsters playing a total of 14 games.

### 5. Thanks were expressed to the three captains.

### 6. The treasurer reported on the annual accounts and the development fund, which are attached. The balance was just over £800. It was agreed to buy a commemorative board and set to mark Witney winning the ECF's Website of the year award.

It was agreed to keep the annual subscription at £40, with juniors, pensioners and concessions at £20, so that funds would be available to purchase new sets and boards if the opportunity arose and to help ease a possible transition into a membership rather than game fee world (see below).

Some new boards might be needed to replace some that were beginning to split.

Thanks were expressed to the Treasurer.

7. Officers elected were:

Chairman: Alan Kennedy

Secretary: Tim Partridge

Treasurer: Mike Truran

First team captain: Mike Truran

Second team captain: Alan Gentry

Third team captain: Roger Turner

Fourth team captain: Tim Partridge

8. Team squads

First team: Peter Richmond, Mike Truran, Tim Headlong, Mark Hannon, Dave Hackett, Anco van Velsen, Peter Wells (reserves: Alan Gentry, Howard Searle, Derek Edwards)

Second team: Alan Gentry, Howard Searle, Derek Edwards, Patrick Moss, Otto Sanodze, Richard Weston, Matt Coburn (reserves: Alan Kennedy, Roger Turner)

Third team: Alan Kennedy, Roger Turner, Mark Flory, Ian Gilders, Bob Kilbride-Newman, Jon Murray (reserves: Tim Partridge, Joseph Truran, Isabel Hauer)

Fourth team: Tim Partridge, Guy Plowman, Helen Meyrick, Charlie Manning, Duncan Enright, Joseph Truran, Isabel Hauer, Luke Plowman, Andy Manning, Marianne Hauer, Martin, Xavier Lawson-Smith, Jake Holton, Jenny Manning.

Other players available on an occasional basis: Jonathan Kennedy, John Appleyard, Jonathan Strode, Keith Broome.

9. ECF proposals

It was agreed that we were happy to support the ECF's proposals that all players should become members of the ECF instead of the present levy based on games.

10. Fund raising efforts

Various efforts were already arranged: Witney Junior Tournament in conjunction with an adult Rapid Play Tournament (8 October), quiz night (3 December), Peter Wells Evenings (7 November and 5 March), club dinner (end of April).