

Preston Chess Club
Annual General Meeting
Agenda – Wednesday July 24th, 2024

1) Apologies for Absence

Paul O'Mara, Jonathan Parton, Dan Siggers

2) Minutes of Last Meeting, matters arising

No matters arising, apart from audit. Picked up in secretary's report.

3) Chairman's Report (Alan)

Welcome to members. Good venue, expect to stay. Thanked everyone for their support throughout the year. As one of the oldest members, nice to see the club still thriving with new members onboard.

4) Secretary's Report (Carl)

Carl provided report to the meeting, copy attached to the minutes.

As part of the discussions that took place, it was agreed that we would need to purchase extra sets and boards.

5) Treasurer's Report, subs for next year (Conor)

Treasurer's Report circulated and discussed.

£30 for adults, £15 for juniors.

Slight error, to amend for minutes.

Meeting accepted accounts / report.

6) Congress Update (Conor, Malcolm)

Not viable to run last year, no new venue found.

Not running one this year, likely to be end of Preston Congress unless others step forward.

There was a general discussion around running a congress. Malcolm indicated it is a lot of work, and with no viable venue it looks to be a none starter. Conor to check status of account, to ensure not frozen.

7) Team Captain's Reports

- a. B&F Preston 1 – Graham provided a report to the meeting. Team won the Division Title. Thanks to the players. Challenge Cup lost in the final against Poulton. Stepping down as Captain. Thanks to everyone who has played over last 7 years.
- b. B&F Preston 2 – Carl provided report
- c. B&F Preston 3 - struggled during season, but good to get players involved and who are new to the game. Thanks to all players who took part.
- d. B&F Preston 4 - no report from captain.

- e. B&F Rapidplay – Malc organised games, handicap. Preston won the tournament.
- f. Central Lancashire – Team in the A division, came 2nd in the league, 10 different players. Knockout we lost to Atherton on board count.

8) Election of Officers

- a. President – Alan elected.
- b. Secretary – Carl elected.
- c. Treasurer – Conor elected.

9) Number of Teams for next season

Same teams for next season. Preference to put a team in Division C.
Preston 1 – captaincy. Defer, approach Hamble.

10) Club Championship

Carl provided a verbal report, copy attached. Winner this year JIM SUMNER 4.5 / 5.

11) Any Other Business

- a. **ECF Funding** – have members seen the e-mail, any suggestions, maybe funding to set up a Preston Junior section with display boards etc?
- b. **Lancashire Chess Association Teams Event** – teams of 4 players, format not decided. Happy to take one team and have half a team, any more volunteers, possible multiple teams?

The meeting finished at 20:52