Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation, 2021 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 20th November 2021

Online via Zoom 13:00

Chair's Welcome

Apologies for Absence

Approval of the 2020 Minutes

- Matters arising

Election of Officials

- President
- International Secretary and Delegate to ICCF
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Co-option of Executive Committee Members

- Webmaster
- Friendly Match Coordinator
- Player Onboarding Officer
- Other EC members

Nominations for Honorary/Life Membership

- None received

Awards Received 2020-2021

- SIM Claridge, John B.
- IM Jones, Ian
- IA Wakeham, Marc R.
- CCE/CCM titles

Financial Matters

- Financial report
- Financial plan
- Expense claims
- Review of free entries for new players
- Player non-payments
- International Membership Review
- 2022 Price List (following ICCF Proposal **2021-025** Reduction of Tournament Fees for 2022)

- Proposal to donate to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association to support the 2022 ICCF Congress (AL).

ICCF Proposals 2021 Implications

- **2021-009** Remove the Possibility for Players who Achieved Places 1-3 in a National CC championship to Play in MN/B Tournaments (will require the rules of the WCCC to be updated)
- **2021-010** Ensuring All Players Have the Same Initial Amount of Reflection Time (may cause some confusion among players)
- **2021-020** Update to the ICCF Privacy Policy (GDPR Requirement) (implications for Welsh participation in BCCA events)
- **2021-034** Risk Management - Webserver Open Tournaments (Implications for management and price structure of the Second Welsh Open)
- **2021-037** Allow Friendly Matches to Have Regional Teams and Isolated Players (Some discussion around our request to explicitly exclude "British" or "UK" teams from this proposal)

Member Proposals

1. WCCF to resign from Zone One and not join another zone (AL).
2. Non-Acceptance of entries from players deemed by the WCCF Committee to be in poor standing (RS).
3. Non-Selection of players with significant default history for Welsh Events (RS).
4. New British Team Tournament (RS). (Possible Scheveningen event?)
5. Review of incoming invitations; WCCF should nominate players only for tournaments which are either genuine memorials or tournaments for which the primary purpose is to further the chess opportunities of the invited players, we should not be nominating players for "vanity" tournaments (AL). Consider a proposal to ICCF to prohibit the names of tournaments from including the names of living individuals.

Tournaments

Domestic

- Welsh Championship
- Trios (incl. requirement for ICCF approval)
- Welsh Team Club Championship
- WCCF Special (Christmas Blitz)

International Tournaments run by WCCF

- First Welsh Open
- Second Welsh Open
- States and Regions (S&RCCC)
- British Webserver Team Tournament (BWSTT)
- North Atlantic Team Tournament (8)
- Invitational Series

Currently Suspended Events

- Member Organisations Team Tournament

- Tri Nations

Discussion on the future of these events.

International Matters

British Events
- British Webserver Team Tournament
- British Committee
  - British Correspondence Chess Championship
  - Counties and Districts CC Championship
- WCCF Approval of other Regional Events
  - Natcor (already submitted and approved)
  - BCCA (none submitted to date)

International Team Events and Selection
- European Team Championship 12 Semi Finals
- European Team Championship 11 Final
- Olympiad
- U2300 Team Tournaments
- Euro Team Cup
- World Team Cup
- Friendly matches
- Champions League

International Individual Events
- National nomination for WCCC cycle

ICCF Congress 2021, Glasgow
- Welsh representation and participation
- Proposals for Congress and consultation process

Development
- Recruitment/player demographics
- Player development and progress towards international titles
- Progress and qualification in international team events
- Tournament director/tournament organiser development

Marketing
- Website

Ten Year Anniversary Celebrations
- Discussion on how to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the formation of WCCF.