

Stonehaven Chess Club AGM, 22nd May 2024, Drumlithie Inn***Agenda (as distributed prior to meeting)***

See Appendix 1. Meeting agreed that PC would chair the meeting until a new chairperson is elected. PC volunteered to take Minutes.

Membership:

Agreed all those present were bona fide members with voting rights.

Present:

Paddy Coffield, Lewis Matheson, Bruce Harrold, Ethan Turnbull, Jamie Stout, Keith Emery, Tate Randle, Thomas Stidolph, Alan Cundill, David Bridges, Kyle Forbes

Apologies:

Jack Byres, Robbie Williamson

Constitution:

A proposed Constitution had been drafted and circulated previously by PC together with a list of those items which he thought we might consider changing. (Appendix 2)

The following changes were agreed:

- In 3.4.4 add “Players joining between 1st January and the end of the season will pay 50% of the full annual membership fee.”
- In 3.4.4 add “Junior members will pay 50% of the Adult membership fee.”
- In 5.3.2 at the end change “25% of Club members” to “25% or 4 of the voting members of the Club whichever is greater. The quorum for the Extraordinary Meeting will be 25% or 4 of the voting members of the Club whichever is greater.”
- In 6.1 at the end change “25% of the Club members” to “25% or 4 of the voting members of the Club whichever is greater”

The Constitution as amended was accepted unanimously.

Management Committee:

The following members were elected:

- Chairperson: Lewis Matheson
- Secretary: Tate Randle
- Treasurer: Ethan Turnbull
- Competition Manager: Keith Emery
- Communications Manager: Jamie Stout

PC will notify Chess Scotland of the new committee members.

LM will setup JS as admin for the Club Facebook page.

LM took over as chair.

Summary of Activities 2023-24:

The Club played in Division 3 of the SNCL – results here:

https://www.chessscotland.com/grading-results/event2024/SNCL_Division_3.html

Paddy Coffield won the Club Championship. (results in Appendix 4). A trophy has been purchased and will be engraved and presented.

Bruce Harrold won the Quick Play (results in Appendix 5).

An “Achievement Award” medal will be awarded to the player who has shown the best improvement over the season.

Grading changes are shown in Appendix 3.

Planned Activities:

It was agreed to participate in the SNCL next season.

It was agreed to participate in the TAFCA (Tayside and Fife Chess Association) League next season. TAFCA have said that they will be prepared to accept our application provided we play all our home games in Dundee or Newport-on-Tay. TAFCA games will be played mid-week, around 9 games, roughly one every three weeks.

A Club Championship and Quick Play tournament will be arranged. The Competition Manager has delegated the organisation of these to PC.

It was agreed that the Club would continue to meet on Wednesday evenings 18:00 to 21:00 in the Drumlithie Inn.

A programme will be drawn up once the TAFCA match schedule is known.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income:

£180 from membership fees.

Expenditure:

£100 for SNCL

£45 for Chess Scotland club registration

Balance £35 (see Note 1 below)

Budget 2024-25

SNCL	Registration	£100
Chess Scotland	Registration	£45
TAFCA	Registration	£50
Trophies,	incl. Engraving	£80
KE travelling expenses	Note 2 below	£30

Note 1: Most of this will be used towards engraving trophies.

Note 2: It was agreed that the Club would approve KE's request for reimbursement of travelling expenses to represent the club at TAFCA meetings

Ideally the Club would aim to purchase some digital clocks if and when funds allow.

Full Adult membership fee was set at £30 for next season. Therefore, Junior membership fee will be £15.

Other Matters

It was agreed that there would be no lower age limit for members. However, we would expect those under 16 to be accompanied by an adult.

DB suggested trying to find a venue in Angus for home games in the TAFCA League. (To be followed up)

KE recommended that the Club does not adopt a recent FIDE rule that prohibits a player moving a piece before his or her opponent has completed their previous move by pressing their clock button.

It was agreed to refer this matter to Chess Scotland for clarification and explaining our intention and confirming their approval before making a decision.

Date of Next AGM: will take place in May 2024 as agreed in the Constitution. Members will be balloted to find a date which maximises the number of attendees.

Appendix 1: Agenda

- 1 Membership, Those Present, Apologies
- 2 Constitution
 - 2.1 Discussion of proposed constitution
 - 2.2 Amendments to the proposed constitution
 - 2.3 Voting to accept the proposed constitution
- 3 Management Committee Elections
 - 3.1 Chairperson
 - 3.2 Secretary
 - 3.3 Treasurer
 - 3.4 Competitions Manager
 - 3.5 Communications Manager
- 4 Summary of Activities 2023-24
 - 4.1 Scottish National Chess League
 - 4.2 Other matches
 - 4.3 Club Championship
 - 4.4 Club Quick Play Tournament
- 5 Participation in local, regional and national competitions for which the club is eligible
- 6 Schedule of activities for 2024-25
 - 6.1 League matches
 - 6.2 Club competitions
 - 6.3 Regular club meetings
- 7 Treasurer's Report
 - 7.1 Accounts for 2023-24
 - 7.2 Budget for 2024-25
- 7.3 Membership fees, 2024-25 for Adult and Junior members
- 8 Any other relevant business previously notified to members

Appendix 2: Constitution Points for Discussion

Article	Subject	Proposal	Other Options
3.1	Adult members	16+	18+
3.4.4	Membership renewal	Sept each year	Anniversary of joining
3.4.4	Membership fee	Single payment	Instalments
3.7b	Suspensions	1 to 5 weeks	any other number of weeks
4.2	Management Committee roles	"Chairperson"	"President"
4.2	Management Committee roles	5 roles	other roles?
5.1.1	AGM	May	August, Sept?
5.1.2	AGM Quorum	25%; 4	33%, 50%; 5, 6 members
5.3.2 and 6.1	Extraordinary Meeting	support of 25% of members	support of 50% of members

Appendix 3: Grading Changes 2023-24:

Stonehaven Club Listing as at 23 May 2024

Rank	PNUM	Name	Status	Grade	New Grade	Change	Games Played
1	30459	Connor Bell-Watson	-	0	0	0	4
2	15848	David Bridges	-	1222	1208	-14	8
3	31961	Jack Byres	-	0	0	-	0
4	31687	Stonehaven Chess Club	-	0	0	-	0
5	3549	Patrick J Coffield	-	1496	1512	16	2
6	3658	Alan P Cundill	-	1630	1624	-6	2
7	9859	Keith Emery	-	1533	1452	-81	25
8	4277	Bruce T Harrold	-	1528	1495	-33	4
9	29447	Gary Kinkead	-	0	0	-	0
10	4722	Robert Lothian	-	1992	1997	5	20
11	12137	Duncan Lyall	-	1388	1388	-	0
12	30753	Lewis A Matheson	-	0	0	0	5
13	31596	Tate Randle	-	0	0	0	10
14	22892	Thomas Stidolph	-	0	1395	1395	11
15	30853	Jamie Stout	-	0	0	0	4
16	31666	Ethan Turnbull	-	0	0	0	3
17	26270	Robbie Williamson	-	0	0	0	4

Gradings only include games from the following Events

Richardson Cup 2024 (19/05/2024)	TAFCA League Division One (28/04/2024)
SNCL Division 1 (23/04/2024)	SNCL Division 3 (23/04/2024)
Stonehaven Club Gradable (20/03/2024)	Stonehaven Club Championship 2023-24 (19/03/2024)
TAFCA Individual Congress 2024 (08/03/2024)	Oban - Open (21/11/2023)
Oban - Minor (21/11/2023)	Dundee Congress Major 2023 (17/10/2023)
Inter-Club Challenge Match 1st of 2 (09/10/2023)	128th Scottish Championship (28/07/2023)
Last Seasons Ungraded Games (01/07/2023)	

Stonehaven Club Listing (Allegro) as at 23 May 2024

Rank	PNUM	Name	Status	Grade	New Grade	Change	Games Played
1	30459	Connor Bell-Watson	-	0	1284	1284	13
2	15848	David Bridges	-	1222	1240	18	7
3	31961	Jack Byres	-	0	0	0	7
4	31687	Stonehaven Chess Club	-	0	0	-	0
5	3549	Patrick J Coffield	-	1496	1486	-10	7
6	3658	Alan P Cundill	-	1630	1604	-26	7
7	9859	Keith Emery	-	1624	1513	-111	18
8	4277	Bruce T Harrold	-	1528	1550	22	7
9	29447	Gary Kinkead	-	0	0	-	0
10	4722	Robert Lothian	-	1992	1992	-	0
11	12137	Duncan Lyall	-	1388	1388	-	0
12	30753	Lewis A Matheson	-	0	1284	1284	12
13	31596	Tate Randle	-	0	0	0	7
14	22892	Thomas Stidolph	-	0	1378	1378	15
15	30853	Jamie Stout	-	0	0	0	7
16	31666	Ethan Turnbull	-	0	1418	1418	8
17	26270	Robbie Williamson	-	0	1176	1176	9

Gradings only include games from the following Events

Stonehaven Allegro 2024 (23/05/2024)	The 4th George Pyrich Allegro - Castlehill (02/04/2024)
The 5th George Pyrich Allegro - Newport Knights (02/04/2024)	The 3rd George Pyrich Allegro 23-24 Dundee (25/03/2024)
The 2nd George Pyrich Allegro 23-24 Perth (06/02/2024)	Edinburgh Dean Allegro Intermediate (09/08/2023)
Livingston Allegro Intermediate July 2023 (28/07/2023)	Last Seasons Ungraded Games (01/07/2023)

Appendix 4: Club Championship (Swiss)

	BH	DB	ET	JS	KE	LM	PC	RW	TR	TS	CW	Bye	Total
Bruce Harrold	X		1	0		0		1	1	0			3
David Bridges		X		1		0		0		1	0		1 3
Ethan Turnbull	0	0			X			0	1	1			1 3
Jamie Stout	1					0	0	0.5	1				1 3.5
Keith Emery		1					0.5		1	0.5			3 withdrew after 4 rounds
Lewis Matheson	1			1			0	0		0	1		3
Paddy Coffield		1	1	1	0.5	1	X			1			5.5
Robbie Williamson	0		0	0.5		1		X		0	1		2.5
Tate Randle	0	0	0	0	0							1	1
Thomas Stidolph	1	1			0.5	1	0	1					4.5
Connor Watson						0	0					0	0 withdrew after 2 rounds
	White	Black											

Appendix 5: Quick Play (Allegro) Tournament

	ET	BH	AC	JB	LM	DB	TR	PC	TS	Total
1 Ethan Turnbull	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
2 Bruce Harrold	1	X		1	1	1	0	1	1 0.5	6.5
3 Alan Cundhill	1	0	X	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	5.5
4 Jack Byres	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Lewis Matheson	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	0	0	3
6 David Bridges	0	1	0.5	1	0	X	1	0	0	3.5
8 Tate Randle	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	0	1	2
9 Paddy Coffield	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	X	0	5
10 Thomas Stidolph	1	0.5	0	1	1	1	0	1	X	5.5
	White									
	Black									