

**BLANCHARDSTOWN CHESS CLUB "BCC"**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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The Annual General Meeting of the BCC was duly convened and held at Brady's Inn Castleknock at 9pm on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The following participated:

- John Delaney
  - Manolis Pantelias (Club Secretary)
  - Susan Looby (Club Treasurer)
  - John Comey
  - Randolph Bruin
  - Gábor Bölkény
  - Stefan Baczkowski
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**1. CHAIRMAN**

It was resolved that John Delaney be elected Chairman of the Meeting.  
Minutes of the previous 2013/14 AGM were read out by the Secretary.

**2. CHESS YEAR**

**i. Chairman Address**

1. CHAIR REPORT - Chess Activities 2014/15

We ran the Irish Junior Championship (April 12-14) to general acclaim.  
Our senior team managed by Luke Scott won promotion to Division 2 (Heidenfeld)

Our players also met significant success in 2014/15 at the Leinster and Irish Junior championships.

Some detail is as follows:

- 1) Danny Dwyer was selected for Ireland and played in the Stokes Cup – August 2014
- 2) The Club ran chess coaching in October and November (Gabor, Randolph) and also in January (John Delaney).
- 3) The club participated in the Mick Germaine Cup (October 2014)
- 4) Two new senior teams were entered in the O'Connell Cup (Division 7 of the Leinster Senior leagues). Congratulations to Richard Gallery (A team) and John Comey (B team) for the success and for achieving a promotion. This success should not be underestimated. It single handedly doubled the size and reach of the senior club and was critical for Senior Club growth and success. It was crucial to allow more juniors to get ICU chess ratings.
- 5) Website  
John Comey developed the new website during 2014/15.

It is universally applauded. Randolph, Luke Scott, John Comey and John Delaney were especially active in posting messages and keeping the website alive and up to date.

A great development was the introduction of annotated games and match result posts (Randolf) with a gentle annotating style.

6) Leinster Chess Blitz (December 2014)

As always the Club supported the various LCU social events and our turn out was good for the LCU Blitz on December 17th.

7) Grand Prix / Club championship

The Club ran a 5 minute grand prix in November, January and March.

8) A very successful and much enjoyed Christmas party was organised for December 20th.

The Club reopened for business very early in January given the demand.

9) Some selected individual player results of note by our players were

1. Danny Dwyer was selected in January 2015 for the under 16 Youth Olympiad
2. Rudolf Tirziman was selected for ICU coaching (April 2015)
3. Devano Jose came second in the under 14s, Leinster Juniors.
4. Danny Dwyer won the u12 Irish Championship.
5. Rudolf Tirziman came 3rd, under 19s.
6. Vinayak Unnithan won Drogheda
7. Luke Scott, Rudolf Tirziman and Manolis Pantelias won Board Prizes (Ennis Shield)

10) The Club senior team won promotion to Heidenfeld (Div 2); and from O'Sullivan cup to Bodley (Div 6)

11) New ideas and resources were also created and publicised during 2014/15 e.g. a chess ladder.

12) Training tournament: the Club ran a very enjoyable and successful training tournament on March 21st - ahead of the Irish Juniors - as gaeilge!

2. Social purpose of club

Key Event: The Club organised a Bring a Book, Buy a Book on March 7, 2015. This contributed to others as set down in our Club constitution (many thanks to Susan Looby)

## ii. Treasurer's Report

Susan Looby, the club Treasurer provided a report on the BCC financial position and distributed a copy of draft accounts at June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A copy of the final club accounts for the year 2013/14 were also distributed and a copy are attached to these minutes. She advised that closing the 2013/14 chess year the club was in a good financial position with €4,537 income raised through membership fees, fundraising and grants received and with expenditure of €3,792 leaving net income for the 2013/14 chess club year of €745. In 2014/15 chess year the club is currently running at a loss due to the €592.51 loss made on the Irish Juniors Chess Championship event hosted by the club on Apr 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. In addition, due to the amount of time and effort that went into organising the Irish Juniors event, the club has not been in a position to do the annual fundraising that would normally be held in the chess year also hitting our bottom line. The club has requested a grant from the ICU to cover the €592.51 loss made and are waiting to hear back on this following an ICU Executive Meeting to be held on 2nd July 2015. The club has also applied for the Voluntary Youth Club Grant Scheme which had a closing date 28th, May 2014 and are waiting to hear back on this also. The treasurer also asked the club to raise a motion to increase membership fees going into the 2015/16 chess year starting Sept 2015.

### **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015/16:**

#### **Club Captain**

- Luke Scott

#### **Club Committee for 2015/16 is as follows:**

- Chairman: Angelo Moore
- Secretary & Webmaster: John Comey
- Treasurer: Susan Looby
- Child protection: Una Martin
- LCU Delegate & coordinator : Stefan Bachowski
- Lead Fundraiser:
- Senior club leader: Mark Cummins
- Tournament and Event director: Manolis Pantelias
- Junior Coaching Leader: Gabor Bolkeny
- John Delaney
- Raj Sudhakaran
- Maurice Grehan
- Junior club & positions (Various roles for our Juniors to be established & election organised (e.g. Junior Club Captain).)

#### **Team Captians for 2015/16 Leinster Leagues are as follows:**

- Heidenfeld : Randolph Bruin & Luke Scott
- Bodley A : Robbie McLoughlin & Stefan Bachowski
- Bodley B : John Comey and Mark Cummins
- O Sullivan A : Richard Gallery and Filip Lajszczak
- O Sullivan B : (volunteers sought)

#### 4. MOTIONS

[1] Thanks to Manolis we will get back the outstanding Garda vetting forms at the AGM A motion. I would like to be discussed at next AGM is that no volunteer can participate in our club any longer unless they are Garda Vetted,

**Passed – with a 3 month delay to implement**

[2] Each team captain to collect all LCU fees / ICU fees and Club fees at Match 1 ie a Match One rule

**Passed**

[3] All fees to be paid promptly during September and club to only collect payments through website (expand the use of website

**Passed**

[4] 5 teams in year 2015/16

**Passed**

[5] Club to continue to look for new premises for Senior side, with the following for 015/16 (To explore the use of Corduff for matches only)

**Passed - subject to new solution being found**

#### 5. AOB

**Due to shortfall this year it was agreed to increase the membership fees as follows**

- Senior Club membership to be increased to 95 euro for senior members to include 20 euro LCU league fees]
- Junior Club Membership increased to 45 euro
- Family membership 70 euro (Kids only)
- Family Membership (Adults and Kids) 110]
- OAP/3rd Level Student/Unemployed 50% discount
- Free Access policy for those who can't pay remains unchanged.