



# Queens Park CHESS CLUB

## Summary of Committee Meeting

10 Nov 2023 | 64 Walton St, Glasgow G41 3LS

**Present:** Paul Cumming, Rhys McCrosson, Caitlin McCulloch (meeting chair), Jordan McNaught, Derek Rankine

### Action Points

#### Purchases

1. **Paul** to go ahead with agreed purchase of chess sets, including two annotated Stauntons with storage boxes, from London Chess and Bridge Shop.
2. **Paul** to look into separate supplier of individual queens, ideally 6 black & 6 white Stauntons, to complement above.
3. **Paul** to purchase eight Leap clocks and equipment storage boxes from Amazon.
4. **Paul** to liaise with Andrew Speirs to arrange engraving of Club Championship trophy and purchase of small chess awards or medals for blitz, grading and simul prizes.

#### Team Captains

5. **Derek** to switch with Alex Lane and become captain of Dumbarton Team, with Alex as vice captain, in the context of Alex's limited availability.

#### Email Requests

6. Decision - no action will be taken on promoting Sligo chess congress to our members, and international tournaments in general.

#### Club Events

7. Decision - the Club will hold three blitz events this season.
8. **Jordan** to set a date for a Spring blitz, and inform **Rhys** for adding to Club Calendar.
9. **Rhys** to publish a webpage featuring blitz results and future dates.

10. Decision - in the event of excess demand for the 14 May simul with IM Greet, those who did not play in last year's event will be prioritised.

## Donations

11. Decision - following purchases of 1-4, the Club will donate older chess sets and seven chess clocks unsuitable for tournament use to another Club.
12. **Paul** to make initial inquiry with Pollokshields Library, who may be starting weekly chess nights. Garrowhill and Strathaven Chess Clubs are backup options.

## Member Ceiling and Waiting List

13. Decision - a 'no league' membership will be offered to two waiting list members, raising the member ceiling from 50 to 52. *\* note: a post-meeting WhatsApp exchange led to a further increase to 54.*
14. **Derek** to contact waiting list members with a request to complete membership forms and make payment. **Paul** to process applications and monitor payment.
15. Decision - the waiting list will continue to operate, but places will only be offered if an existing member notifies the Committee of quitting, or if it is clear they have completely disengaged from all activities. No new members will be accepted after pairings for round three of the Club Championship have been arranged.

## Graded Friendlies

16. Decision - Committee to revisit a discussion on arranging friendlies with other Clubs, potentially including Wandering Dragons, in the next January meeting, when members' demand for additional rated games may be clearer.

## Donations and Social Membership

17. Decision - the Club will accept donations from members, visitors and other parties.
18. **Rhys** to produce a webpage highlighting our position on welcoming donations, including bank details and a list of donors. Committee Members to share the link with those who enquire about this.
19. Decision - the Club will not establish a 'social membership' or similar, in which visitors are invited to pay a fee to travel with Club Members to national tournaments and play under the Queens Park name. The lack of clear demand and additional administrative burden were cited as reasons against.

## Next Meeting

20. **Caitlin** to suggest a January date for the next meeting.