



Queens Park CHESS CLUB

Summary of Committee Meeting

29 Feb 2024 | 64 Walton St, Glasgow G41 3LS

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

Action Points

Communications

1. **Derek** to update Thursday Group webpage, clarifying return to Corona venue.
2. **Rhys** to share Thursday Group venue change on Club social media.
3. **Caitlin** to share information on the Spring Blitz via WhatsApp and email.
4. **Rhys** to post results of the Autumn Blitz on the website, prior to the Spring Blitz.

Members' Allegro

5. Decision - the tournament results will be submitted for grading to Chess Scotland.
6. Decision - there will be no cap on the number of Members who can take part.
7. Decision - there will be five rounds with Swiss pairings, at the 20+10 time control.
8. Decision - four prizes will be awarded: £100 to the winner; £50 to 2nd place; and two grading prizes, £50 to the best performing intermediate player (**Jordan** to decide rating band for this following confirmation of entrants), and £50 to the best performing ungraded player. Live Chess Scotland allegro gradings will be used. In the event of tied scores, prize money will be shared, there will be no tiebreak method. Players will not be eligible for more than one prize.
9. Decision - the tournament will be called the Queens Park 5th Anniversary Allegro, celebrating the Club's 2019 formation.
10. **Jordan** and **Caitlin** will arbitrate the tournament on the day.
11. **Derek** and **Rhys** will produce a webpage to set out the format and encourage participation.

Storage

12. **Derek** to explore options for storing club equipment over the summer break and liaise with **Paul** in making a suitable arrangement with a local service provider.

Club Prizes

13. Decision - the Club will provide engraved glass awards to: the Spring Blitz winner; the four Allegro prize-winners; and the three best-performing players in the IM Greet simultaneous exhibition, as selected by IM Greet.
14. **Paul** to place an order for the eight glass awards with Andrew Speirs.

Annual General Meeting

15. Decision - the AGM will take place at 7pm on the last Club night of the season, Tuesday 28 May. No chess activity will be provided that evening.
16. **Caitlin** to share AGM invitation and a call for Committee nominations and Member motions by the end of April. In line with the Club Constitution, nominations and motions are to be submitted no later than one week prior to the AGM.

Membership Renewal

17. In mid-July, **Paul** will share an early opportunity with current, active Members, to renew their membership ahead of an open call to the mailing list and wider public.
18. In August, **Paul** and **Rhys** will share an open call for new members via the Club mailing list, website and social media.

Misc

19. **Caitlin** and **Derek** to continue to take a pro-active approach to reducing Club Championship defaults, removing players from the tournament as necessary.
20. **Derek** to confirm to Chess Scotland Committee's satisfaction with Spens & Rosebowl Cup finals taking place in Grangemouth on the weekend of 11/12 May [*post-meeting update - Derek highlighted to Chess Scot, the clash with Club Allegro on the 12th*].
21. Decision - noting travel challenges for Bearsden's junior players and their parents, should the Club remain in a licensed venue next season, Queens Park teams will seek a neutral venue for any home matches vs Bearsden teams that include juniors.

Note by Derek | 1 March 2024