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The Bristol and District Chess League

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To All Clubs and members of
Bristol & District Chess League

Annual General Meeting of the League

Thursday 25 May 2023

At Bristol Grammar School

7:30 pm

The proposed **AGENDA**

1. Chairman's Opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of AGM May 2022
4. Reports from Officers
5. Adoption of the Accounts
6. Trophies and Certificates
7. Election of Officers

The Officers indicated below have agreed to stand for re-election: additional nominations from the floor are welcome.

| Office | Candidate | Office | Candidate |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| President | Clive Walley | Vice-President | George Miller |
| Chair | Mike Minshall | Grading Officer | Stuart Iles |
| Treasurer | Jerry Humphries | Recruitment & Publicity Officer | Vacant |
| Match Secretary | Dave Tipper | Webmaster | Dave Tipper |
| Congress Secretary | Igor Dokleptic | Junior Organiser | Vacant |
| General Secretary | Peter Marks | Auditor NOT LMC | Geoff Dring |

The LMC wish to nominate Peter Marks as the new General Secretary and Stuart Iles as the as the new Grading Officer. Also, Clive Walley for the role of President and George Miller as Vice-President.

8. Motions: -

There are 4 motions proposed:

1. Proposal to change the date that league fees are due
2. Proposal to change the leagues financial year end to Apr 30th
3. Proposal to clarify the ratings situation for players who have a partial rating from playing less than 10 games (P-grade)
4. Proposal to limit the number of times that a strong player may play for a higher team

Details of the motions can be found on the attached list of proposals.

9. Other business at Chair's discretion.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please contact me if any extra information is needed.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Iles

General Secretary.

Proposal 1

Payment of League Fees

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

The LMC proposes that league fees are payable when teams are entered into the league.

Proposal

Modify rules 1.2d

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Proposal 2

Financial Year End

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

With a current year end of 31 March it means that some expenditure (particularly that which is linked to the league congress) is passed into the next season.

A year end of 30 April should mean that all expenditure for the season takes place in one financial year.

Proposal

Modify rules 2.5b

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Proposal 3

ECF Ratings

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

The ECF rating system allocates a rating to players after only one game. This can give new players wildly inaccurate ratings when they first start out.

The existing rule that new players use their first ECF rating for the rest of the season causes problems when that first rating can be based only on one game, specifically playing down eligibility and MKO team selection.

New players are differentiated in the ECF rating system by being given a P-rating. Players are given a P-rating until they have played 10 games. Once they have played 10 games their rating changes to a K-rating. Any player who plays 30 games in a season is given an A rating.

The proposal is that only A or K-ratings should be used during the season. Where a player does not have a rating or has a P-rating then their club should apply to the Grading Officer who will allocate them an appropriate rating.

Proposal

Modify rules 5.3h and 7.3b

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5.3 Eligibility of players

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Proposal 4

Playing up/down

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

The LMC proposes that for strong players (rated between 1800 and 2099) there should be a limit to the number of times that those players should be permitted to play for a higher team.

However, the LMC recognises that for some clubs there can be great difficulty in providing transport for away matches. For some clubs there are players who are critical in providing transport and sometimes for more than one team. As such there are circumstances that require a strong player to be able to play more games than the proposed limit for a higher team. In such circumstances a club may apply to the LMC who can, if they see fit, waive the rule, and instead apply a different set of limitations.

Proposal

Modify rule 5.3

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- 5.3f A player whose rating is above 2099 may only play for the team for which they are registered. However, where a club registers more than 6 players rated higher than 2099 then this restriction only applies to those 6 highest rated players. Any further players rated above 2099 may play for teams higher than the one for which they are registered a maximum number of 3 occasions in total.
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- 5.3h A player who is rated above 1799 but below 2100 may play for a team higher than that for which they are registered on a maximum of 4 occasions. If such a player plays a 5th game, then they will become registered for that higher team.
- 5.3i A club may apply to the LMC and request that a strong player who is logistically critical to that club be permitted to play for a higher team on more than 5 occasions. In such circumstances the LMC may waive rule 5.3h and apply a different set of limitations.
- 5.3j For parts f and g, where relevant, the ECF rating published on 1 September shall be used throughout the season. However, where a player has no September ECF rating but subsequently obtains one, such rating shall be used. For the avoidance of doubt, only the first such monthly rating shall be used.