

## **Minutes of Junior Chess Committee Meeting 2 September 2015 held at Ashby.**

Attendees: Paul Colburn, Bob Collins, John Mitchell (Chairman), John Pattinson, Neil Roberts

### **Apologies for Absence**

Jim Bingham, Bob Wallace

### **Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting of 28 April 2015 previously circulated and not considered subsequently**

Minor league result: This was won by Loughborough following a play off

John Robinson prize for most improved Junior: A high quality cup had been obtained by John Robinson and engraved with the name of the first winner Thomas Brown. It is planned that this will be presented by John at the charity evening on 24 September at the Lattimer Club start time 7.30pm. John Mitchell to find out if Thomas can attend this.

Fulfilment of Paul Findley's commitments: It has still not been possible to get of these from Paul. John Mitchell has carried out in individual coaching for two boys based in Quorn. Following discussions with Bishop Ellis School, Mike Salisbury has agreed to help by teaching at no cost during the coming term if this is still required. John commented that there was more concern from parents about pupils being let down than the money

LRCA AGM: This was attended by Neil Roberts and John Pattinson the Minutes are on the LRCA Website. A vote of thanks to Paul Colburn for his work was passed. Some concerns were expressed about the financial issues relating to Paul Findley's withdrawal and delegates made it made clear that any new financial structure must be transparent

### **Membership of Junior Chess Committee**

At the LRCA AGM the following committee structure was agreed. (Paul Colburn (County) John Mitchell (Chairman and Clubs), Neil Roberts (Schools). Paul Colburn made it clear that Bob Wallace must be a member of the JCC and this was unanimously agreed. It was also recognised that LRCA was represented on the Junior Chess Committee by a number of ex-officio members (treasurer, secretary (both General and League) and chairman of LRCA)

### **Proposed Junior Team Entries for 2015-2016 Season**

Paul's proposals to enter teams in the following events were agreed. Teams for the following competitions have now been entered

Junior 4NCL; u100 county; National Youth Chess Association (u12, u14, u16 and u18); ESPCA (u9, u11 and girls), ECF U13/U18 event.

## **Financial Structure for the Future**

This was discussed at some length with a major input from Bob Collins. The detail of some aspects still needs to be resolved but the following was agreed.

An existing dormant LRCA account will be renamed and used for junior chess

The new account will handle :

- Any monies made by the LRCA training days ran by Paul Colburn.
- Participation in county team events and related activities.
- County tournaments e.g. the Leicestershire Junior Championship
- School activities involving payment e.g. coaching at after school clubs through the LRCA and/or facilitated by clubs. This will provide a back stop in the event of withdrawal of the coach. As far as possible we will not accept payments in advance though this may be difficult for some school coaching events.

Account Money from club coaching which is not part of Paul's LRCA training programme can be retained by the clubs e.g. income from most of the Saturday training programmes.

John M asked if there was sufficient resources to provide a viable opening balance for the new account to meet entry fees and other commitments. Paul replied that he felt that there would be. If necessary John M said that he was optimistic that Biopolymer Solutions Ltd could provide some further sponsorship.

Bob Collins agreed to set up the new account. It will be ensured that there will be appropriate safeguards e.g. number of signatures and cash limits for withdrawals by cheque. Further discussions may be necessary once we have a structure from Bob. It was provisionally agreed that Paul and Bob Wallace should be the signatories on the new account.

## **Tee shirts**

A good design had been circulated and was approved. Paul to find out costs.

## **Coaching**

The Saturday coaching programme involving Ashby, Braunstone, Loughborough and Melton will continue. The latest timetable is attached. Further thought needs to be given as to syllabus. This is not straightforward as the attendees will have widely different levels of ability. In the first instance Alan Agnew will discuss this with Bob Wallace in the first instance.

## **Interactions with Schools**

Bob Wallace had circulated his observations on relationships with schools. This is a big issue and requires more discussion when Bob can be present. Neil reported that Ashby had circulated a large number of School with a poor response. Chess in Schools and Communities are advertising for Junior Directors in both Leicestershire. It would make sense to involve the appointee in the work of this committee. John M will circulate the advertisement and contact CSC in the hope of encouraging applicants

### **Development of Minor League**

With the loss of Red Admiral there were only three teams in the League although the games played were hard fought. On balance it was decided to continue it for the current season and encourage school entrants. John Pattinson to discuss this with John Mitchell further. Bob Wallace to be approached regarding possible entries from Fairfields and other Schools

### **Data Base for Junior Players**

This will be circulated by Paul to committee members.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

To be agreed

### **Liability Insurance**

This was briefly discussed after the meeting. It had been raised at the LRCA officials meeting partly in the context of junior chess coaching. Bob Collins agreed to look into the position regarding personal liability insurance and insurance for equipment and trophies..