

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present :** D.Cole [ Barrow ], G.Horne [ Barrow ], E.G.Fleet [ Barrow ], T.R.Blower [ Barrow ], R.Greenhalgh [ Keswick ], S.Richardson [ SASRA ], I.Hewitson [ Windermere ], C.Mounsey [ Penrith ], A.McAtear [ Penrith ], W.B.Smith [ Whitehaven ], H.Edwards [ Whitehaven ], M.Mason [ Ulverston ], A.Llewellyn [ Ulverston ], S.Cassidy [ Austin Friars ], D.Everett [ Associate ], J.Chibnall [ Grange ], A.Baker [ Carlisle ].

**Apologies for absence** were received from A. Bowers, J. Billsborough, R.Broadbent and M.Walker.

**President's address :** The past season had been relatively trouble free with with several encouraging points to mention . The Cumbria individual championships had been well attended and the interest and activity on the junior front continued to be excellent. The SASRA club had done well in the N.C.C.U. championships. The resignation of the secretary Bill Henderson for family reasons resulted in Eric.Fleet kindly offering to be the acting secretary until the AG.M. The President expressed thanks to both Bill and Eric. Thanks also were given to Dave Everett for his work with the Association over many year in numerous capacities as Dave had indicated that he would be standing down as the B.C.F. and N.C.C.U. representative. The President's proposal that Dave be elected an honorary V.P. for life was seconded and passed by the meeting. The President concluded by referring to the recent attempts in parliament to get chess "redefined as a sport", which would result - after the necessary legislation - in funding from the government for chess activities nationwide.

**Minutes of the 1998 A.G.M.** The minutes were approved after several minor corrections had been noted [ D.Ball was present at the 1998 a.g.m. The report from the 1998 N.C.C.U. Council meeting was given by Dave Everett and not by Dave Cole. ] The President stressed the importance of ensuring that the County secretary sends a copy of the A.G.M.minutes to the Association officers and to the secretaries of all the clubs in the Association.

**Correspondence :** 1. From Jim Billsborough regarding the grading list and a request for names and dates of birth to be included. 2. From the B.C.F. requesting the names of officers and calendar dates from the C.C.A. 3. From the Keswick Chess Club requesting clarification and guidance on the rule which requires league matches to be played on or before the designated match date. An instance was cited where a match was played a week after the designated date by agreement between one of the participating clubs and the league controller. The league controller said that this should only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and that the change should be acceptable to both clubs. The President pointed out that every club has the right to insist that the match be played on the original date set by the league controller. 4. From Keswick Chess Club enquiring about the whereabouts of the second division championship trophy which they had won in 1998 but which had never been presented. It was agreed at the meeting to buy a new trophy for this event since the original had been reserved for another event because it is inscribed " Junior Team Trophy ".

**Reports :**

[a] **Secretary.** Eric Fleet confirmed that he had agreed to serve as Secretary temporarily until the AG.M. following the resignation of Bill Henderson in February. No report was available from the former Secretary.

[b] **Treasurer.** A letter from John Moore was read out confirming that he had examined the accounts for the 1997- 98 season and certified them as correct and in order. Copies of the Statement of Accounts for the 1998-99 season were available for inspection at the meeting. A small surplus of £84.25 was shown for the season and with a bank balance of £2737.98, the Treasurer recommended that there should be no need for any change in the registration fee. The accounts as presented had not been audited - but the meeting agreed to accept the Statement subject to a satisfactory audit.

[c] **Membership Secretary.** The number of registered members was 209 [ 6 less than last season ] which includes 47 juniors [ an increase of 10 ]. The largest clubs this year were : Austin Friars [26], Cockermouth [ 25 ] and Carlisle [21]. Eric Fleet expressed his appreciation of the work put in for the Association by all the Club Secretaries. The report was accepted with thanks.

[d] **League Controller.** It was reported that the league program had run smoothly with only a few minor problems such as the occurrence of two incidents of "ungentlemanly conduct" ! The help given by Jim Billsborough throughout the season had been much appreciated. The President thanked Syd for the sterling job he had done in his first year as League Controller. The meeting accepted the report.

[e] **County Grader.** Jim Billsborough passed over his comments about the state of uncertainty existing at the B.C.F over the publication of a grading list. Data has still to be processed and there are many instances of grades not being known and discrepancies in quoted figures. A Cumbria grading list will be available shortly. Thanks to Jim. were offered and the meeting accepted the report.

[t] **Junior Organiser.** A report , which detailed the junior activities, was made available at the meeting. The preliminary rounds of the County championship for the under- 11 age were held in the Furness area [ Mike Mason ], the Carlisle area [ Mr. Bird ] and in the Penrith area [ Mr.Davies ] with entries between 30 and 40 in each case. The final - a 6 round Swiss tournament - was held in Keswick in February - with 33 children competing. On the same date and at the same venue in Keswick, 29 competed in the under-18 championship Swiss tournament. Other successful events

were the primary schools competition held in Furness [ Mike Mason] and the knock-out cup competition in Carlisle [ Neil Tucker ]. The junior league was also successful although it would benefit from more entries. The position of chess at the secondary school level remains problematical; the response for entries into the secondary championship tournament was poor. It was suggested at the meeting that C.C.Asenior clubs might consider sponsoring secondary school chess, e.g. by the donation of a trophy. Organisers and tutors are urgently needed ! Other events reported were three one-day events [ Carlisle ], a team-offour event, two individual events and two representative matches. Syd Cassidy expressed thanks to all who had assisted throughout the year. The report was accepted with thanks.

**[g] The Correspondence Match Captain.** An excellent and detailed five page report was available at the meeting covering the results in the 1997-98 and 1998-99 season ( to date ). In the 1997-98 season, a mid-table result was achieved in the C & DCC competition. In the NCCU Sinclair shield [Division 1] Cumbria finished equal second with 7 points - only half a point behind Northumberland, whilst in the Turner plaque [ Division 2] Cumbria finished bottom. New "recruits" to play correspondence chess for the County are still needed ! The President gave thanks to Chris. Underhill for his report and work done and also said that a letter had gone to Bill Broome thanking him for representing Cumbria at correspondence chess over many years. [ Chris.apologised for being unable to attend the A.G.M.]

**[h] Match Captain.** It was reported that an under-150 grade team was entered and played two matches both of which were lost. The top boards of the teams coped quite well, but it was clear that Cumbria did not have adequate strength in depth. Additionally, the pool of players available to play in County matches is far too small and it is questionable whether Cumbria can / should continue with matches in the future. The meeting accepted the report with thanks.

**[ i] BCF & NCCU delegates.** Neither of the two BCF meetings was attended - for reasons of cost and distance. However, details of the "disastrous" financial deficit facing the BCF were commented upon and the causes explained. A report from the NCCU annual Council meeting in Leeds in December was made available. The main point to note was that the NCCU was concentrating hard on its centenary year. The meeting was asked to decide whether or not Cumbria should make a further donation to the NCCU following its donation of £100 last year. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to donate a further £50 for this year only. It was also agreed to give financial support to the South Lakes congress to the extent of £250 for this year. The reports were accepted with thanks. **[j] The Rules Committee Report.** The committee had not met this season !

<b>Prize Giving</b>	County Major Individual champion	Stephen Barnes [ not present ]
	County Minor Individual champion	Phillippe Gleizon [ not present ]
	Under-100 Individual champion	Mike Mason & Sam Thwaites [ n.p.]
	County under - 11 champion	Finn Mason [ not present ]
	County under - 15 champion	: Michael Jay [ not present ]
	County under - 18 champion	Max Brown [ not present ]
	Division 1 league champions	Windermere
	Division 2 league champions	: Grange
	Division 3 league champions and Whitaker trophy winners	: Barrow "C"

It was agreed to present *individual* trophies at the tournament events in future and not at the A.G.M.

**Election of Officers** The following members were proposed, seconded and elected :

President: D Cole  
 Secretary :S Richardson  
 Treasurer : G Horne  
 Membership Secretary : E Fleet  
 League Controller : S Cassidy  
 Results Officer : J Billsborough  
 Junior Organiser : S Cassidy  
 Match Captain :proposed J Toothill [ election subject to willingness to serve ]  
 Corresp. Match Captain : C Underhill  
 Auditor :J Moore  
 Press Officer : M Mason  
 BCF Delegate : D Cole  
 NCCU Delegates : D Cole and G Horne  
 Rules Committee : R Nixon, I Hewitson, A Baker, S Cassidy, R Greenhalgh

N.B. The election / re-election of Vice Presidents did not take place, except that D.Everett was elected an Honorary Vice President for Life.

**Any Other Business**

1. A suggestion was made that the Treasurer might look into the possibility of investing some capital in a higher interest account.
2. There were several questions concerning the rules relating to the recording of moves during games. It was ap-reed that a copy of the FIDE rules - as were made available at the 1998 A.G.M. - should be sent out to club secretaries with the copy of the A.G.M. minutes.
3. Digital clocks. Since there is no specific reference to these in the FIDE rules, it is assumed that their use would be legitimate, assuming that *both* players in a game agreed to their use.
- 4.The 2000 Cumbria Individual championships. Mike Mason [ Ulverston ] indicated that his club would like to run the event. The meeting agreed.

5. Pavement chess sets. Two sets / boards are available for use by clubs from Syd Cassidy.
6. Archives. Letter received from the Whitehaven archivist listing past Association records from 1884. The records are available for inspection at Whitehaven.
7. Insurance of trophies. Trophies have been evaluated and most photographed. It was decided not to take up cover with the BCF scheme since although the basic premium of £29.80 appeared reasonable, it had a maximum cover of only £500. For every £100 in excess of that ceiling figure, an extra charge of £1.60 would be made; consequently the premium required to insure the Association trophies would be in excess of £400. A proposal that the Association trophies remain un-insured was accepted. Two suggestions were made : [a] that an insurance fund be set up to purchase a replacement trophy in the event of loss of an existing trophy, [ b] that all the details inscribed on the Association trophies should be recorded since this information is not necessarily available elsewhere.

**Date of the 2000 A.G.M.** The first Saturday in June : June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2000  
 [ R. Greenhalgh : 19/06/99 ]

**CUMBRIA CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 1998 / 99 SEASON**

<u>INCOME</u>	1998/99	1997/98
REGISTRATION FEES	852.00	919.50
YEAR BOOK SALES		44.00
GAME FEES		316.21
INTEREST - HALIFAX GOLD A/C	65.49	33.59
INTEREST - MIDLAND TREASURER A/C	5.47	9.44
SPONSORSHIP FROM PAVEMENT CHESS		200.00
DONATION - W. BROOME	50.00	
CUMBRIA INDIVIDUALS PROFIT	66.00	141.94
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1399.17</b>	<b>1633.17</b>
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
NCCU AFFILIATION	93.47	71.25
BCF GAME FEES	241.14	274.46
AGM ROOM HIRE	12.50	
LEAGUE CONTROLLER EXPENSES	89.38	94.69
GRADER EXPENSES	16.09	
COUNTY CAPTAIN EXPENSES	21.55	5.00
JUNIOR OFFICERS EXPENSES	8.70	
COUNTY MATCH EXPENSES	126.50	50.00
YEAR BOOKS AND ENTRY	98.00	117.00
PRESIDENTS EXPENSES	10.00	10.00
DEMONSTRATION BOARD		100.00
2 PAVEMENT SETS		163.56
6 CLOCKS	166.00	
TREASURER'S EXPENSES	14.11	18.02
REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S EXPENSES	17.48	16.18
DELEGATE (BCF/NCU) EXPENSES		55.36
DONATION - NCCU CENTENARY	100.00	
SOUTH LAKES CONGRESS	300.00	
NCCU ENTRY FEES		10.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1314.92</b>	<b>985.52</b>
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	 84.25	 647.65

<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>	<b>1998 /</b>	<b>1997/98</b>
Halifax	£1549.14	£1515.55
Midland	£ 1104.59	£490.53
Total	£2653.73	£2006.08
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	£84.25	£647.65
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>	<b>1998 /</b>	<b>1997/98</b>
Halifax	£2114.63	£ 1549.14
Midland	£623.35	£ 1104.59
Total	£2737.98	£2653.73

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A small surplus is shown for this season.  
As there is a balance of £2737.98 in the bank, I recommend registrations remain as they are.

G. H. Home Hon Treasurer