

Minutes of the 2021 Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation Annual General Meeting

Held over Zoom, 20th November 2021

Present

- Peter Bevan (President)
- Austin Lockwood (Secretary)
- Russell Sherwood (International Secretary/Treasurer)
- John Claridge
- Ian Jones
- Andrew Smith

Apologies for Absence

- Josh Robinson
- Paul Scott

Approval of the 2020 Minutes

Approved without modification

Election of Officials

All current officials were re-elected unanimously and unopposed

- **President:** Peter Bevan
- **International Secretary and Delegate to ICCF:** Russell Sherwood
- **Secretary:** Austin Lockwood
- **Treasurer:** Russell Sherwood

Co-option of Executive Committee Members

The following were co-opted to the Executive Committee

- **Webmaster:** Vacant
- **Friendly Match Coordinator:** Andrew Smith
- **Player Onboarding Officer:** Ian Jones
- **Other EC members:** Paul Scott, John Claridge, Marc Wakeham

Financial Matters

The current financial status was presented, with WCCF continuing to show a healthy balance, allowing it to meet its liabilities and finance its short and medium term aims.

It was agreed that WCCF would sponsor an event at the ICCF Congress in Glasgow as part of our 10-year anniversary celebration; AL to liaise with the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.

Given the limited opportunities for international members, and the future requirement to use DE for open tournaments (thus precluding differential entry fees), it was decided to reduce the international membership fee by 50% to £5.00.

Member Proposals

WCCF to withdraw from Zone One (AL): This proposal was withdrawn, however WCCF will propose a significant restructuring of the ICCF Zonal system at the next ICCF Congress.

Review of incoming invitations (AL): WCCF will not nominate players to “vanity” events; a proposal to ICCF to end this dubious practice will be considered.

Domestic Tournaments

A “Christmas Silli” tournament will be organised, free entry to premium members (AS).

The possibility of a team tournament for Welsh OTB chess clubs will be investigated (JR).

International Tournaments

A budget was agreed to maintain the Invitational Series Events for 2022 at a similar level to 2021.

The British Webserver is intended to continue its current schedule. Event rules to be reviewed prior to announcement.

ICCF Congress 2021, Glasgow

Representation: AL (Services Director), RS (Marketing Director) and PS (Auditor) will be funded by ICCF to attend, WCCF will therefore be well represented at no cost to the federation.

Proposals to Congress: The usual open and inclusive consultation process for members will commence when the proposal window opens.

Ten Year Anniversary Celebrations

The 2022 invitational series and other tournaments will be designated as celebratory events.