# CROWTHORNE CHESS CLUB

## Minutes of the 38th AGM, held on 24 June 2015

Present: Ken Coates

George Green

Andrew Marley (Treasurer)

Bob Pigeon

Colin Purdon

Mark Taylor (Auditor)

Jonathan Welton (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Larwood, Ian Murray, Jon Lloyd, Louise Head, Mark Wallace, Robert Starley, Peter Davey, Christine Coates, David Brock.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated by email and the meeting accepted them as a true record.

Actions from last meeting:

There were no actions outstanding from the previous meeting.

3. President’s Remarks

Derek was unable to attend the AGM, and indeed has been unable to attend many club nights this season. He accordingly tendered his resignation as President.

The AGM was conducted without a formally agreed President until item 8.1, but with the understanding that Mark Taylor would act as President should the need arise.

### 4. Secretary’s Remarks

This was a tough year for captains, due to the entering of too many teams. This stretched people’s commitments, with several playing more games than they would normally wish to play. It was noted that we defaulted 27 games in the border league, more than any other team, though given the number of teams we entered our default rate was actually lower than the average.

Thanks were extended to those players who made themselves available whenever possible and asked, including George Green, David Brock and Dave Herring.

Two new, or at least returning, members of note: George Green and Jon Lloyd, both of whom took on captaincies and performed those roles excellently. Thanks to both.

Thanks also to Dave Herring for organising a stand for the chess club at the Crowthorne summer carnival. Members of the Crowthorne public were challenged to rapid play games against club members, or in one case unwisely challenged Colin to a 1 minute game.

The 31st Khyber Cup was held at Dave Herrings house, and was won by Richard Webb (for the 17th time), ahead of Colin Purdon.

The 27th Christmas Handicap was extremely well attended, with 25 players, the largest turnout for several years. The shield was won by Dave Herring, with Anthony Zhang runner up.

The web site is up and running, thanks to Colin Purdon. It has news about the club, some odd and interesting games, and attracted a number of potential members, particularly juniors.

Once again, a reminder that the last club member to leave the premises of a night should make sure that all windows are shut, lights off, and front door locked.

### 5. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer presented the club accounts. These were accepted by the Auditor and the meeting.

Club income was up, to £580, club expenditure was also up at £464.50 giving a profit of over £115.50 and leaving the club balance at £1668.04. Club membership was up on the last couple of years at 30 members.

The large expense was due to the Christmas Handicap, just over £200, which was an increase because of the bar asking for a hiring fee.

The club fees were kept unchanged at:

1) Summer Membership (1 June to 30 Sept) £16 (£8 Juniors)

2) Annual Membership £30

3) Family Membership £45 But see the treasurer for details where other discounts apply !

Concessions (Match Captains, Secretary, Juniors, Unwaged) £15

Early payment discount (before 30 Sept) £5 (£2.50 concessions)

Action Point 38.1: JW to produce new member forms, including fees, and leave some copies in the equipment cupboard.

Action Point 38.2: JW to look through the last few years’ minutes to check whether fee exemptions still exist for GMs or IMs.

### 6. Match Captain’s Reports

Border A Colin: Came 2nd out of 7 teams, on 8 points. Defaulted one match, and Drunken Knights defaulted a match against us. Beat every other team in the league at least once. Player of note: David Brock

Border B Jon L (not present, but emailed a report): Aimed to have all boards covered, competitive chess, and finally win matches. Failed in the first, but only defaulted two boards out of 50. All matches were competitive (never less than 1.5 game points) and the end position of second from bottom doesn’t do justice to the team’s efforts.

Player of note: David Brock, who had an exceptional year.

Border C Jonathan: Ended the season 3rd out of 4 teams; Godalming won all their matches. Lost by default to Guildford, but in extenuating circumstances. Needed 12 players.

 Player of note: George, with 3.5 out of 4.

Border D George: finished the season 3rd, only 1 point behind the leader. From 12 matches only defaulted one board. Special thanks to Christine, Saatvika, and Neil Binney.
Player of note: Dave Herring.

Border E Christine: This was a team mainly for the purpose of giving juniors match experience. A couple of matches were defaulted, and the team ended the season on 2.5 match points.

Bell Cup Jonathan: Crushed Bracknell 4.5-0.5 and beat Sandhurst on board count thanks to David Brock and George. The final, against Fleet was a disaster, there being simply no players available for the U140 and U125 boards, and our top board spending the first half hour of the game in the labyrinthine Fleet road system. We ended second.

Haslemere A Colin: 1st round needed 7.5 points to beat Fleet, and scored 8
2nd round, needed the full 10 points to beat Guildford HJ but only scored 6.5. (Guildford HJ went on to win to the cup).

Haslemere B Ken: Captain, but never able to play, due to having helped out playing for Colin’s HA team. 1st round beat Camberley HB 7.5-2.5. 2nd round beat Godalming with 9.5 game points, having only needed 6. Lost to Guildford HJ in the final, ending as runners up.
Beat Camberley 2.5-7.5; Beat Godalming 0.5-9.5; lost to Guildford in the final 5-5.

Berks A Div 1 Mark T: A tricky season; 3 of the 6 nominated players never played, and in all 14 players were needed. Despite this, ended the season a respectable 3rd place out of 9.
Player of note: Dave Herring winning all his three games, with a rating of 189.

Berks B Div 1 Ken: Started the season with the objective of not being relegated from division 1, and succeeded, finishing in 6th place, but a whisker off being in joint 3rd position. Also needed 14 players in total.

Berks C Christine (provided by written report): Called on 8 players, with Jonathan and George playing in 11 matches each. Peter Davey finished with 6.5 from 7.
Player of note: Saatvika, a very talented and up and coming junior who played in 5 matches with 4 wins and lost only 1. Saatvika’s father agreed to fill-in against Bracknell, playing his first ever game of chess, and won.

PPCup Mark: Beat Bourne End away in the first round, 3.5 to 2.5. In the last match of the season, beat Reading 4-2 on the final, to win Crowthorne’s only piece of silverware this year.

### 7. Team Entries

Much discussion as to the right number of teams to enter, but agreed that 5 league entries (possibly with an extra junior team) and 3 cup entries was about right.

 **BERKSHIRE BORDER**

 Div 1 A Div 1 A

 Div 3 B Div 2 B

 C team dropped Div 3 or 4 C

Div 5/6 D

 PPCup 1 team Bell Cup 1 team

 Haslemere 1 team

As usual, Border league entries will depend on player new grades and divisional limits.

### 8. Election of Officers

President Mark Taylor elected unanimously

Secretary Jonathan Welton unchanged

Treasurer Andrew Marley unchanged

Auditor George Green elected unanimously

Mark and Colin announced they would stand down as captains. Those known to be available to captain are: Jon Lloyd, George, Ken, Jonathan. The assignment of captains to teams is unclear at this moment, but possible are:

Berkshire A Ken

Berkshire B Jon?

PPCup Unfilled

Border A Unfilled, Jon?

Border B George Depending on grade and league limits

Border C Jonathan Depending on grade and league limits

Border D Unfilled Dependent on there being a team

Haslemere Unfilled

Bell Cup Jonathan re-elected

### 9. Khyber Cup

The venue and date of the Khyber cup was not decided at the meeting.

Action point 38.3: JW to email club members asking for a host for the Khyber cup.

10. AOB

**10.1 Review of club night**

It was noted that Wednesday is not convenient for some key club members, notably Derek, and is also difficult for Ken and Peter to get back from Reading in time for junior club. Nevertheless, the points raised in the 2014 AGM are still valid, notably the availability of toilets in the staff bar.

Given the number of members present at the AGM was small it was agreed it would be inappropriate to vote on a significant issue, and no proposal to change the club night was made.

Given the difficulties of getting back from Reading on time, a more assured method of resourcing the junior club is needed.

Action point 38.4: JW to establish a pool of volunteers to help with the junior club and arrange a rota scheme.

Action point 38.5: JW to confirm the Child Protection Officer.

It was noted that Berkshire Junior Chess club is a useful source of information for DBS (previously CRB) clearance.

**10.2 Equipment tidy up and stock check**

There will be a chess equipment tidy-up and stock taking on **Wednesday 8th July**.

The President closed the meeting at 22:20