

ICU Committee Meeting 23rd October 2014



Present: Bryan Tobin, Pat Fitzsimons, Peter Scott, Colm Daly, Desmond Beatty, Chriss Sheridan, Darko Polimac

Skype: Kevin O'Connell

Apologies: Jerry Graham, Paul Cassidy, Garry O'Grady

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1. Introduction

Chairman welcomed everybody and stressed the need for the committee to work cooperatively in the interest of Irish chess. Normal operation would involve a small number of committee meetings in between which most work would be carried out by small groups. Throughout the meeting it was stressed that we need to work together and use objective professional language when communicating. Where possible E-mails should be parsimonious and circulated only to those needed, avoiding all-committee e-mails where possible.

2. Budget for 2014/15 and priorities

Chairman outlined the budget proposal for the next year

At present the ICU has three bank accounts. A Current account and a deposit account with AIB and a Current account with Bank of Ireland. Bank of Ireland used for international transfers. It was decided that all accounts should be kept. Chriss to check out the possibility of having a prepaid credit card to facilitate ad hoc payments.

The Committee agreed to use 24K as a prediction of income for the next year based on last year's income.

Glorney cup is expected to cost no more than 10,200 including subvention to parents and the use of 30 e-boards but not including squad development and coaching. This figure was agreed. Date for Glorney agreed as beginning July 19th 2015 and finishing Thursday 24th July 2015.

New Ireland Insurance the sponsor of last year's Irish are interested in sponsoring junior tournaments next year, aiming for sponsorship of the Irish junior championship and Glorney.

12,000 spent on Irish Senior Championships last year. Funding included sponsorship from New Ireland Insurance, grant of 2,350 from the ICU and entry fees. Committee agreed the ICU grant of 3,000 for the 2015 Irish Senior Championships.

The committee agreed to introduce a new scheme for tournament grants. Excluding all previous agreed grants tournaments not expect grants from the ICU. For this year Limerick (200) and Galway (already given) receive grants. New process is to give selected tournaments a fee per ICU participant with a cap of 300. A figure of 2 per ICU member was agreed in principle but each tournament will be assessed on applications. Tournaments must apply to the ICU in advance for any grants.

For review the budgets spend on international events this has yet to be confirmed but working on 5,000 with further investigation of the budget needed to confirm.

Action: Desmond to come back with formal quotes from hotels.

Action: Chriss to come back on available budget for junior events.

3. Matters arising from the AGM

Motions passed

A number of commitments from the AGM were deferred (in particular items 9-21) to the incoming committee and these need to be followed up on. The AGM minutes are expected from Kevin on the 24th and as we do not have a clear view of the AGM decisions it was agreed to wait until we had the official account before we looked at what actions needed to be taken.

Action: Bryan to review minutes and list the action items once the minutes are received and circulate

Action: Committee member to be assigned to each action once determined.

Matters arising on Discipline and code of conduct and constitutional changes

Action:

4. Structure of executive - frequency of meetings and operational procedures

Meet 3 to 4 times a year and between this work in small groups and feed back to the committee. Small groups and sub committees will complete the work between meetings.

Action:

5. Rating officer and Webmaster

Mark Orr has resigned as webmaster and rating officer. Mark has agreed to work in a caretaker manner until a replacement is appointed and up to speed.

Opportunity to implement new procedures and controls on the website. We are now in a position where there are limited options to take over running of the existing site. We need to move from this dependence and look to implement on more commodity products using general skillsets.

Agreed there is a need to take a backup of the website to facilitate recovery in case of disaster.

Action: Request outgoing officer to hand over credentials to the ICU chairman

Action: Seek expressions of interest for the rating and webmaster positions

6. Glorney Cup events 2015

Budget for the Glorney is as outlined in section 1 of these minutes.

Peter Perland discussed with arbiters committee and have agreed in principle. In addition to Peter Perland it is anticipated that there will be a need for at least 2 additional arbiters.

It was agreed to contact Aras regarding the possibility of President Higgins opening the tournament.

Darko has been in contact with the president and secretary of ECU regarding the possibility of attending. This is progressing well but nothing is confirmed.

Agreed to postpone discussion of sponsorship and media management to be discussed at a later time.

Action: Desmond to investigate using Peter Perland as lead arbiter and extend invitation.

Action: Desmond to contact Aras in relation to possible attendance of the president

7. Irish Senior Championships 2015

The budgets for the Irish Senior Championships are as outlined in section 1 of these minutes.

Irish senior tournament to be scheduled to begin Friday July 2nd 2015 and end Sunday the 12th July 2015. The committee agreed that the tournament should use the same location as last year if possible (Trinity).

Actions:

8. Scarry Cup competition

It was proposed to run a team competition on the second weekend of the Irish Championships. This would be a good opportunity for the Glorney team to get match experience against teams of different strength. Glorney players with eligibility to play in the senior tournament may opt to play in that tournament instead.

Actions: Pat to investigate the location of the Scarry cup

9. European under 16 Championships in December

Expression of interest have been received for participation, formal selection has not commenced. Further discussion around team manager and coaches needed. Budget has been approved for this event.

Deadline is 15th of November.

Action: Desmond to place article on ICU website looking for volunteers to support

Actions: Once selection is completed it will be published

10. Any reports from officers of matters of interest.

PRO report Colm Daly

Colm outlined a proposal to the use of new media, Facebook Vimeo etc. to increase flexibility in posting material for general consumption

Agreed the use these tools was a good idea with declared rules around use to prevent potential abuse

Rule around dual executive positions to be clarified, motion was passed at AGM in 2011

Action: As per webmaster discussion credentials to be given to chairman

Junior Officer report Desmond Beatty

Mostly completed in Budget and under the European under 16 championships.

Comment [B1]: Note Need to check with Desmond what I have missed here

10. Proposed coaching by Jacob Aagaard

The chairman has written to Jacob and requested proposed dates. It was agreed once Jacob has responded to place an article on the website seeking expressions of interest. Depending on the level of interest expressed the committee will assess if the event is feasible (i.e. self-financing)

Action: Wait for Jacob to return with dates.

11. Federation requirement relating to junior tournaments

For any Irish Junior tournament that is rated with FIDE you must have an IRL registration with FIDE to win the title.

Comment [B2]: I'm not sure I got this right can somebody confirm or correct my interpretation please?

Action: Bryan to go back to Rory and make sure it is on the tournament conditions

12. AOB

John McKenna has resigned as chairman of the selection committee.

Darko outlined a proposal to recognise key performers and contributors to Irish chess. It was agreed that this was a good idea but the exact format and frequency this will take needs to be agreed.

Action: Darko to provide a more detailed proposal of how this might be done.

Appendix A

Summary of Actions: