

ICU Committee Meeting Thursday 2nd July 2015



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Present: Pat Fitzsimons, Paul Cassidy, Desmond Beatty, Chris Sheridan, Tristan Sheridan, Andrew Kildea, Bryan Tobin, Colm Daly, Peter Scott

Skype: Darko Polimac, Colm O'Muireagain

Apologies: Gerry Graham, Kevin O'Connell

Location: Mont Clare Hotel

1. Agenda Items

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2. Minutes of the last meeting

Secretary was missing from the start of the last meeting and needs to get some information around the items discussed before he arrived. Will update and forward shortly.

3. Matters Arising

4. Member's appeal

Before his appeal the penalty was a 10 months ban from membership of the ICU with a reduction of 5 months if he did a child protection course. On appeal the penalty was increased with a new element added involving a ban from holding any position on the ICU or on behalf of the ICU (such as head of delegation at an international event) for a period of 3 years. The correspondence received from the member's legal representatives alleges that the Disciplinary Appeals Committee acted unfairly towards him and asked for the penalty to be overturned. The period of suspension from membership of the ICU has expired but the additional penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Appeals Committee is still in effect.

Having considered the matter, the Committee agreed on the following statement "Having regard to**(name redacted)** recent good behavior and subject to his continued good behavior the ban is suspended for the remainder of its term".

There was also discussion about the position of Head of Delegation (HOD) for junior international events. Normally such positions attract the same terms as players, i.e., that accommodation and meals are provided to the HOD by tournament organisers. It was considered that the recent precedent whereby this benefit was divided equally between the accompanying parents to a junior international event should be applied in the future. It was also decided that the ICU would not be appointing**(name redacted)** as a HOD unless the only children for whom he would be responsible were his own. In the event of non-family members being in a travelling party to an international junior event,

(name redacted) would be allowed benefit from an equal share of any HOD benefit available as an accompanying parent.

Pat to follow up with**(name redacted)**.

5. FA Norm Application

There are significant concerns over the application made on behalf of **(name redacted)** in respect of a FIDE rated tournament held in 2014. There is a strong suspicion that the requirements for the norm were not met as **(Name Redacted)** did not fulfil the role of arbiter. The Chief arbiter for the event has not answered the questions put to him in this regard. FIDE have been advised that the Executive have asked questions about this application and are waiting for a response to the issues raised by the Chairperson and Rating Officer.

It was noted that unless the questions posed to the Chief Arbiter were clarified by him, the norm application would not be forwarded to FIDE. It was agreed that Bryan would send the following to the two individuals involved (the Chief Arbiter and the Applicant) no later than COB on the 3/07/2015.

“The ICU agreed that the application for accreditation for **(name redacted)** will not be forwarded to FIDE unless the two questions posed to the Chief Arbiter are answered satisfactorily by July 10th.”

6. Issues arising in the “Aontas Report” on the website

There was considerable discussion on the report and the former webmaster’s response to it. It was noted that his response failed to address the very serious matters in the Aontas Report which were of grave concern to the committee.

Accordingly, the following 3 disciplinary measures were agreed unanimously by the committee:

1. Rescind the former webmaster’s honorary life membership with immediate effect;
2. Preclude the former webmaster from being an ICU member for a period of 3 years;
3. Preclude the former webmaster from serving on an ICU committee for a period of 5 years.

Bryan to notify former webmaster of the above decision.

7. Updates

Irish Championships

Ivan Baburin to put up the draw tonight, Andrew to review in advance.

Glorney, Gilbert Events

President's attendance confirmed, protocol to be strictly followed.
Further details in the Junior officers report.

8. Dates for EGM/AGM and matters arising

AGM between 1st October and 1st December. Second weekend in October is planned for the the AGM.

EGM probably to be held in September.

9. AOB

Irish Junior Championships 2016

Need to clarify item on rules.

Decision to accept proposal from Kevin Burke, St. Benildus to run this event in 2016 was subject to verification that there is no requirement to host it elsewhere (e.g., in another province given it was held in Leinster in 2015).

Irish Junior Championships 2015

Pat explained the details of another approach from Blanchardstown regarding making good a financial shortfall arising from the 2015 event. It was noted that this matter had been voted on at the previous meeting and that the decision should not be changed.