

## **AGM 2018 of the Irish Chess Union, Academy Plaza Hotel, Findlater Place Dublin 1**

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 16, 2018

The AGM began at 4.40pm and closed 6.50pm in the Academy Plaza Hotel.

### **Agenda for AGM**

1. Opening Address by Chairperson
2. Minutes of 2017 AGM
3. Reports from Officers including 2017-18 Accounts.
4. Election of Officers
5. Motions
6. A.O.B.

### **Opening Address by Chairperson**

The Chair first noted the passing of two particular members during the year – Denis Kelleher, a founding member of Portmarnock CC, and FM Philip Short. On behalf of the ICU he extended sympathies to the families of both members.

Regarding competitions during 2018, the Chair commented on the success of

- the Irish Championship, where an IM norm was achieved again.
- Irish GM and IM norms achieved at Irish events.
- the Senior Championship, the first of its kind.

It was planned to add 6-8 new Blitz events to the calendar for the coming year, due to the enthusiasm for such events.

The Chair said he had enjoyed the year as Chair but was 90% certain it would be his last in the role, adding however he was open to re-considering his position.

### **Minutes of 2017 EGM (re accounts) and AGM**

Proposed by the Chair, seconded by David Murray – adopted.

### **Reports from Officers including 2017-18 Accounts**

(All reports are on the ICU website)

### **Chairperson:**

The Chairperson read out his report, which was also presented via overhead display. He identified two vacancies, Treasurer, and in the previous 30 minutes, the resignation of the Rating Officer, from whom there was no report.

**Treasurer:**

The Chair shared that he had not been successful in bringing the outgoing Treasurer onto the Executive Committee. Details were shared on assets held and outgoings, including the Irish Championship and the Glorney/Gilbert, for which ECU support would be sought and was likely.

**Secretary:**

The Secretary Ciarán Mahon read out his report. Of particular note was a High Court Summons, for which two Executive Committee members had sought and received financial aid from the ICU, as per a provision in the ICU Constitution.

**Junior Officer:**

Desmond Beatty read out his report. He also raised some upcoming events:

- organising a competition for previous Glorney/Gilbert players, and developing an Alumni for these members
- the National Chess Month in November
- development of the "Moves For Life" organisation, to focus on chess as a development tool in schools.

**Tournament Officer:**

In the absence of Ivan Baburin, The Chair read out his report. A plan to hold monthly Blitz events was announced.

**Development Officer:**

In the absence of Conor Barrett, the Chair read out the report.

An emphasis on developments in the Universities and in Connacht was highlighted.

The Chair stated that the role of Development Officer was a challenging one, and that ICU would be looking for assistance and support from other members.

**FIDE / ECU Delegate Report:**

Chair said that he was holding off on Kevin O'Connell's report until after the FIDE Congress.

**Membership Officer Report:**

In the absence of John Cassidy, the Chair read out the report.

This included a loss of 25 members.

The Ulster Chess Union has re-affiliated to ICU, which was a most welcome development.

**Public Relations Officer Report:**

This was a joint report from Carl Jackson (outgoing) / Luke Scott.

### **Womens Officer Report**

Chair advised apology from Gearoidin, who was stepping down.

### **Webmaster Report**

Chair advised that this report was not to hand.

Peter Morriss commented that it was regrettable there was no report from the Ratings Officer, and noted that there was no longer access to the site. Chair advised there was a GDPR issue. Peter also noted that the method for uploading results had been closed off.

Tim Harding said he was not surprised that the Ratings Officer has had enough. He said that there were delays in reporting to FIDE and also delays in the LCU. Chair responded that FIDE deadlines had been observed.

### **Accounts**

These were presented by the Chair.

### **Adoption of Annual Report**

Proposed by John McMorrow (Chair), seconded by Maurice Buckley. Accepted unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

Nomination	Position	Nominator
John McMorrow	Chairperson	Ciaran Mahon 838
Alex Baburin	Vice-Chairperson	John McMorrow 5320
Ciaran Mahon	Hon Secretary	John McMorrow 5320
None	Treasurer	None
Desmond Beatty	Junior Officer	John McMorrow 5320
Ivan Baburin	Tournament Officer	John McMorrow 5320
Conor Barrett	Development Officer	John McMorrow 5320
Mariana Verdes	Women's Officer	John McMorrow 5320
None	Rating Officer	None
Luke Scott	Public Relations Officer	John McMorrow 5320

Regarding the two vacant positions (Treasurer and Rating Officer), Chair advised he would act in a temporary capacity. All others were deemed elected.

## Motions

i. "That *Irish Championship: Terms and Conditions* be accepted as the official rules of the Irish Championship going forward."

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Passed with some amendments based on discussion of motion 2.**

ii. "That the Irish Championship be strictly limited to players with published ratings of 1900 or more on either the ICU or FIDE lists in any preceding month of the same calendar year as the Championship."

(Proposed by Peter Cafolla, seconded by Tim Harding)

**Defeated.**

iii. "That rule 4 of the *National Club Championship Rules* be changed

From: *A club may enter only one team in the competition.*

To: *A club may enter at most 2 teams in the competition. However, if two teams are entered from the same club, then they must play in round 1. Per current ECU laws, only one of these teams may qualify for the European Club Cup.*

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Defeated.**

iv. That the attached "*ICU policy on admissions to privately organised tournaments*" is placed in Appendix A of the constitution under the title of "*ICU policy on admissions to privately organised tournaments*".

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Defeated.**

v. That the attached "*Terms of use for ICU online payment facility*" is placed in Appendix A of the constitution under the title of "*Terms of use for ICU online payment facility*".

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Passed, with two amendments and with document to instead be held among non-Constitutional/Appendix A documents.**

vi. That the attached "*ICU Health and Safety Document*" is placed in Appendix A of the constitution under the title of "*ICU Health and Safety Document*".

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Passed, with document to instead be held among non-Constitutional/Appendix A documents.**

vii. That David Fitzsimons be made an honorary life member of the Irish Chess Union given his outstanding personal achievements in chess and his dedication to developing the next generation of top Irish chess players.

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Passed.**

viii. That FM Philip Short be made an honorary life member of the Irish Chess Union given his outstanding personal achievements in chess and his contribution to Irish chess over the last 4 decades.

(Proposed by ICU Executive)

**Withdrawn, Executive Committee to explore new ways to honour recently deceased members.**

## **Appendix A – List of Attendees**

### **Name and ICU ID**

Alex Baburin 7085  
Desmond Beatty 13381  
Maurice Buckley 119  
Eoghan Casey 4174  
April Cronin 271  
Killian Delaney 5104  
Gordon Freeman 4153  
Alex Goss 13412  
Tim Harding 541  
Jack Killane 740  
Gerard MacElligott 1078  
Ciarán Mahon 838  
John McMorro 5320  
Peter Morriss 5983  
David Murray 4941  
Sam Murray 13434  
Alex Pachalov 17548  
Jonathan Peoples 13028  
Luke Scott 13306

### **Apologies**

Gearóidín Úi Laighléis 3364  
Ivan Baburin 5587  
Andrew Kildea 17448  
John Cassidy 193  
Colm O’Muiregáin 12275  
Conor Barrett 10421