

Minutes of MCU AGM 2012 (Charleville Park Hotel 19th September 2012)

- Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Proposed for adoption by Peter Doyle, seconded by Simon Lawrence.

No matters arising.

- Chairmans Address.

Chairman thanked all for participation and particularly Gerry Graham for his contribution over the years.

- Treasurers Report.

Matter of outstanding fees was resolved.

Accounts were presented and adopted.

- ICU delegate briefed meeting:

Attendance at ICU meetings easier since several held using by Skype.

MCU Chess for Life (junior organisation) is up and running. It is linked to ICU.

Munster had a good representation at the Glorney/Faber, European, and World Juniors.

Munster hosted All Ireland Colleges in 2012.

In 2013, Munster is due to host Irish Junior Championships and U19/U16 Interprovincial.

John Alfred added that he'd run Munster Junior Championship in 2012.

- Upcoming Munster Leagues

John Alfred asked why not have Division 3, as we had one in the past.

He also asked if people were aware of the MCU.

He expressed the view that we should do more.

Last 2011/2012 MCU league was won by Sarsfield

Limerick finished 8th.

Adare C won Division 2 and are therefore promoted to Division 1.

Demotion will depend on number of teams entering Division 1.

If any team from Division 1 does not continue then Limerick may remain in Division 1.

The League controller will resolve this.

- Motions

Motion 1: Proposed by Ray O'Brien, Limerick

"Any player who is ^{not} resident in Munster and who plays for another club in a league outside Munster is classified as a guest player. Each club may nominate a maximum of two guest players on their team panels."

Following discussion an amendment to this motion was proposed by John Alfred, seconded by

Gabriel Mirza, was taken the change the phrase "each club" to "each panel". This was defeated in a vote.

The original motion without modification was proposed by Ray O'Brien, and seconded by Paul Carey was carried in a vote.

"The 8 man issue" caused significant issues in the past season. Following a robust discussion the following motion was proposed by Paul Walsh and seconded by Stephen Short.

"MCU Leagues should revert to the situation pertaining before the panel rule was introduced." This motion was carried by vote.

It was agreed that the leagues controller would circulate the rules to all participating clubs.

- Election of Officers

The meeting voted thanks to Gerry Graham who was stepping down.

Chairman:

Nominees:

- * John Alfred, proposed by ~~John Alfred~~ *Simon Henrich* seconded by Noel Furlong.
- * Frank Noonan, proposed by Pat Twomey, seconded by Stephen Short

Frank Noonan was elected Chairman by vote.

Frank Noonan was elected Secretary unopposed. He was nominated by Paul Carey and seconded by Pat Twomey.

Simon Lawrence was elected Treasurer unopposed. He was nominated by Peter Doyle and seconded by Paul Carey.

John Cassidy was elected ICU Delegate unopposed. He was nominated by John Alfred and seconded by Paul Carey.

Paul Carey was elected League Controller unopposed. He was nominated by Peter Doyle and seconded by Stephen Short.

Matters Arising:

Notice that Mulcahy Cup will be held in Cork Chess Club 29th, 30th & 31st December (note this has been revised to 28th, 29th, & 30th December at the time of writing.)

Note that MCU payments are due before round 3 of the Leagues.

League Controller's Report for the 2013 MCU AGM

Last years Division I League started on 1st December 2012. The late start was owing to

- 1) The fact that FIDE required a min of 5 weeks notice of start and finish dates together with the name of the FIDE Arbiter and I only gave 3.5 weeks notice and
- 2) I took into account the representation from 1 club not to start in mid November as it clashed with their participation in a world event representing Munster.

This Season this will not happen as we have already pre registered the League to start on October 12th 2013 and to finish on May 3rd 2014.

Before the 1st Division was finalized, Ennis withdrew their 2nd team. This left Limerick in 7th position and as per the AGM were not relegated. The Adare C team was promoted as per AGM minute although it was renamed Adare B. The fixtures were drawn up comprising of 8 teams: Sarsfield, Adare A, Adare B, Ennis, Cork, CCYMS, Charleville and Limerick. Following the completion of rounds 1 and 2 Adare B withdrew and keeping to our rules, Rule 18 was applied: "If they have completed less than half their matches at the time of withdrawal, then all their scores shall be cancelled but the games played will be rated".

All in all Division I League ran well although results were returned by e-mail they were not in a prescribed manner by all teams thus adding to the workload of the League Controller. To combat this for the coming season discussions have taken place with Gerry Graham, FIDE Arbiter and he has agreed to liaise with the League Controller to circulate an agreed Result Card using Microsoft Excel which is to be completed by each team captain and returned as per Rule 16 i.e. within 48 hours of end of play. The F.A. has also agreed to update the Leinster Result website with Munster results on a round by round basis.

To comply with the new Rule 6 – Guest Players, I as League Controller requested clubs to submit a signed Declaration Form stating that the player is abiding to Rule 6 of the MCU Rules. May I now say that in the main this was well received by the clubs although one club in particular decided to submit forms for players who never played. In my view it was a blatant abuse of the system put in place to govern Rule 6.

I also believe that Rule 6 has not had the desired effect of limiting the number of "guest players" participating in the league as outlined at last years AGM. In this vein, I have circulated two separate amendments to Rule 6 for consideration later in the meeting under agenda item 8.

Adare A won Division 1 on 47.5 points out of 60 with Sarsfield coming 2nd on 41/60. Now here is an interesting fact Sarsfield had 5 players in the top 9 scoring players whereas Adare A had only 2 players in this grouping.

A Special Congratulations to Stephen Short who scored an impressive 9/12 – the leading player last season. Well done Stephen.

As Adare B started the league, Limerick came 7th and as such should not be relegated.

Although I would like to recommend that Rule 4 be amended later on thereby reducing the teams in Division I from 8 to 7 or even 6. As a Union of Clubs in Munster we must seriously rethink the number of teams participating in both Divisions with a move to establishing a 3rd again. Remember we consolidated 8 teams into Division I a number of years ago as Division 2 collapsed. I believe it is now time to revisit Rule 4 later on under agenda items 7 & 8.

In January it was decided that there was sufficient interest in a second division. I received submissions from 6 clubs. I started this league off in February comprising of teams from Ennis, Waterford, Shannon, Dungarvan and Tralee. Adare was the 6th team seeking entry but I did not allow them to participate since they had already failed to meet their commitments in Division 1.

This Division was run on an all-play-all, twice basis, with a playing schedule over 6 Saturday dates coinciding with Division 1 for existing dates and venues where possible.

Tralee won this Division on a score of 27.5/40 with Waterford coming 2nd with a score of 25/40. Tralee promoted to Division 1.

Concern was aired by team captains in this division that the time control was too generous. I now propose that Rule 10, (later on in the meeting under agenda item 8), be amended to accommodate a new time control for the 2nd Division especially since this Division is not FIDE rated.

In conclusion I thank the outgoing Officers -- Frank and Simon for their assistance throughout last season. I would also like to thank Peter Doyle for his help in drawing up the fixture dates for the schedule so that it did not clash as much as possible to other chess and related events. Peter, although he could not be here tonight, has agreed to complete this work again this season - well done Peter.

In drawing to a close, I would like to stress the importance of sending in results on time without editorials. Also if players don't have FIDE numbers, date of births are compulsory. So send them in when submitting the results. For this coming season it is of paramount importance to return the results promptly as the League will not be FIDE rated if the full results are not submitted within 5 days of the end date of the League i.e. May 3rd 2014.

Paul Carey
League Controller
Munster Chess Union

Munster Chess League - Income & Expenditure Accounts 2012/13

	2012/13	2011/12
Income		
Team Fees ¹	€ 1,330.00	€ 1,400.00
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Expenditure		
Room hire ²	€ 1,640.00	€ 815.00
Trophies ³	€ 260.00	€ 156.00
Bank Fees	€ 20.30	€ 5.73
Tournament Sponsorship	€ 300.00	€ 600.00
Total Expenditure	€ 2,220.30	€ 1,576.73
Income Over Expenditure		
Income over expenditure	-€ 890.30	-€ 176.73
Balance @ 21st September 2012	€ 1,613.86	€ 1,790.59
Predicted balance @ 10th September 2013	€ 723.56	€ 613.86
Actual bank balance @ 10th September 2013	€ 713.56	€ 2,454.86
Uncashed cheques from this year	€ 90.00	€ 1,221.00
Unbanked monies	€ -	€ 380.00
Predicted bank balance	€ 623.56	€ 1,513.86
Difference between bank + predicted balance ^{4,5}	-€ 100.00	-

NOTES

- 1 Fees were: €30 Club registration, €50 per Team, €60 Room hire (1st Division only)
1st Division: 6 x €140, 1 x €120; 2nd Division: 4 x €80, 1 x €50
- 2 Two divisions operated this year (includes room hire for AGM on 21/09/2012 and AGM on 11/09/2013)
- 3 Includes repair and cleaning of 2nd Division trophy
- 4 Bank balance @ 12th December = €1,513.86 (before any credits or payments from 2012/13 season were processed)
- 5 Propose writing this off and setting account balance to bank balance for start of next season, 2013-2014.



Munster Delegate's Report 2013

A number of Meetings were held during the year , some via Skype & some face to face .

2 Meetings were held @ University of Limerick .

It was a busy year for Munster Chess

1. All Ireland Junior Championships held at Oakwood Arms Hotel in Shannon .
The event was very well attended . A special word of thanks to Munster Junior Committee . John Alfred , Steve Danaher , Noel Keating & Olive Weekes.
2. Irish Championship held @ U.L. It was a well organised event . Thanks to Kevin O'Flaherty . the venue was excellent .
3. Munster Junior Championship . this event was played in Shannon at Oakwood Arms Hotel . We were very pleased with attendance and standard . The Hotel was a good venue with attractive special rates for families .

Congratulations to all the Winners and especially the participants .

It was a great year for Munster Chess .

John Cassidy

Munster Delegate to ICU