

Secretary's Report to 2015 MCU AGM

1. The MCU Website has been set up and now provides for online reporting of MCU League Results. It also provides a means of communication between the MCU Committee and the members. It provides a listing of the member clubs, contact details and club nights. We are happy to make this facility available to announce club news etc.
2. Following last year's AGM the MCU Committee has worked to establish better working relations with the Munster Junior Chess Committee. Initially this focussed on the idea of holding a joint Munster Championship event but this was abandoned as it would restrict many of the higher rated juniors from playing in both the Munster Junior Championships and the open Munster Championship. The MCU has recognised the MJCC chaired by John Cassidy as the organisers of Munster Junior Chess.
3. At a meeting of the MCU Committee on 18th December 2014, it was resolved that Mr John Alfred be suspended from membership for a period of 6 months for bringing the MCU into disrepute. It was also resolved that Mr Alfred must demonstrate that he subscribes to the aims and objectives of the MCU and is willing to comply with its rules and regulations in order to reactivate his membership.
4. On the 27th August we were notified by the Munster Chess Union Delegate to the ICU, Gerry Graham, that when he attended the ICU Executive Meeting in Dublin at 6:30pm the Chairman had tabled a motion of no confidence in him. After the motion was passed he was immediately asked to leave.

This proposal was not listed on the ICU Agenda for the meeting, Gerry was given no advance notice of these allegations and was not given an opportunity to refute them. The MCU was not notified that the ICU Executive was proposing a vote of no confidence in its delegate.

5. The MCU Committee agreed by email that the ICU Executive had no powers to unilaterally remove its delegate and that the method used was unconstitutional. It was agreed to propose a vote of no confidence in the ICU Executive at the MCU AGM based on the manner in which the ICU Executive had acted. The wording of this motion was agreed unanimously by the MCU Committee at the Committee meeting on 3rd September 2015 as follows:

"The Munster Chess Union has no confidence in the current ICU executive".

Ray O'Brien

MCU Secretary

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