

Dumbarton and District Chess Association AGM 2025
Larkfield Centre, 19 June

Present: Mel Burt (President, Bearsden), Chris Cotton (League Controller, Bearsden- taking minutes), Thor Saemundsson (Hamilton), Shea McPherson (Bellshill), Jim Johnston (Webmaster, East Kilbride), Chris Nield (Strathclyde University), John McIntyre (Phones), Richard Menzies (Polytechnic), Iain Shields (Queens Park), Rhys McCrosson (Queens Park).

Apologies: Stepps, Caitlin McCulloch (Secretary), John McKenna (Paisley), Rob Colston (Treasurer), Colin MacGregor (Renfrewshire)

Minutes from last time: Agreed with the correction that Mel Burt was proposed by RC (Rob Colston), not “RB”.

Reports:

President- accepted as below

Secretary- accepted as below

Treasurer- accepted as below, with the agreement not to introduce clocks as additional prizes.

Controller- Short verbal report. Thanks to clubs for reporting results quickly this season.

Webmaster- Short verbal report. All worked well this season.

Annual Subscription:

Agreed not to change this.

Presentation of Prizes:

Division 1 Shield presented to Phones A (collected by John McIntyre)

Division 2 Shield presented to Bellshill (collected by Shea McPherson)

Knockout individual prizes presented to Strathclyde Uni (collected by Chris Nield)

League Officers:

President: Mel Burt (proposed John McIntyre, seconded Thor Saemundsson)

Secretary: John McKenna (proposed Iain Shields, seconded Jim Johnston)

Treasurer: Rob Colston (proposed Mel Burt, seconded Thor Saemundsson)

Controller: Chris Cotton (proposed John McIntyre, seconded Jim Johnston)

All the above were agreed, with Jim Johnston to continue with fixtures and the website.

Resolutions:

None submitted

Any Other Competent Business:

The AGM was happy to continue with shields as prizes for league champions.

Fixture Meeting for next season will be on September 10.

Written Reports

DDCA President report 2024-25

The League has run well with no disputes, no team or board defaults in division 1 and only one board default in division 2.

That's outstandingly good but let's go for no defaults at all next season!.

The number of clubs is likely to increase as Glasgow Montrose intend to join next season.

We moved to Increments (60minute /10seconds) this season and that has worked well in this League and the Glasgow one with **NO games unfinished** requiring a decision after 2hrs 40 minutes.

The change removed the complication of understanding Quickplay-finish draw claims and made it more difficult to try to "run down the clock" in a lost position

However it does mean that there's more need to play out endings and mechanical clocks are less relevant.

Caitlin McCulloch has done an excellent job as Secretary but is giving up this year and John McKenna has agreed to take over. However as both of them are recovering from operations they have to miss this AGM. Chris Cotton has offered to take the minutes and I will try to give a brief Secretary report

DDCA Secretary report 2024-25

Phones A won Division 1 with a healthy 13/16, though Phones B "book-ended" that division with somewhat fewer points

Bellshill won Division 2 with 14/16 and no losses.

The KO was closely fought with 3 draws needing tie-breaks, including the final where Strathclyde U beat last year's winners Phones A applying bottom board elimination.

Organisation of the KO has historically been done by the Secretary but since Caitlin is leaving I will do it again unless John McKenna is ready.

Regarding relegation, EK Wanderers and Phones B were the bottom teams in Division 1 and Bellshill and Glasgow Poly B topped Division 2 but the actual make-up of the divisions will be largely determined by the number of new teams expected to register next season.

DUMBARTON AND DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION FINANCES 2024 – 2025

1 Jun 2024		Brought forward:-	£687.92
	Income	Expenses	
14 Aug 2024	£30.00		£717.92 Registration – Renfrew
15 Aug 2024	£85.00		£802.92 Sponsorship – Sim & Co
28 Aug 2024	£30.00		£832.92 Registration – Queens Park
12 Sep 2024	£60.00		£892.92 Registration – Bearsden
13 Sep 2024	£60.00		£952.92 Registration – Poly
16 Sep 2024	£60.00		£1,012.92 Registration – Stepps
17 Sep 2024	£60.00		£1,072.92 Registration – Paisley
17 Sep 2024		£7.00	£1,065.92 Secretarial Expenses
18 Sep 2024	£90.00		£1,155.92 Registration – Phones
30 Sep 2024	£30.00		£1,185.92 Registration – East Kilbride
2 Oct 2024	£30.00		£1,215.92 Registration – Strathclyde
15 Oct 2024	£30.00		£1,245.92 Registration – Bellshill
4 Nov 2024	£60.00		£1,305.92 Registration – Hamilton
8 Nov 2024		£20.00	£1,285.92 Refund Hamilton for Trophies
7 Feb 2025		£288.00	£997.92 Chess Scotland
7 May 2025		£220.83	£777.09 Trophies – Bespoke Studio Returned by Bellshill for
15 May 2025	£50.00		£827.09 trophies Engraving at Walters of
25 May 2025		£16.00	£811.09 Clydebank
24 May 2025		Carried forward:-	£811.09
	Income	Expenses	
Totals:-	£675.00	£551.83	
Surplus:-	£123.17		

Rob Colston
8th June 2025