

WELSH CHESS UNION

PROVISIONAL MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 23rd November 2025 via Zoom.

AGENDA

Attendees

Bill Harle (BH), Mark Adams (MA), Kevin Staveley (KS), Peter Bevan (PB), Ian Eustis (IE), Kevin Heady (KH), Lynda Smith (LS), Phil Jones (PJ), Jon Gilbert (JG), Dave Norris (DN), Vivki Hammett (VH), Gary Slegg (GS), Hywel Griffiths, (HG), Hannah Richmond (HR), Kirshore Are, Jonathan Blackburn (JB)

1. Apologies for absence

Russell Dodington

2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Approved

3. Matters arising.

None

4. Reports of officers and comments

Executive Director.

A request was made to produce a supporting note to the Framework proposal to summarise the changes.

A question was asked regarding how the WCU attracts volunteers. MA replied that we do have difficulties in getting volunteers into the organisation, especially for key roles. We do get volunteers who play a significant part, but numbers are small.

Report Approved

Directors of Finance

Post is vacant. The accounts were distributed, but there were no questions.

International Chess

PB added to his report, that we should look at ways to raise funds for Olympiad players. HG suggested we think about investing funds in increasing the player base first.

Report Approved

Home Chess

In addition to his report, KS suggested a 3 layered structure for our arbiting team, to give more flexibility for arbiters to gain experience at controlling events.

Junior Chess

Report Approved

National Rating Officer

Report Approved

Junior Rapid Play Rating officer

No Report

Chairman of Selectors

No Report

5. **Election of officers**

6.

Post	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Bill Harle`	KS	IE
Vice President ¹			
Executive Director	Mark Adams	GS	KS
Deputy Executive Director ²	Vacant		
Finance Director ²	Vacant		
Director of Home Chess	Kevin Staveley	IE	PB
Director of Junior Chess	Ian Eustis	KS	DN
Director of Women's Chess	Hannah Richmond	MA	LS
Director International Chess	Peter Bevan	LS	KS
Director of Publicity	Hannah Richmond/Vicky Hammett	MA	KS
Director of Development ²			
Director of Rating	Dave Norris	LS	MA
International Rating Officer	Dave Norris	KS	LS
Junior Rapidplay Rating Officer ⁴	Sergey Popov	HR	DN
Chairman of Selectors ³	Howard Williams	IE	GS
Chief Arbiter	Peter Purland	MA	PB
FIDE Delegate	Bill Harle	PB	IE
Yearbook Editor ²	Vacant		
Webmaster	Peter Bevan	KS	IE
Registration Secretary ²	Vacant		
Direct Membership Secretary ²	Vacant		

¹ Martyn Griffiths will be approached to see if he will accept this role

² MA to arrange MB or subcommittee meeting to discuss vacant posts.

³ KS to ask Howard Williams about continuing with this role. An alternative name has been suggested

⁴ Subject to acceptance

7. **Appointment of Independent Accountant**

KS suggested that an accounting firm he has dealings with could operate as WCU auditors. The meeting approved the Management Board has the remit to appoint an auditor. KS to follow up.

8. **Election of Honorary Members**

None

9. **Honoraria.**

None

Note that these minutes will become official at the next WCU AGM