

**Bradford DCA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting held 5th December 2012 at the Central Division Club, Clayton Lane**

**Present:** D Adam, J Holliday, K Marsh and C Wood **(**Chairman**)**

**1 Previous month’s meeting minutes**

The previous month’s meeting minutes were approved after noting the substitution of Geoff Briggs for Geoff Smith as the new Shipley Secretary under 2b.

**2 Matters Arising**

**2.1 Bradford Congress**

a John Holliday reported that he had confirmed to Ihor Lewyk that the sought suspension of John Brooke for the next two seasons from the BradfordChess Congress had been supported by the Committee and Ihor was now to advise this in writing to John Brooke.

b David Barlow had previously reported that the ECF had re-invoiced us for the grading fees for the 2012 Congress, resulting in a revised Income & Expenditure statement.

**3 Treasurer’s Report**

The cheque for £500 for sponsorship from the Fattorini Trust was to be handed to David Barlow for presentation.

**4 Web-site**

There had been positive feedback from members on the updated web-site. Moreover, Keith Marsh intended to put more information on the web-site over the Christmas break. Keith was also going to address Bob Leach’s (the Ilkley CC Clough team captain) queries on the dropdown player listing.

**5 Junior Club/Bradford Knights**

The one day quickplay tournament on Sunday 2nd December as organised by Andy Wainwright was reported as successful and enjoyable. Andy Wainwright planned to run several such events in 2013. Also the Saturday Junior coaching was becoming established with about 6 regular attendees.

**6 125th Anniversary Event/Bradford MDC Commemorative Event**

Nothing to report.

**7 Hepolite and Hepolite Plate Draw**

The draws for the quarter finals of the Hepolite and Hepolite Plate were made as follows:-

Hepolite

*Bingley Bees A v v Ilkley A*

*Polish v Central Laners*

*South Bradford A v Idle Knights*

*Undercliffe A v Undercliffe B*

Hepolite Plate

*Enigma*  v *Bradford Spitfires*

*College Undergrads v Legion of the Damned*

*South Bradford B v Keighley*

*Bingley Bees B v Undercliffe C*

**8 A.O.B.**

**8.1 Michael Overend Grading**

The one off effect on his transitory chessnuts grade of the result of Michael Overend’s recent match was noted. It was confirmed that captains should continue to select teams in order of adjudged playing strength and not be unduly influenced by what was construed to be freak gradings caused by a few graded results.

**8.2 2013 Officers**

It was suggested that upon David Adam’s planned retirement from the Committee from the 2013 AGM, Lee Crawford of Ilkley CC be approached with a view to being his replacement.

**8.3 Sponsorship**

The generous arranged sponsorship for 2013/4 by Thomas Fattorini Ltd was to be acknowledged by way of promotion on literature and on the web-site. Also it was agreed to utilise the funds by giving the top two teams in each division a plated chess clock.

**9 Next meeting**

Thursday 3rd January 2013 at 8pm at the Central Division Club