

# **SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION**

## **FOUNDED 1892**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To Members of the SCCU Council.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Southern Counties Chess Union will be held at 1pm on Sunday 7th July 2024 at Chalkhill Community Centre, Chalkhill Road, London, HA9 9FX.

Directions: The venue is a short 4 minute walk from Wembley Park Tube Station (Jubilee & Metropolitan Lines). There is limited parking nearby.

All Officers of the Union, two representatives of each County Member, and one representative of each Non-County Member are entitled to attend and vote. A voting representative who is unable to attend is entitled to appoint a proxy.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd July 2023.
3. Matters arising from the previous AGM Minutes (not already covered in the Agenda or Officers Reports).
4. Officers' Reports
  - (a) President
  - (b) Secretary
  - (c) Treasurer
  - (d) Rating Officer
  - (e) County Match Controller
  - (f) Webmaster
  - (g) Junior Organiser
  - (h) Safeguarding Lead
5. Report on the SCCU/London Club Championship
6. Report on the 2024 Jamboree
7. Accounts for 2023-2024 to year end 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
8. Presentation of Trophies for the 2023/2024 County Championships.
9. Election of Officers for 2024-2025 (please note that it is a condition of being an SCCU officer that officers' personal contact data is processed by SCCU and will be displayed on the SCCU website). It is understood all of the Officers, listed below, are currently willing to stand for re-election barring the President. Nominations will be accepted up to and during the Meeting.
  - (a) President – Satish Gaekwad (intending to step down if a replacement can be voted in)
  - (b) Secretary – Chris Bernard
  - (c) Treasurer – Tim Thurstan
  - (d) Rating Officer – Michael Flatt
  - (e) County Match Controller – Michael Flatt
  - (f) Junior Organiser – Angela Eyton
  - (g) Webmaster – Michael Flatt
  - (h) Safeguarding Lead – Mark Murrell
  - (i) Independent Examiner – Richard Mattison

10(a) Proposed Amendment to County Match Rule 15

From Surrey County Chess Association.

15. Before the time fixed for play, match captains shall exchange team lists ~~indicating whether the rating list in force at the start of the season or the current month original rating list has been used for board order. If the rating list in force at the start of the season has been chosen, a player cannot be listed on a board below another who is rated (or deemed to be rated) more than 80 ECF rating points lower than the player.~~

The original published rating list for the current month shall be used, except for matches in the first week of the month when a captain may choose to use the preceding month's original rating list.

~~If the current monthly original rating list is chosen,~~ players must be listed in rating order. If a captain's board order does not comply with this requirement, then the opposing captain may at his discretion insist, prior to the coin toss only, that the captain must provide an alternative board order complying with this rule.

If a list includes defaults, these must be on the lowest boards.

9(b) Proposed Amendment to County General Rule 5 (Eligibility of players)

From Kent County Chess Association:

The Kent proposal is to change 5 (c) (2) (ii) to 5 (d)

~~(ii)~~ (d) If a player ~~without a published start-of-season rating acquires an ECF rating (as category A or K) it will supersede the agreed estimated rating, effective one week after its publication (or earlier if the team captain so chooses).~~ starts the season with a published ECF Rapidplay Rating, or a converted Active FIDE Rating, or is without a published start-of-season rating, these and any estimated Ratings will be superseded by their first published monthly ECF rating (category A or K). This ~~It~~ will supersede any clearance, or refusal of clearance, previously declared by the County Match Controller. Once acquired the rating will apply throughout the remainder of the season.

Rule 5 (d) becomes 5(e), and Rule 5(e) becomes 5(f).

9 (c). Proposed addition to U14/1700 Championship League Rule 6

From the April SCCU Committee meeting:

6 The Competition has two stages:

(a) The Group stage

(b) The Final

In the event of a low number of entries, a single Finals stage can be held ~~with the winner decided as detailed in "7 The Group stage"~~.

9 (d) Proposed addition to County Match Rule 19 - From the April SCCU committee meeting.

~~(f) Captains are allowed to update the ECF LMS during play if they have agreed beforehand which devices are to be used and where they are to be placed.~~

10. Any Other Business of which prior notice has been give

a. Proposal to consider David Sedgwick for an Honorary Life Vice President position.