

**Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Nairobi Chess Club held on 2nd December 2017 at 4:12pm Goan Gymkhana, Nairobi.**

Present:           Kim Bhari (KB), Chairman  
  
                  Mushfig Habilov, Director of Play  
  
                  Willy Simons, Vice-Chairman  
  
                  Warren Pollock, Secretary  
  
                  Ian Masaa  
  
                  Paul Oketch, Treasurer  
  
                  Mehul Gohil (MG)  
  
                  Ernest Thumbi  
  
                  Paul Ochieng  
  
                  Jackson Arigi

Absent with apologies:       Peter Gilruth, Vice Chairman  
  
  Roberto Villuela, Committee Member

The meeting commenced at 4:12pm by Warren Pollock reading the Notice of the AGM.

The minutes of the 59th AGM were proposed by Willy Simons, seconded by Mehul Gohil, and confirmed by all present.

The financial statements and the Chairman's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 proposed by Mehul Gohil, seconded by Jackson Arigi, and confirmed by all present.

The issue of the net loss for the year was raised by MG. Kim Bhari explained there were three reasons for the loss.

1. National elections pushed the NCC Open Championship into the current financial year.
2. There was an outlay for team uniforms of KES 48,900 that has yet to be made up through uniform sales.
3. Venue costs for events increased significantly due to the fact that we were unable to get our normal school venues due to changes in their internal policies. KB is attempting to re-establish our relationship with Braeburn as a venue for our 2 flagship events – Capablanca Cup and the NCC Championship.

KB pointed out that the Natwest Bank Reserve KES 41,144 that was appearing in the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 Balance Sheet has now been booked into income as per wishes of the members at the last AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

KB to try and get in touch with the administrator of Mr Will's Estate in South Africa. 25% of the income from the Estate is supposed to be paid to Nairobi Chess Club (amount is approximately USD 60 – USD 70 per annum).

It was also noted by Mushfig Habilov that membership numbers have decreased. Introduction of daily membership will help, provided there is a push for said members to pay up.

Willy Simons requested that in the future, revenue streams in financial statements be separated by class (ie. Membership and events).

Elections were held and the following posts were confirmed;

Kim Bhari, Chairman

Peter Gilruth, Vice Chairman

Warren Pollock, Secretary

Mushfig Habilov, Director of Play

Roberto Villuela, Treasurer

Willy Simons, Committee member

Mehul Gohil, Committee member

Ian Masaa, Committee member

Issues discussed:

**Schedule of Events:** Mushfig Habilov still aiming for one tournament each month over the coming year. Exact schedule to be determined as we Chess Kenya provides details of the 2018 Kenya National League.

It was also determined NCC would hold the same 4 major tournaments as the previous year (NCC Championship, NCC Closed Championship, Capablanca Cup, Le Pelley Cup).

Three of these are scheduled as follows;

Le Pelley for January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
Capablanca for February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
60<sup>th</sup> NCC Championship for August 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> .

Dates of Nairobi Chess Club Closed Championship to be determined, though it may take the space of the Le Pelley if needed (as the Closed has traditionally been used to choose NCC's league team).

Kim Bhari proposed changing distribution of cash prizes to M-Pesa, to be paid within 48 hours.

MH proposed having more prizes for events by rating/category rather than the traditional format where only the top players receive the prizes.

KB has also organized a Jamhuri Cup tournament, limited to 16 players for December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at Goan Gymkhana. This is to enable non-citizens to have an event as they are not allowed to play in the Kenya National Championship which runs from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

MH tried to organize a match with Eastlands Chess Club but this has not yet worked out. There was interest in organizing a match with players from the South Sudanese community.

**Tanzania Match:** Peter Gilruth was in touch, but no agreement was made allowing this to happen. Will attempt to organize again.

**Website:** Still shifting website to Wordpress.

**League:** NCC won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2017. No schedule from Chess Kenya for 2018 league. There were proposals to introduce a second team, as well as to work on recruiting more women players. NCC may introduce training for team. It was also proposed to look into leveraging the club's 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the KNCL into sponsorship opportunities.

It was also agreed that the team should now find a new captain to take over from Kim Bhari.

**Committee Meetings:** Willy Simons noted committee needs more frequent meetings, preferably once per month. Next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at the café next to Nakumatt Ukay in Westlands.

**Swiss Manager:** Kim Bhari recently learned to use Swiss Manager. He will leave a copy at the club and train others to use it, in order to facilitate running of events.

There being no other points to discuss the meeting ended at 6:20pm.

**Warren Pollock**

**Secretary**

**Nairobi Chess Club**