

Scarborough Chess Club
2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2017
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Birkdale Community Centre
1299 Ellesmere Road
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

1) Roll Call

Warren McKelvie
Sean Lei
Jim Patterson
Maurice Smith
Pino Verde
Omar Shah
Ken Kurkowski
John Stitt
Hassan Pishdad
Guy Hulbert

2) Call to order

Club Vice President Maurice Smith called to order the Annual General Meeting of the Scarborough Chess Club at 7:30 p.m. on September 7, 2017 at the Birkdale Community Centre. Maurice welcomed all in the room and thanked them for their attendance at the AGM. Maurice asked for approval of the 2016 minutes. Pino moved for approval and was seconded by John.

3) President's Report

Omar Shah reported on the club forfeit policy and how forfeits have been considerably reduced. Omar said that he was happy that for the most part rounds were being started on time. Omar also shared that he will continue to strive to run the club as efficiently as possible. Please see Appendix A for the complete President's Report.

4) Vice President's Report

The Vice President's report was read by Maurice Smith and circulated. See Appendix B for the Vice President's Report.

5) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Ken and circulated. It was unanimously approved. See Appendix C for the Treasurer's Report.

6) Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report.

7) Officer at Large Report

There was no Officer At large Report.

8) Tournament Director's Report

Omar Shah reported on forfeits and the fact that members will continue to be reminded to request a bye if they cannot attend.

9) Facebook Admin Report

There was no Facebook Admin report. Results will continue to be posted on Facebook.

10) Other Business for 2015/2016

There was no other business for 2015/2016

11) Elections

- a. Guy nominated Omar for President – acclaimed
- b. Jim nominated Maurice for Vice President – acclaimed
- c. Omar nominated Ken for Treasurer – acclaimed
- d. Sean nominated Warren for Secretary – acclaimed
- e. Omar nominated Sean for Officer at Large – acclaimed
- f. Guy nominated Omar for Tournament director – acclaimed
- g. Omar/Sean were appointed Facebook Admin by Executive

12) Motions

a) McKELVIE/LEI

To dispense the rating floor for playing up. A player will be assigned to a section based on their rating at the time they join the tournament. You may only play in one section for each tournament. Vote results: Passed. 7 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

b) SHAH/LEI

That the SCC Championship Top Section be FIDE rated. Passed unanimously.

c) SHAH/MCKELVIE

That the bottom section be for Juniors only. Adults currently rated under 1400 will play in the U1800 section. Vote results: Passed. 5 in favour, 2 opposed, 2 abstained

d) SHAH/KURKOWSKI

That casual membership be introduced at half the price of current membership options. Passed unanimously.

13) Other Business for 2016/2017

No other business for 2016/2017

14) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next AGM is scheduled for the first Thursday in September 2018.

Appendix 1: President's Report

Greetings SCC Executives and Members,

The past 2 club years 2015-2017 I took on the responsibilities of serving as Club President. At the time I had a few priorities for the club, mainly being:

- 1) Getting the rounds started in a timely fashion.
- 2) Reduce the number of Forfeits occurring.
- 3) Running the Club as efficiently as possible.

I am delighted to report that for the majority of nights the round starts on time. We usually get Members walking in last minute wanting a game and we always accommodate them. However, the tradition of walking in is gradually changing to Members emailing us in advance and requesting to be paired instead.

The tradition of forfeits has gone way down from high 2 digits (70+) to high 1 digit (9) within 2 years. The credit goes to the rest of the Executive for educating our members to request a bye via email or phone in. I would also like to thank a parent, Monica Wang, who has helped me with translation for parents of members whose English was limited on numerous occasions.

To make the Club run more efficiently and save money, any items that were needed for day to day operations were bought in bulk from Dollarama, Walmart or Costco. An example would be batteries needed for our digital Clocks, Pencils for recording moves and Bags for storing pieces.

As for the future, I am looking forward to introducing and having our top Section be FIDE rated. By having FIDE rated sections we hope to attract a High Rated (2000+) CFC crowd.

I would like to thank the Executive for being by my side in the trenches. Firstly, Maurice Smith (Vice President) for helping me communicate with members through our emails and answering the phone calls. Ken Kurkowski (Treasurer) for being the accountant and helping out with the Members signing up process. Our Pairing Team of Sean Lei and Warren McKelvie, for serving an integral part of the Club's operations and without them the Club simply wouldn't run.

A final Thank You goes to all the Volunteers that help throughout the year. In particular I would like to sincerely thank Dinesh Dattani for being our photographer and Pino Verde for being the best volunteer ever.

If nominated I would run for President again.

Best Regards,
Omar Shah
SCC President

Appendix B: Vice President's Report

Throughout the year, along with the President I contacted the Supervisor at Birkdale Community Centre advising her of our program and its requirements. I completed the documentation for our permit and its requirements for the rooms at the Centre.

I have continually updated the membership list in Excel on my computer that shows all our members names, addresses, birth dates of Juniors, C.F.C. & Club due dates and e-mail addresses.

I followed up with any members who were in danger of missing their due dates for C.F.C or Club payments.

I participated in discussions with the President, and at times with the Executive in order that the right decisions were made regarding the Club Policies.

I believe the Club had a good year due in part to the work of the Executive and all our great volunteers who we could not do without.

I will stand for Vice President again if nominated.

Maurice Smith

Appendix C: Treasurer's Report

Coming soon.