

NORTH ESSEX CHESS LEAGUE

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The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the North Essex Chess League will take place on **Monday 5 August 2013** at Baddow Chess Club's venue starting at 19:45. *Please note the change of date.*

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

2 Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 July 2012

3 Matters arising

4 Officers' Reports

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| (a) General Secretary | (d) Knock-Out Secretary | (g) ECF Representative |
| (b) Treasurer | (e) Grading Officer | |
| (c) Championship Secretary | (f) Daytime Chess Organiser | |

5 Proposal to amend the Constitution

Melvin Steele has proposed adding the highlighted sentence to section C (General Meetings) sub-section (i) so that it reads:

An Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each year, when reports shall be submitted by the officers, when the officers of the League for the next year shall be elected, when recommendations to the Committee can be made by members of constituent clubs, and when the Committee can bring forward matters for general discussion and resolution.

The general secretary will make draft minutes available to all members within 2 weeks after the meeting date.

6 Election of Officers

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| (a) President | (e) Treasurer | (i) Congress Officer |
| (b) Chairman | (f) Championship Secretary | (j) Junior Chess Officer |
| (c) Vice-Chairman | (g) Knock-Out Secretary | (k) Daytime Chess Organiser |
| (d) General Secretary | (h) Grading Officer | (l) ECF Representative |

After the untimely death of Mike Richards, I have been acting as Treasurer. Furthermore, Robin Slade has announced that he will not be standing as Championship Secretary. There are other vacancies, but Treasurer and Championship Secretary are essential officers. If anyone is interested in standing for either post, I would appreciate advance notice, if possible. Please feel free to contact me about the requirements for either office, while Robin is also in a position to offer advice about the Championship Secretary.

7 Presentation of Trophies

8 Advance Notice of LCM Proposals

Although no decisions can be made at the AGM, those present will have a chance to discuss two items that will be on the agenda at the forthcoming League Committee Meeting. They are being shown on the AGM agenda so that, if possible, clubs can discuss them in advance of the AGM. There are two counter proposals to change registrations in section 22 of the Rules of Match Play.

1) *From Witham Chess Club*

Witham proposes extending the provision for a club with two teams in division 1 to field teams of more equal strength to all divisions.

2) *From the General Secretary*

The General Secretary proposes removing the provision for equal strength teams, but reducing the number of players listed for each team to one fewer than the number of boards.

9 Any Other Business (at Chairman's discretion)

IMPORTANT - For all Club Secretaries

The Al Scibor Trophy is awarded annually to the league player who has achieved the highest percentage score in championship matches. Such player must have played in at least 75% of available matches; thus the minimum for the 2012/2013 season is 7 for divisions 1 and 2, but 9 for division 3. A junior trophy is also awarded, subject to a minimum of 6 games.

The Championship Secretary and I believe that the best qualifying scores this season are:

Al Scibor:	Ian Reynolds (Billericay)	6½/7 (92.9%)
Junior:	Gorak Rajesh (CRGS)	7/9 (77.8%)

If anyone is aware of a higher qualifying percentage, please inform the Championship Secretary, Robin Slade, or me by 29 July 2013. In the absence of superior claims, the trophies will be awarded to the players shown above.

Trophies: Please ensure that all individual and team trophies are available at the AGM so that they can be presented to this year's winners. If you are unable to deliver a trophy to me before the day of the AGM, please contact me to confirm that it will be brought along on the night itself. Please note that a fine might be imposed on any club failing to return a trophy.

EXPENSES

All league officials who have claims for expenses should submit them to me by 29 July 2013, along with full details of any matters related to the accounts for this season.

David J. Millward

General Secretary