



Annual General Meeting Monday 10th September 2007

The annual general meeting of Phibsboro Chess Club took place in the club rooms in the An Oige Headquarters Mountjoy St.D7 on Monday 10th September 2007. The meeting started at 8-30 pm with twenty three members present.

President's Address

The season which has just concluded was another successful year in the history of the club. Our numbers were slightly down at the start of the league Campaign but as the year progressed we were happy to see the arrival of new players. An increasing percentage of our Membership now consists of players from overseas who have recently made Ireland their home. These players are indeed welcome as they add strength and diversity to the club.

We participated in five divisions of the leagues From Div I to 5 And our results placed us in the top three in every division. In addition our top team again won the Brannigan cup. I will leave it to our secretary Michael Germaine to detail The results.

Congratulations to Stephen Brady in again finishing first in the Irish Senior Championship. I think that is his sixth Irish title. Congratulations to Lukasz Kwiatak on winning the City of Dublin Major competition and to Xavier Bussig on winning the club Summer competition. Again I will leave it to Mick to detail all the winners -

As I have already advised I am resigning from the committee of Phibsboro chess club having served in various positions for a period of over 50 years. Many will say this resignation is well overdue and I for one will certainly agree with them. I do however want to thank the present committee and all past committees for the wonderful work and assistance over the years. I would particularly like to mention Mick Germaine, the man who keeps the club going, and the great amount of time and energy he devotes to the smooth running of things. The other committee members all contributed a lot of time and effort on all our

behalf's Tony Mooney the irreplaceable treasurer. Peter Jackson who keeps track of the various leagues and assists every team, in a big way, by setting up boards and pieces for every match. Liam Herrick and Richard O Donovan who attended nearly every meeting and contributed greatly to operating strategy and finally to Stawomir Jurkiewicz (Stan) who in his first year on committee proved himself to be an invaluable asset assisting the club in many ways. I am not resigning from the club and I sincerely hope that I will still have many more years enjoying the pleasant atmosphere, made possible by the most friendly membership of any chess club in Ireland.

Anthony then asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting which were proposed by John Nolan and seconded by Tim Conlan and adopted by all present.

Secretary's Report

First I want to thank every body for attending the meeting this evening, and I would like to thank the member and the committee for the support and co-operation they gave to the club, and myself, over the past year.

We entered five teams in the leagues this year one team in each section of the leagues. Armstrong Cup team finished 3rd in their section and the Heidenfeld team finished 2nd in their section which promoted them to the Armstrong section of the leagues next season. The Ennis Shield team finished 3rd in their section, and O'Hanlon cup team finished 3rd in their section we had no BEA team, and the Bodley cup team finished in 3rd place in their section, these were excellence results that any club would be proud of. The final rounds of the Leinster leagues were played in St Michael's community centre, home of the Inchicore Chess Club. I would like to thank the team captains for the difficult job they do, keeping their teams performing during the year. As usual our club members had some very fine performances in outside competitions. Congratulation once again to Stephen Brady on winning the 2007 Irish Championship, and becoming Irish champion for the 6th time, Michael Delaney and Justin Mulrooney represented Ireland in the world individual chess championships for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which was held in Goa India in October 2006. The Leinster Chess Championship was run by M Germaine in the club premises on the 28th 29th and 30th December 2006, the club championship this year as in previous years was again a great success with 30 members playing on an all play all bases, and the entrance fee was €5. We had 4 sections with 8 players in each section, and 6 players in the 4th Div. and as each section were so keenly contested with two and three players contesting second places, the committee decided to present extra trophies. Stephen Brady won the Senior section, with Sebastian Rosse and Kevin Butler in second place, the intermediate

section was won by Lukasz Kwiatek, with Thomas Brown in second place, and Michael Germaine in third place, Algimantas Ogintas won the junior section with Ramond Kilbride in second place and Michael Treacy in third place. Div.4 was won by Liam Herrick with Mark Verword and Martin O'Donoghue in second places. The summer competition was won by Xavier Busig with Kevin Butler Lukasz Kwiatek and Herbert Scarry in second places. The Christmas Blitz was a great success and was controlled by M Germaine T Duffy and H Scarry the competition was very well supported and a great night was had by all present, tea coffee and biscuits were provided by an oige, and cakes supplied by Tim Conlan, and special thanks to Val Murray for his very generous sponsorship of the competition. The City of Dublin Championships was held in the club premises on the 31st August, 1st and the 2nd September controlled by M Germaine. Congratulations to Lukasz Kwiatek on winning the Major section and board prizes were won by Fergal O' Beirne and Stanislav Jurkiewicz... Christmas presents were given to the staff of An Oige for the help and cooperation they showed to us over the year. The club has re opened again for Monday and Thursday night play from Thursday last 6th September 2007. The secretary was informed by the manager of An Oige that our club nights were secured for the 2007/2008 season. I would like to thank Conor Gilmer for keeping the Phibsboro chess club web site up to date, anybody who wishes to have items placed on it should contact Conor. And also Peter Jackson for coming down early and setting up the equipment so that matches can start on time. Tony Duffy informed the committee at our last meeting that he would not be going forward for any more committee work. Tony has worked for the Phibsboro Chess Club both on committee and on the executive committee since the club was formed 50 Years ago. I would like to thank him on behalf of the members of this club for the work he put in making this club one of the best clubs in Ireland, and I hope he enjoys many many more years as a club player.

And finally I would like to wish every member the best of luck for the coming season.

The treasurer Tony Mooney presented his report to the club. After reading his report he announced that the club was in a good financial position and there would be no increase in our fees for the coming year, John Nolan suggested that as the club had only covered its commitments would it not be prudent to have an increase in fee, the treasurer suggested that we had a small amount of cash in the bank that had not been touched and the committee felt it would not be necessary to increase fees for the coming season. The report was proposed by T Conlan and seconded by David Salter.

Next item on the agenda was the election of officers

President; David Salter proposed by T.Duffy seconded by T Conlan
Elected

Secretary, M Germaine proposed by N Duffy seconded by N Gilmer
Elected

Treasurer, A. Mooney proposed by L Herrick seconded by J Sweeney
elected.

Committee members elected were;

Liam Herrick, Richard O'Donovan, Peter Jackson. Stawomir. Jurkiewicz.
And Momahad Parouare

Next item was the presentation of prizes. Trophies and medals were
presented as reported in the secretary's report.

As there was no other business the meeting closed.

M Germaine
Secretary