

ICU Committee Meeting Thursday 22nd January 2015



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Present: Colm Daly, Pat Fitzsimons, Paul Cassidy, Desmond Beatty, Chriss Sheridan, Tristan Sheridan, Andrew Kildea, Bryan Tobin , Gerry Graham, Colm O Muireagain

Skype: Darko Polimac, Kevin O'Connell

Apologies: Garry O'Grady

1. Agenda Items

- Minutes of meeting of 23rd October 2014 and matters arising
- Irish Senior Championships 2015 and National Club Cup
- Junior Officer's report (including Glorney Cup Events and Coaching)
- Child Protection and Garda Vetting
- Tournament Grants & ICU membership rules for rating of events (Kilkenny request can be considered under this item).
- Irish Junior Championships
- Sponsorship (New Ireland Assurance (confirmed) and ECU (decision expected in February))
- On-line coaching course
- Updates from Officers
- Update on AGM follow ups.
- A.O.B.

2. Discussion of the minutes of the last meeting

Colm raised a concern that the position held by Andrew is not on the executive. At present Andrew is not on the executive and will abstain from any votes. The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and agreed.

3. Irish Championships

The Irish championships will be run on the week 4th-12th July 2015.

Pat reported that Trinity is not available for the Irish championships but that the Gresham would be available at a cost of about 4.5K.

Generally agreed these costs were high and the further options should be explored.

Proposed to check with Kilmanham Hilton hotel and others to obtain the best price and following updated proposal the committee would have to agree on cost and location.

At present there is no sponsorship for the Irish championships and not looking likely that we will be able to secure any.

Dublin will be the general area but the exaction location needs to be confirmed Proposal agreed to run the team tournament with limited prize money on the second weekend of the Irish championships.

Action: Peter and Pat to investigate potential costs and locations and will circulate proposals for a vote.

Rory Quinn requested approval for Ennis to run the national club championships. Agreed Ennis will run the national championships.

Action: Peter Scott is going to go back to Rory with this confirmation.

4. Junior Officers Report

Desmond circulated the Junior Officers report by mail and this is included in Appendix A.

Glorney

The dates for the Glorney have been confirmed with England, Scotland and Wales. Desmond reported that the plan is to broadcast all 40 boards from the tournament.

Sponsorship from New Ireland insurance has been agreed and confirmed Darko Polimac to confirm the dates of the Glorney to the Secretary and President of the ECU.

Darko indicated that their attendance and potential funding will confirmed after next European board meeting scheduled for 6th-7th March.

Darko requested to negotiate deals for the 4 guests in the hotel where the tournament will be played.

It was agreed to fund participants by 150 from ICU with an additional 50 from New Ireland.

Daniel Lynch has agreed to chair the Junior selection committee.

The committee thanked Desmond for his comprehensive report.

5. Child Protection and Garda Vetting

The chairman reported he is completing a draft of the child protection policy. Pat Fitzsimons to circulate the draft in the next couple of days. Noel Keating has agreed to be our authorized signatory for vetting purposes. Kevin proposed that we look at the moves for life procedures and review.

Action: Kevin the send these on to Pat.

6. Tournament Grants & ICU membership rules for rating events

Proposal by Colm to enforce tournaments to ensure all participating members are members of the ICU. This would include international players who may pay to become full members or reduced payment for participation. General agreement that this is a good idea but some concerns on the practicalities of implementing, the necessity to provide tournaments with an incentive to sign players and when this could be implemented.

Agreed tournaments should get an incentive for collecting the fees. We need to make a statement on this. Andrew read out his proposal regarding membership and will forward this to everybody. John Cassidy to create proposal within one week produce a proposal and circulate for vote including a proposed implementation date

Agree that we need to publicize what we do on future grants so it is clear to all tournaments

Kilkenny applied for a grant but after the tournament was completed. Voted to give Kilkenny a €200 grant based on a majority decision after vote.

7. Irish Junior Championships

Pat to approach various people to get a public representative to open the tournament.

Other than the agreed sponsorship we are not able to provide additional financial support to this tournament.

Pat outlined the details of the New Ireland sponsorship. Paul congratulated Pat on receiving the sponsorship.

8. On-line coaching course and License fees

Designed to allow people to update the certifications obtained in 2003.

Issue around who pays fees on current invoice, should these be paid by the individuals. Course should be available at some point in the summer of 2015.

Costs will be picked up by the participants.

9. Updates from Officers

10. Update on AGM follow ups

Pat updating and will circulate a disciplinary process in the next few weeks. These needs to be circulated and pushed before the EGM.

11. AOB

Desmond Beatty requested an explanation of the present situation with the Website. Desmond reported that it is difficult to get some changes and we need a functioning webmaster. At the moment it is difficult to get changes completed. Pat indicated that Ciaran Quinn is working with Mark Orr on the website handover. Desmond asked if we can ask Mark to make these changes. Conor is not available at present and his long term commitment needs to be clarified.

Action: Pat to ask Conor what his intentions are and report back

It was agreed that some expenses should be paid for members traveling large distances to ICU committee meetings. Gerry reported this had also been agreed by the last committee and should be recorded in the minutes from last year.

Pat to schedule the next meeting for 19th March.

DRAFT REVIEW ONLY

Appendix

ICU Junior Officer Report Jan 22nd 2015

Glorney

- Dates confirmed: 19th-23rd July (20-22 = play days)
- Format: No change, 4 Nations, 4 Cups, 20 players per nation
- e-boards and website: all 40 boards as e-boards. Estimated cost: €950 (transport and expenses)
- Sponsorship: €1,000 from New Ireland Assurance

To Do:

- Opening Ceremony: Invite ICU Patron, President Higgins to open the event (Sun pm or Mon am) plus ECU dignitaries
- Venue: Hotel/Campus near Dublin Airport (final venue tbc)
- Arbiter: it is proposed to invite and expense Peter Purland (per discussion with ICAA)
- ECU funding: ICU Chairman has written to ECU re offer of Glorney support – awaiting reply • Media management: open

Budget:

2011 was 12,300 total, Net €11,725 after Glorney grant

2015 planned at no more than 10,200 total, Net €9,600 after Glorney grant.

Proposed subsidy to Irish team – €150/player

Now €200/player with sponsorship

See detailed budget in separate excel sheet.

Glorney Squad Development and Coaching

Generally, to further develop the model of the past few years.

Specifically, target Glorney win in next three years.

2015 Squad (as at Jan 2014)

U12 – current 6th ranked player rated 1034 (2014 board 6 was ~1350)

U14 – very competitive (10 players over 1400 for 6 places)

U18 Girls – only 4 players over 1200 for 3 places

U18 – Key is getting top 5 to participate

Coaching

Finalising venue, coaches and squad within February.

Estimated price per junior around €90 for six sessions

International events

Objectives

1. maximize squad sizes for WYCC, EYCC, EUYCC
2. Coaching support for same

Event for consideration (on ICU Calendar):

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2015 Karpacz, Poland	13-Jul-15	19-Jul-15
European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships Novi Sad, Serbia	31-Jul-15	6-Aug-15
European Youth U8 – U18 Championship 2015 Porec, Croatia	20-Sep-15	1-Oct-15
European Union Youth U8 – U18 Championship 2015 Mureck, Austria	04-Aug-15	13-Aug-15
World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2015 TBA	21-Jul-2015	30-Jul-15
World Junior U20 Championships 2015 Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	1-Sep-2015	16-Sep-15
World Youth and Cadets Championships 2015 Halkidiki, Greece (half term in IRL).	24-Oct-2015	5-Nov-15

Budget: None as yet. Allow a nominal €1,000/event entered. Key is raising funds to match.

Other possible for support:

British Chess Championships:
25th July 5th Gibraltar Junior
Chess Festival

Junior Selection Committee

For Junior events.

New Chair: Daniel
Lynch

U16 Olympiad

Par result.

3 players elected to rate / 2 not.

No Coaching

Small surplus

Ulster

Relationship with Ulster junior chess

- No plans for now
- May seek competition at schools, provincial and age levels in cooperation with regional junior officers

Glorney & Faber Cup 2015 Budget

	TOTAL	Comment
Players accomodation & meals	4,000.00	
Associated officials accomodation & meals	1,180.00	Obligation per event rules
Venue Hire	0.00	Halls and WiFi included
Furniture Hire	0.00	Tables & chairs for event
Local Transport	1,000.00	
Insurance	500.00	based on 2011 costs
Prizes	1,000.00	Based on 2007 costs of 800
Welcome packs	1,000.00	Based on 2007 costs of 750
Controller costs	750.00	FIDE approved controller as per event
Electronic boards and Website	940.00	ferry, accomodation and £70 web fee
Water for playing venue	0.00	hotel provides FOC
Stationery		
Misc expenses	750.00	
TOTAL Expenditure	11,120.00	
Less grant per event rules	(625.00)	STG £500 (based on rate of 1.25/euro)
NIA Sponsorship	(1,000.00)	
Net Expenditure	9,495.00	

Cashflow implications:

ARE THERE ANY request payment in stages/need dates/value for cashflow analysis