

Minutes of AGM for Malpas Chess Club 10th August 2026

Venue: The Malpas Unionist Club, Malpas Road, Newport

Members Present

Ron Williams, David Norris, Keith Horton, Bob Wiltshire, Dekota Sansome, Bjorn Oliver, Jack Bull, Chris Perry, Lucas James, Peter Slater, Ella Breen, Morgan James, Allan Flynn

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Peter Kirby
2. **Minutes of last AGM and matters arising.** No matter arising from previous AGM. Minutes accepted (prop BW 2nd KH)
3. **Report of Officers.**
 1. Chairman - Encouraged by improvement in membership numbers. Good team performance in league.
 2. Treasurer - nothing to mention. Possibility of gaining funds through quiz and Grant scheme. Mentioned that no increase in fees from last year are considered. Looking at grant from Council with application to be submitted shortly.
 3. Secretary -
 1. Mentioned that 1 Div 1 and 2 Div 2 teams entered for new season.
 2. Suggested that we need a cabinet for equipment and that permission sought from Unionist Club to house it.
 4. Webmaster -
 1. Mentioned that website and Facebook need to be updated regularly and will try to do this more frequently.
 5. Team Captains - happy with performance of players in all teams the last season. Div 1 and Div 2 - Malpas Rooks did well this year - good feedback from JB for Malpas Knights. QP, Malpas won quick play again this year.

4. Election of Officers -

Chairman - Ron Williams (prop DN 2nd CP)

Secretary - Jack Bull (with help from DN) (prop LJ 2nd KW)

Treasurer - Dave Norris (prop CP 2nd BW)

Webmaster - David Norris (prop CP 2nd PS)

Team Captain -

Div 1 - Peter Slater happy to take on role (prop DN 2nd CP).

Div 2 Malpas Rooks - David Norris (prop BO 2nd PS)

5. Discussion

1. BW mentioned make official the opening of the club every Monday instead of having the 1st week of the month off. We can use the lounge area on the 1st Monday of the month as long as it is not used as a match night. [ACTION - DN make clear on website].
2. WhatsApp continues to be useful for communication.
3. BW mentioned about youngsters playing in lounge area with swearing going on. Hall is quieter and will occupy this where possible.
4. BW mentioned we should have sufficient transport for away league matches next season.
5. DN mentioned that rapid tournaments in June and July were successful and we should continue to do these in coming months.
6. BW and PS mentioned that distribution of a AI generated map with club locations in Gwent would be good idea to advertise ALL clubs in the area.
7. Fees/Subs continue at the same rate as last year. PS mentioned that Cardiff Chess Club pays double what we ask for - so we are affordable in comparison.

6. AOB

DN sorted the stock of chess equipment and tidied up cubby area.