

The League's Chairman, Ian Pheby writes...

As you know, I shall be resigning as Senior Recorder at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Since the 2011 Annual General Meeting I have given much consideration to my role as Chairman of the League. My other commitments and my health issues means that I shall not be able to devote my time properly to the work of the League in the future as I would ideally wish to do. Consequently, I have therefore informed our President, Roland Smith of my intention to resign as Chairman of the League at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Roland has with sadness and regret accepted my forthcoming resignations.

It is essential that members of the League come forward to fill these and other important posts at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Details of what the posts require are below.

Chairman

The Chairman's duties are essentially:

- To chair all Executive Committee (EC) and General meetings;
- To oversee the work of the Executive Committee members and to guide the EC members if necessary in order that the League works smoothly;
- To attend to other ad-hoc matters which are not too frequent and which take little time (for example countersigning cheques issued by the Treasurer).

All expenses are paid. I will liaise with the new Chairman to ensure a smooth handover.

The League's Vice-Chairman, Richard Fries, has indicated that he is willing to stand as Chairman, if there are no younger candidates with longer prospective years of service to offer. I am very grateful to Richard for this offer.

Vice-Chairman

Should Richard Fries become Chairman, a vacancy will exist on the EC as Vice-Chairman of the League, to be elected by the 2012 Annual General Meeting. The Vice-Chairman will chair all EC and General meetings which the Chairman is unable to attend.

Senior Recorder

The post is ideal for an enthusiastic chess player who has excellent IT skills and an amount of free time available, most notably during the summer. The post itself broadly consists of the following tasks:

- Collecting team entries, nominations, Cup entries, and Handbook entries at the AGM or before;
- Making the Cup draws and arranging dates for League matches so as to avoid clashes as far as possible;
- Producing the text for the Handbook and arranging printing and distribution;

- Printing and distribution of result sheets and adjudication forms (these are sent with the Handbooks to the Secretary of each Club);
- Collating results during the season, checking for ineligible players, publishing results and League tables;
- Processing adjudication claims, and arranging payment of adjudicators at the end of the season;
- Calculating statistics for Game Fee payment;
- Sending results to the Grader on a regular basis for grading;
- Reporting to the EC on progress of the competitions, details of disputes for EC decision;
- Preparing possible Rule amendments for submission to the April EC meeting;
- Preparing an annual report for the AGM.

This appears to be a complex post but in reality it is quite straightforward with most of the time required to produce a fixture list and producing the text for the Handbook and, of course, its printing and distribution. All expenditure is reimbursed.

Treasurer

Chris Reeve, our Treasurer since May 2000, announced at the 2011 Annual General Meeting that the 2011-2012 season will be his last as Treasurer.

The duties essentially require the Treasurer:

- To be responsible for all financial matters of the League, and to keep appropriate accounts;
- To produce financial reports and recommendations to the EC for their meetings, and to produce accounts to Annual General Meetings;
- To arrange auditing of the accounts;
- To issue cheques as requested by members of the EC;
- To propose Rule amendments to the EC regarding financial matters.

Attendance at EC and General meetings is preferable but not compulsory. All expenses are paid.

Anyone interested in these posts should contact Ian Pheby at ian.pheby@tiscali.co.uk. Nominations may be made at any time up to and including the Annual General Meeting itself, but it helps the smooth running of the League if those who intend to stand for election could contact me sooner rather than later.