

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Midland Counties Chess Union
Held via Zoom at 8.0 p.m. on Monday 13th April 2026**

Present:

Gavin Cartwright

Ray Collett

Tim Walker

Peter Evans

John Swain

Apologies

John Pattinson

Stephen Smithson

In Attendance

Stephen Woodhouse

1. Apologies were received as set out above.
2. It was agreed that Gavin Carwright would chair the meeting.
3. It was agreed that:
 - (a) Stephen Woodhouse would attend the meeting.
 - (b) Peter Evans would act as proxy for Stephen Smithson.
4. The requirement for the MCCU to appoint a Chief Executive Officer following the death of Paul Sharratt was discussed. Stephen Woodhouse indicated that he was willing to be appointed on a temporary basis until the next Annual General Meeting.

<p>It was resolved that Stephen Woodhouse be duly appointed as Chief Executive Officer with immediate effect.</p>

5. The operation of the MCCU bank account with Santander was discussed. This had been dormant since the death of Andrew Leadbetter in September 2022. In order to reactivate the account, it was proposed that Stephen Woodhouse be appointed as a new signatory.

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It was resolved that

- (1) Stephen Woodhouse be appointed as a new signatory on the account.
- (2) Ray Collett and Gavin Cartwright be authorised to take all steps required by Santander for the addition of the new signatory to be completed.

6. The procedure for identifying a nomination for entry to the British Championships 2026 was discussed.

It was agreed that one of Stephen Woodhouse, Gavin Cartwright or Ray Collett would write to County representatives requesting proposals for nominations.

7. It was noted that Ray Collett had received a request for a player's details to be expunged from the MCCU website in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations and that the request had been complied with.
8. Consideration was given to the dates of future meetings.

It was agreed that:

- (1) The next Executive Committee meeting should be set for 6th May 2026.
- (2) Consideration would be given to the date of the next AGM to be decided at the next EC meeting.

9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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Gavin Cartwright, Secretary

Ray Collett, Director