

## **MCU Delegate Report of the ICU meeting of August 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

A meeting of the Irish Chess Union Executive was held in the Mont Clare Hotel in Dublin on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm. Present were Pat Fitzsimons (Chairperson) Desmond Beatty Junior Officer) Andrew Kildea (Ratings Officer) Eugene Donohoe (Secretary) Chris Sheridan (Treasurer) Tristan Sheridan (LCU Delegate) and myself.

As soon as the meeting began, Pat Fitzsimons tabled a motion of no confidence in me, citing two reasons

1. He claims that I lied to the executive about the situation re the Ennis Congress arbiter situation earlier this year. He believes that I tried to force John Cassidy to ban Gabriel Mirza from the Ennis Congress and then told the ICU that I didn't do this.
2. He claims I mislead the committee re the eligibility of Gabriel Mirza to the title of National Arbiter. He didn't press this one too much though, it was mainly item 1 above.

The motion was seconded by Chris Sheridan and I had no time to gather my thoughts to give a considered defence to my sudden and unexpected accusation. This was not on the agenda for the meeting.

I can go into more detail when I meet the MCU executive in person next Thursday evening ( if I can make it ) but for the moment, suffice to say that, no matter what defence I'd managed to mount at the time, I was always going to lose this one. Desmond Beatty was the only one to vote against the motion; there were no abstentions so the motion was overwhelmingly passed.

Even though it was arguable whether or not they had the right to insist I leave, I felt obliged to do so when the Chairman asked me to do so immediately after the vote was taken.

Gerry Graham,

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