ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2012 Alex Holowczak – Election Address

Who I am

I am a 22-year old student from the West Midlands, but have already built up substantial experience within chess administration. I learnt to play chess from Bill Hartston's beginner's guide, which I received as a Christmas present in 1999, but didn't take the game seriously until I went to secondary school in 2001. I became captain of my school team in 2005. My first foray into the "real-world" of chess was in 2010, when I re-founded the British Universities' Chess Association, and soon became involved within many other organisations.

Experience

- ECF: Alternate Director of Home Chess (2010), Manager of the Counties Championship (2011 –)
- 4NCL: Board Member (2011), Chief Game Inputter [if there is such a thing!] (2011)
- British Universities' Chess Association: President & Secretary (2010)
- Warwickshire Chess Association: Junior Secretary (2010 2012), Secretary (2012)
- Birmingham League: Chairman of the Rapidplay Committee (2011), Chairman of the Summer League Committee (2012 –)
- Cannock League: President (2012)

Aside from these responsibilities, I captain a team of juniors who play in the leagues around Birmingham, and at the time of writing, I have the FIDE Arbiter title, and a pending International Arbiter title application.

What I want to do

- Ensure the successful organisation of the 100th British Championships.
- Review the format of the British going forward from the 101st Championships.
- Review the effectiveness of the most recent changes to the grading system.
- Attempt to increase the information available on the grading website.
- Review the format of the Open section of the National Club.
- Review the section boundaries of the Counties Championship.