

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING B071, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**B071**

**The 71st Meeting of the ECF Board was held at 19.30 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May by Skype.**

**Present:**

Roger Edwards	RE	President	
Mike Gunn	MG	Non-Executive Chairman	In Chair
Chris Mattos	CM	Director of Finance	
Alex Holowczak	AH	Director of Home Chess	
David Openshaw	DO	Director of International Chess	
Phil Ehr	PE	Director of Junior Chess & Education	
Sean Hewitt	SH	Non-Executive Director	
Jack Rudd	JR	Non-Executive Director	

**In attendance:**

Nigel Short	NS	FIDE Delegate
Chris Majer	CMj	Chairman of the Governance Committee
John Philpott	JAP	Company Secretary - (from Item 7c)
David Eustace	DE	Minutes

**Apologies:**

None received.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were recorded as above.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting B070 (13<sup>th</sup> April 2013)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**3. Schedule of Actions and Matters Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The attached schedule of outstanding actions from the last and previous meetings was updated.

**4. Motion from David Openshaw**

Motion: "At Board Meetings after 13 April any proposal that needs a vote must be put in writing at least 7 days before the meeting. Exceptionally urgent business can be voted on if unanimously agreed, but only after holding a vote to agree whether or not it constitutes urgent business."

**Vote: In favour 4. Against 3. Passed**

**5. Appointments to Vacant Director posts**

PUBLICATION Final

i. Application was received for the post of CEO.

The application for the vacancy of CEO was considered by the Board. The Board agreed not to appoint. **Vote: In favour 2. Against 5. Abstention 1.**

ii. Application for the post of Membership & Marketing Director from David Thomas

The application for the vacancy of M&M director was considered by the Board. The Board agreed to appoint David Thomas. **Vote: In favour 6. Against 1. Abstention 1.**

RE was assigned to advise David Thomas that he was successful.

**Action: RE**

It was agreed that the Board would consider the position of a Commercial Director at a future Board meeting. **Action: MG**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Appointments to Vacant Director posts</b>	
71.01	RE	Advise David Thomas that he was successful.	
71.01a	MG	Schedule an agenda item at a future Board meeting to discuss consideration of a position of Commercial Director.	

**6. Home Chess**

a. British Championship 2014

AH advised that he was waiting further details.

AH was authorised to agree a venue on the understanding that the cost would be at least nil. **Agreed Nem Con**

It was proposed that someone should be appointed with the responsibility to seek venues for future events. AH should contact Lara Barnes on this matter. **Action: AH**

b. Creation of a Manager for Disabled Chess

The creation of a post for a Manager for Disabled Chess was agreed. **Action: AH**

c. Update on Competitions (BC 2013, Counties Championships 2013)

BC - going fine.

d. Southend Dispute

This involved a dispute re Article 10.2. It may be necessary to have qualified ECF Arbiters at graded competitions. Progress the concept of the registration scheme may avoid these problems in the future. **Action: AH**

e. 2013 FIDE Laws of Chess

PUBLICATION Final

The publication of the new version may be delayed. NS requested to find out more information on this. **Action: NS**

f. Grading Update

The grading team are planning to link the grading with the registration system and to open this up to users e.g. leagues etc. with live updates over the next couple of years.

g. Should all ECF events be subject to tendering and should arbiters for these events be appointed centrally?

The National Counties, U-18 and U-13 were referred to. It was decided to revisit this question.

h. Appointment of arbiters

It was agreed to appoint the following as ECF Arbiters pending DRS (CRB) clearance:

Andy Morley            BCF to ECF Arbiter

Ray-Ryan Foster      New ECF Arbiter

**Agreed Nem Con**

i. Senior Arbiter Appointment

It was agreed to appoint Sean Hewitt as ECF Senior Arbiter

**Agreed Unanimous**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Future British Championships Events</b>	
71.02	AH	Appoint someone with the responsibility to seek venues for future events. AH should contact Lara Barnes on this matter.	
		<b>Creation of a Manager for Disabled Chess</b>	
71.03	AH	Appointment to the post of Manager for Disabled Chess.	
		<b>Southend Dispute</b>	
71.04	AH	This involved a dispute re Article 10.2. It may be necessary to have qualified ECF Arbiters at graded competitions. Progressing the concept of the registration scheme may avoid these problems in the future.	
		<b>2013 FIDE Laws of Chess</b>	

PUBLICATION Final

71.05	NS	The publication of the new version may be delayed. NS requested to find out more information on this.	
-------	----	---	--

**7. Junior Chess & Education**

a. Sanction for Junior Caught Cheating

PE advised that progress had been made on this issue with the player’s parents.

PE proposed that the Board needed to review the current arrangements in place for this type of issue to get the ECF to sign up to a governance regime – a code of governance for players. It was proposed to establish a sub-group to consider these issues with an objective to establish a credible deterrent and to report back at the next meeting. (Sub-group to be composed of NS/PE/AH/David Welch.) **Action: PE**

b. Report on Police Disclosure

PE provided an update on progress on this issue. This was discussed by the Board.

c. Motion from Sean Hewitt

Motion: “The ECF offers junior players ECF Junior Silver Membership free of charge if they have never previously been an ECF member. In respect of ECF organised school team events, an exemption is granted that players may play one game without the need to be an ECF member.”

**Agreed: Unanimous**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Sanction for Junior Caught Cheating</b>	
71.06	PE	Establish a sub-group to consider these issues with an objective to establish a credible deterrent and to report back at the next meeting. (Sub-group to be composed of NS/PE/AH/David Welch.)	

**8. Staff Pay Revision**

This was discussed by the Board. SH proposed a review of the roles within the Office to assess the values of the roles which should be performed by the Personnel Committee for presentation to the Board.

**Action: SH/CM**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Staff Pay Revision</b>	

PUBLICATION Final

71.08	Personnel Committee	To review the roles within the Office to assess the values of the roles and review salaries in line with the market for presentation to the Board.	
-------	---------------------	--	--

**9. Charitable Status Survey**

CM advised that as part of the process members have already been asked to provide feedback on proposals, but a membership survey would be carried out as well. He would draft appropriate questions for discussion at the next meeting which could be used in an internet survey.

**Action: CM**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Charitable Status Survey</b>	
71.09	CM	To draft appropriate questions for discussion at the next meeting; this could be used in an internet survey.	

**10. ECF exposure from a public liability point of view for the British Championships**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>ECF exposure from a public liability point of view for the British Championships</b>	
71.10	MG	There is a requirement to cover this event contractually.	

**11. ECF Priorities for 2013**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>ECF Priorities for 2013</b>	
71.11	MG	It was agreed to recommend to the new Board that they should concentrate on priorities for 2014 in October/November.	

**12. Future of the Yearbook**

It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

**Action: MG**

**13. Dates for Future Meetings**

It was agreed that MG would review the appropriateness of dates for future meetings given the current planned schedule was for a monthly meeting on the second Sunday of each month.

**Action: MG**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		<b>Dates for Future Meetings</b>	
71.12	MG	To review the appropriateness of dates for future meetings given the current planned schedule was for a monthly meeting on the second Sunday of each month.	

**14. Any Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at 22.24.

Approved.....

Mike Gunn

Chairman

Date.....

**Schedule of Future Board Meetings:**

The second Sunday of each month at **19.30** by teleconference (Skype) unless agreed otherwise.

**Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30**

**14<sup>th</sup> July**

**11<sup>th</sup> August**

**8<sup>th</sup> September**

**13<sup>th</sup> October**

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

**8<sup>th</sup> December**