

Minutes of the 105th Board Meeting of the English Chess Federation, held at Thistle Hotel, Euston, on Saturday 16th April 2016 at 11.30am

Present: David Eustace (Director of Finance) (DE)
David Thomas (Director of Membership) (DT)
Malcolm Pein (Director of International Chess, FIDE Delegate)
(MP)
Julie Denning (Non-Executive Director) (JD)
Alex Holowczak (Director Home Chess) (AH)

In attendance: John Philpott (Company Secretary) (JP)
Gary Willson (Office Manager, minutes) (GW)
Robert Stern (Chair, Governance Committee) (RS)
Tim Herring (Chair, Finance Committee) (TH)
Christelle Hafstad (Junior Directorate Business Manager) (CH)

Apologies: Dominic Lawson (President)
Julian Clissold (Non-Executive Director) (JC)
Mike Truran (Chief Executive) (MT)
Traci Whitfield (Director of Junior Chess & Education) (TW)

1 Appointment of Chairman

JD was appointed chair.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were previously notified to the chair. In addition, TW had sent notice that she was unable to arrive until the start of Council.

3 Motion to Approve the Agenda

Agenda approved.

4 Minutes of Meeting 104.

The minutes of Meeting 104 (held via Skype on 31st March 2016) were approved for publication without redaction. The Board noted that it had not been possible to send out the all-member e-mail referred to in item 3. There were no other matters arising.

5 Preparation for Council

(a) Management of the Agenda

We have some additional guests, who can only speak with the permission of the chair.

Amanda Ross will be giving a short spoken presentation on item 12 of the council agenda. There may be some matters arising from the minutes of the AGM: we are aware of some proposed corrections from Angus French to the published minutes, and an error of identification.

(b) Tellers

DT agreed to approach Council members beforehand, in order to identify 2 volunteers.

(c) Logistics of Budget Presentation.

It was agreed to present the different elements of the budget before inviting Council to vote on the 3 separate elements. Led by DE, with contributions from MP, AH, TW and MJ.

(d) Card Votes

Cards had been prepared for a potential 5 votes.

(e) Board Position on Motions Proposed by Requisitionists

A typo in the Agenda for the item on Governance was noted (item 13 (F) should refer to resolution (E)).

Item 16 (on council agenda); the Board did not have a collective opinion, RS was invited to express his views.

Item 17 (on council agenda): the Board did not have a collective opinion, save for concern that resource and time would be taken away from what it believed were more important issues at present.

6 AOB

The potential for OMOV was discussed. JD confirmed that at Council, she would be looking to steer all items back towards the agenda, and curtail discussion if it was not directly relevant to the agenda item.

Meeting Closed 12.58