

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING B076, 12th October 2013**

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**The 76th Meeting of the ECF Board was held at 11.00 am pm on Saturday 12th October 2013
at the Euston Square Hotel**

Present:

Roger Edwards	RJE	President	
Mike Gunn	MG	Non-Executive Chairman	In Chair
Alex Holowczak	AH	Director of Home Chess	
David Openshaw	DO	Director of International Chess	
Phil Ehr	PE	Director of Junior Chess & Education	
David Thomas	DT	Membership & Marketing Director	
Sean Hewitt	SH	Non-Executive Director	
Jack Rudd	JR	Non-Executive Director	

In attendance:

Chris Majer	CMj	Chairman of the Governance Committee	joined at 11.05 am
John Philpott	JAP	Company Secretary and Financial Controller	joined at 11.08 am
David Eustace	DE	Minutes	

Apologies:

Chris Mattos	CM	Director of Finance - Board and Council Meeting
Nigel Short	NS	FIDE Delegate - Board and Council Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were recorded as above.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting B075 8th September 2013)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for accuracy. Matters arising were not taken.

3. The Office

It was noted that the Office Manager, Tina Turner, would be resigning from her position in the coming week for personal reasons.

The following actions were agreed:

- i. A short term arrangement would be implemented to manage the Office. JAP was appointed as Acting Office Manager. **Agreed: Unanimous**
- ii. In the medium term a sub-committee would be established to review the requirements of the Office. **Agreed: Unanimous**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		The Office	
76.02	JAP	A short term arrangement would be implemented to manage the Office. JAP was appointed as Acting Office Manager.	
76.03	New CEO	In the medium term a sub-committee would be established to review the requirements from the Office.	

4. Tellers for the Council Meeting

It was recommended by MG that he would nominate Chris Majer and Mike Truran as Tellers for the Council meeting. Mike Truran would delegate this role to Andrew Leadbetter when Andrew arrived for the meeting.

Action: MG

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Tellers for the Council Meeting	
76.04	MG	MG to nominate Chris Majer and Mike Truran as tellers for the Council meeting.	

5. Women's Team for the European Team Championship

DO reported on the current position and why he had decided to withdraw the Women's Team from the Championship. The key issue was the lack of funds to pay for the team, in particular for a GM/IM Coach. Jovanka Houska had written to him to withdraw as there was no Coach being offered. DO had spent considerable time and effort, even while on holiday, to establish a team but in the end decided to ensure that there was a strong Open team and withdraw the Women's Team for lack of funds. He was about £1500 to £2000 short and was unaware of the position of the potential £4000 from the budget surplus agreed at the August Board meeting. At the 7th October deadline for team submission to the organisers he withdrew the entry and requested return of any hotel fees paid (which was agreed). If funds could be obtained and someone could liaise with the organisers for a late entry there was still a possibility of sending a team. It was agreed to ask Council that day for guidance.

Action: DO

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Women's Team for the European Team Championship	
76.05	DO	Following the withdrawal of the Women's Team for lack of funds, it was agreed that DO would seek guidance from Council on the way forward. If funds could be obtained and someone could liaise with the organisers for a late entry there was	

		still a possibility of sending a team.	
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6. Complaints Procedure

It was agreed to withdraw the Complaints Procedure from the Council Agenda and to seek Council's guidance on what was required. **Action: MG**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Complaints Procedure	
76.06	MG	Remove the Complaints Procedure from the Council Agenda and to seek Council's guidance on what was required.	

7. British Championships 2014

The meeting considered the issues and a proposal to alter dates for the British Championship itself, but leave all other events as is, should be considered. AH was to reconsider the situation. **Action: AH**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		British Championships 2014	
76.07	AH	A proposal to alter dates for the British Championship itself, but leave all other events as is, should be considered. AH was to reconsider the situation.	

8. Sponsorship

PE reported that the Sponsorship Committee had approved ICC as the provider of an internet facility for one section in the National Schools Championships. The arrangement involves no financial cost to the Federation. PE also reported that sponsorship procedures are being followed in response to an offer from ChessBase to offer substantial discounts for ECF juniors and coaches for one of their products.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Director of Finance accepted the general terms, as they do not incur a financial cost to the Federation. It was agreed that the Sponsorship Committee should look at the final arrangements to be negotiated.

Action: PE

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Sponsorship	
76.08	PE	<p>PE reported that the Sponsorship Committee had approved ICC as the provider of an internet facility for one section in the National Schools Championships. The arrangement involves no financial cost to the Federation. PE also reported that sponsorship procedures are being followed in response to an offer from ChessBase to offer substantial discounts for ECF juniors and coaches for one of their products.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Director of Finance accepted the general terms, as they do not incur a financial cost to the Federation. It was agreed that the Sponsorship Committee should look at the final arrangements to be negotiated.</p> <p>PE to conclude the arrangements.</p>	

9. Hand Over

It was agreed that all Directors should arrange to hand over as appropriate after the Council elections. MG would be handing over to PE or Andrew Moore dependent on the election results.

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Hand Over	
76.09	MG/All	It was agreed that all Directors should arrange to hand over as appropriate after the Council elections. MG would be handing over to PE or Andrew Moore dependent on the election results.	

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.30 am on Friday 1st November at 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL

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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.

Friday - 1st November at 10.30 am

Sunday - 8th December