

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Saturday 16th April 2016 at The Thistle Hotel, Cardington Street, London, NW1 2LP starting at 16.35

**Present**

Neville Belinfante, Julie Denning, Ben Edgell, Gareth Ellis, David Eustace, Michael Farthing, Simon Gilmore, Roger Hardy, Tim Herring, Alex Holowczak, Peter Lawrence, Andrew Leadbetter, Chris Majer, Marcus Misson, Malcolm Pein, John Philpott, Peter Sherlock, David Smith, Robert Stern, David Thomas, Brian Valentine, David Welch, John F Wheeler, Traci Whitfield and John Wickham.

**In attendance:**

Others present or in attendance at the ECF Annual General Meeting

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

John Philpott called the meeting to order. Julie Denning was appointed Chairman by overwhelming consensus.

**2. Apologies, Proxies and Postal Votes**

Members were directed to a list of apologies, proxies and postal votes that was displayed in the room, and a copy was held by John Philpott.

**3. Voting Register - to note**

The voting register had been published on the ECF website and updated regularly in the lead up to the meeting.

**4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 17 October 2015**

The draft minutes as circulated stated "Julian Clissold, who was chairing the ECF AGM was appointed to chair the meeting". It was agreed that this was not correct, and the meeting was chaired by Phil Ehr.

**5. Matters arising therefrom**

There were no matters arising.

**6. To approve the BCF accounts for the year ended 31 August 2015**

David Eustace explained that the accounts had been drawn up and previously circulated, but were subject to final clearance by Goatcher Chandler. It was pointed out that the Permanent Invested Fund contributed £5,000 each year to the British Championships, with the balance of the £10,000 that John Robinson's will had stated should be donated being provided by the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust.

The accounts were approved nem con.

## **7. Resolutions relating to the Permanent Invested Fund**

### **7.1 The Permanent Invested Fund Trust Deed is renewed for a further 21 years.**

It was explained that we need to keep the Trust Fund open, because payments to professional players cannot be made from a charity. The proposal was agreed nem con.

### **7.2 The Board is authorised to agree with the Permanent Invested Fund Trustees the transfer of a proportion of the Permanent Invested Fund to The Chess Trust**

This proposal was withdrawn with the consent of the meeting, and is to be considered at the Annual Council meeting in October.

## **8. Any Other Business notified to the Chairman before the start of the meeting.**

There was no AOB.

The meeting closed at 16:48.