

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Malvern Room at the Britannia Hotel, New Street, Birmingham B2 4RX on Saturday 15 October 2016 starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Procedural Bye Laws prescribe that the Chairman of the meeting shall seek to end the meeting by 6:00 p.m. but it may be extended to 6:30 p.m. if Members wish.

The meeting is convened by John Philpott, Company Secretary, on the instruction of the Board. This Agenda is issued from the English Chess Federation Office (The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD) on Wednesday 21 September 2016.

Members considering the appointment of a proxy or a directed proxy to the Chairman are referred to the relevant enclosure and should note that **deadlines apply to the receipt of proxies**. Any organisation wishing to change its Representative Member should note that it must do so before 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday 12 October 2016.

A full set of supporting documents can be found on the ECF website at http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=897. Should you require to be mailed a paper copy of the documentation please contact the ECF Office

Documents have been annotated on the agenda with a * where the paper is expected to be available for downloading on the evening of 21 September 2016 and a # where the paper will be available for downloading later or will be tabled at the meeting.

British Chess Federation Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation will take place during the afternoon adjournment of the English Chess Federation Annual General Meeting. The agenda for the BCF meeting is being sent to the members of the BCF Council (effectively the ECF Officers, Constituent Units and County Associations), and only these members are entitled to vote at this meeting. However, all members of the ECF Council who are not also members of the BCF Council are welcome to be in attendance. Papers for the BCF Council meeting can also be downloaded from the website at the same URL.

The Britannia Hotel

The Hotel is close to New Street Station, but does not have its own car parking facilities.

The Malvern Room is on the second floor, accessible by stairs or lift. Should any attendees have concerns about access, they should contact the ECF Office.

Coffee will be provided on arrival at 1.15pm, and again during the break whilst the BCF meeting takes place.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

In the absence of the President the Board recommends **that Council appoints Julian Clissold, one of the Non-Executive Directors, to chair the meeting.**

2. Observance of a minute's silence for those who died during the last year

3. Notices

3.1 Location of printed lists of Apologies for Absence, Members voting by individual Proxy and Members voting by Proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting.

3.2 Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman

3.3 Appointment of Tellers

3.4 Voting Register *

Council is invited to note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto.

4. Approval and, if necessary, correction of minutes of the Finance Council Meeting of 16 April 2016 *

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve: ***"That the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes as being an accurate record."***

The Chairman will only consider amendments that are notified to the ECF Office at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting

5. Matters arising from these minutes

6. To receive and approve the Reports:

6.1 The Board's Report * **Mike Truran**

6.2 The Chairman of the Governance Committee's Report * **Robert Stern**

6.3 The Chairman of the Finance Committee's Report * **Tim Herring**

7. To pass a vote of thanks to the outgoing Officers **Mike Truran**

8. Special resolutions to amend the Articles of Association * **Robert Stern**

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolutions to amend the Articles. As these are special resolutions, at least 75% of the votes cast need to be in favour if the resolutions are to be passed.

8.1 to amend Article 43 to increase the maximum number of directors from 10 to 12.

8.2 to enable the FIDE Delegate to be removed from office or suspended by notice in writing signed by each other director.

9. Amendments to the Regulations *

Mike Truran

Council is invited to note the amendments made to the following regulations by the Board.

9.1 Regulation No.2 The Directors and Officers Responsibilities Regulations

9.2 Regulation No.3 The Arbiters and Coaches Regulations

10. Elections and Appointments

Chairman

10.1 President

Dominic Lawson *standing for re-election**

10.2 Chief Executive

Mike Truran *standing for (re-)election, nominated by Julie Denning (Director) **

10.3 Non-Executive Chairman

Julian Clissold, *nominated by Julie Denning (Director)*

10.4 Director of Finance

David Eustace *standing for re-election **

10.5 Two Non-Executive Directors

Julie Denning *standing for re-election **

John Foley *nominated by Malcolm Pein (Director) **

Peter Hornsby *nominated by the Cambridgeshire County Chess Association, Middlesex County Chess Association and Phil Ehr (Past Chief Executive) **

Stephen Woodhouse *nominated by Julian Clissold (Director) and Julie Denning (Director) **

10.6 Other Executive Directors:

10.6.1 Director of Home Chess

Alex Holowczak *standing for re-election**

10.6.2 Director of Junior Chess & Education

Traci Whitfield *standing for re-election **

10.6.3 Director of International Chess

Malcolm Pein *standing for re-election**

10.6.4 Director of Membership

David Thomas *standing for re-election**

10.6.5 Director of Women's Chess

Sarah Longson *nominated by the Board **

[N.B. The election for a Director of Women's Chess is contingent upon the special resolution in 8.1 being passed].

10.7 Chairman of the Council

Mike Gunn *nominated by the Southern Counties Chess Union, the Hertfordshire Chess Association, Angus French (Direct members' representative), the Croydon & District Chess League and the Friends of Chess. **

10.8 FIDE Delegate

Malcolm Pein *standing for re-election*

10.9 Standing Committees

10.9.1 Chairman of the Finance Committee

Tim Herring *standing for (re-)election, nominated by Robert Stern (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

10.9.2 Members of the Finance Committee

Ray Clark }

Ian Reynolds } *nominated by Tim Herring (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

10.9.3 Chairman of the Governance Committee

Robert Stern *standing for (re-)election, nominated by Tim Herring (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

10.9.4 Members of the Governance Committee

Angus French }

Mike Gunn } *nominated by Robert Stern (Chairman of a Standing*

Andrew Leadbetter } *Committee)*

10.10 To appoint the Auditor

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler Audit Ltd will be proposed.

Adjournment, during which the BCF Council meeting will take place

11. Awards *

Stewart Reuben

11.1 To approve the following awards:

Honorary Life Vice-President – Richard Haddrell, Peter Purland and David Welch

Honorary Life Member – Brian Callaghan OBE and James Humphreys

11.2 To note other ECF awards for 2016

12. Strategy *

Mike Truran

Council invited to consider and approve the Board's Strategy Statement

13. Finance *

David Eustace

13.1 Council is invited to consider, and if thought fit approve, the proposed changes to the budget for 2016/17.

13.2 Council is invited to consider the five year plan, and provide guidance to the Board in respect of the proposals that it should bring to future Finance Council meetings in respect of:

(a) increases in membership fees;

(b) funding of the ECF from reserves in the Permanent Invested Fund and John Robinson Youth Chess Trust; and

(c) transfers from the Permanent Invested Fund to The Chess Trust.

14. Proposal by the Southern Counties Chess Union *

“That the penalty prescribed in County Championship rule D1.2 be reduced to £25”.

15. The dates and locations of General Meetings in 2017

The Procedural Bye Laws require the 2017 Finance Council Meeting to be held in Birmingham and the 2017 Annual Council Meeting to be held in London.

16. Any other business as advised to the Chairman before the start of the meeting