



Minutes of the 116th Board Meeting of the English Chess Federation
11.30 a.m. at
Thistle City Barbican Hotel,
120 Central Street,
Clerkenwell, London, EC1V 8DS

Present

Chief Executive, Mike Truran	MT
Director of Finance, David Eustace	DE
Director of Home Chess, Alex Holowczak	AH
Director of Junior Chess , Traci Whitfield	TW
Director of Membership, David Thomas	DT
Non-executive Chairman, Julian Clissold	JC
Non-executive Director, Julie Denning	JD
Non-Executive Director, Stephen Woodhouse	SW

Also present

Chairman, Governance Committee, Robert Stern	RS
Junior Directorate Finance Manager, Christelle Hafstad	CH
Office Manager and Minutes Secretary, Gary Willson	GW
Chair of council, Mike Gunn	MG

1. Apologies for absence

President, Dominic Lawson	AP	DL
Director of International Chess, Malcolm Pein	AP	MP
Director of Women's Chess, Sarah Longson	AP	SL
Chairman, Finance Committee, Tim Herring		TH

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as published was agreed.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 115th Board Meeting of the ECF 12th September 2017

The minutes were amended, and the final version agreed. GW to publish.

4. Consideration of E-mail votes taken since the last Board meeting

The Board confirmed the appointment of Mark Rivlin as the Manager of Publicity.

5. Appointments

As above.

6. Council AGM Matters

AP 116/01 GW/DE to produce a diary of key ECF Deadlines.

MG informed the Board he intended to allow 5 minutes for each candidate up for election to address Council, and 5 minutes for them to answer questions. The Board agreed.

Discussion included the Board report, the Strategy Paper, the Finance Report, the Governance Report, and the proposal for the Yearbook.

The BCF Council meeting needed to appoint a Trustee of the PIF, but it was not on the Agenda. After discussion, it was confirmed that existing Trustees can appoint, and Council would be informed. We will also inform BCF Council of the appointment of Isobel Keene as a trustee of the JRYT.

7. Home Directors report (AH)

The report was discussed and approved. If Birmingham is successful in its bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2022, we hope to hold the Commonwealth Chess Championships too.

8. Payments to FIDE Arbiters etc. (AH)

FIDE fees for arbiters are due to be paid totalling £1098. It was proposed the ECF should pay these fees, as ultimately it is the Federation who benefits.

Vote

For	4
Against	1
Recused	4

Redacted.

AOB.

FIDE Congress: The Board was of the view that the benefits of sending more than one person to FIDE congresses in terms of extra influence at FIDE and extra information-gathering in future would far outweigh the costs involved.

AP 116/02 MP to draw up proposals for attendance at future FIDE and ECU

Congresses

Yearbook: Council will be advised of proposed changes to the Yearbook, whereby most of the historical and organisation-relevant information would be available on the website and the Yearbook would become a news record of English chess activity over the year. Full proposals to be put to Finance Council 2018.

Gold member Reps: It was agreed that we should wait until after Council before appointing vacant DM positions.

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Meeting closed 1pm.