

A meeting of the Council was held at the Euston Square Hotel, 152-156 North Gower Street, London NW1 2LU on Saturday 15 October 2011 starting at 3.50 p.m.

1. Apologies, Proxies and Postal Votes

- 1.1 Attention was drawn to the printed lists of Apologies for Absence, Members voting by Proxy and Members casting postal votes.

The following list of attendees gives names only. The full Attendance document recording the capacities, in which people attended, together with apologies for absence, is held in the ECF Office with the official copy of these Minutes.

N Butland (NB)	G Caller (GC)	L Cooper (LC)	JL Denning (JLD)
NW Dennis (NWD)	B Edgell (BE)	AP Farthing (APF)	SN Gilmore (SNG)
AJ Griffith (AJG)	MJ Gunn (MJG)	RJ Haddrell (RJH)	R Hardy (RH)
AR Holowczak (ARH)	G Jones (GJ)	AT Leadbetter (ATL)	MJ Norris (MJN)
JA Philpott (JAP)	C Priest (CP)	AN Raof (ANR)	RJ Richmond (RJR)
J Rudd (JR)	PG Sherlock (PGS)	BA Smith (BAS)	D Smith (DS)
B Valentine (BV)	JR Wickham (JRW)	T Woolgar (TW)	

- 1.2 Others present:

DW Anderton (DWA)	WG Armstrong (WGA)	C Carcas (CC)	S Chevannes (SC)
Phil Ehr (PE)	AJ French (AJF)	H Grist (HG)	DJ Howes (DJH)
GN Jepps (GNJ)	C Kreuzer (CK)	CE Majer (CEM)	A Niccoli (AN)
ND Short (NDS)	JC Skipworth (JCS)	MBA Walker (MBAW)	T Weddell (TW)
PJB Wilson (PJBW)			

2. Voting Register

Attention was drawn to the Voting Register, including amendments made prior to the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 16 October 2010

3.2 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 16 April 2011

Both sets of minutes were approved *nem con.*

4. Matters arising

4.1 Matters arising from the October meeting not otherwise on the agenda

4.2 Matters arising from the April meeting not otherwise on the agenda

There were no matters arising. APF confirmed that the requested funds from the Permanent Invested Fund (PIF) had been duly approved by the trustees and received by the ECF.

5. Annual report of the Management Board

There was no report.

6. Accounts

6.1 BCF accounts for the year ended 30 April 2011

6.2 Chess Centre Limited accounts for the year ended 30 April 2011

6.3 BCF Youth Chess Trust accounts for the year ended 30 April 2011

No accounts for these bodies had been prepared in time for the Council meeting, for which apologies were given.

6.4 John Robinson Youth Chess Trust for the year ended 31 August 2010 – to note

DWA advised Council that a general grant of £5,000 had been made to the ECF to support its junior chess activities. He commented that the forthcoming maturity of some investments would mean that the Trust would struggle to maintain its current level of income, as present returns were lower than those on existing investments. Smith & Williamson managed the Trust's investment portfolio, offering favourable terms due to the historic link with English chess.

7. Appointment of the independent examiner

GC proposed that Goatcher Chandler should be reappointed. This was approved *nem con*.

8. Date and location proposed for Annual Meeting in October 2012.

It was proposed that this should be on the same date as the ECF AGM, namely 13 October. This was agreed *nem con*.

9. Any other business

RJR noted that the PIF Trust Deed expires in February 2013 and asked that there should be a report on this at the next meeting. This was agreed by Council.

With regard to Chess Centre Ltd, CEM commented that one of the directors was not in the country and the other was apparently inactive. He asked whether more should be appointed and requested that a letter be sent to CCL to express the BCF Council's concerns. This was agreed by Council.

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.