

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 13 APRIL 2013**

C 18

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held at the Ibis Hotel, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST on Saturday 13 April 2013 starting at 1:30 p.m. Click the link at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/ibis-Hotel-map1.pdf> for a map and directions.

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. Further extensions can be made if Council votes to suspend standing orders.

This meeting is convened by John Philpott, Company Secretary. This Agenda is issued from the English Chess Federation Office (The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0YD) on Wednesday 20 March 2013.

Members considering the appointment of a proxy or voting by directed proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting are directed to the relevant enclosure and should note that deadlines apply to the receipt of written proxies of all kinds.

Any organisation wishing to change its Representative Member should note that they must do so before 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 April 2013.

In order to expedite the business of the meeting, Members are invited to contact the ECF Office beforehand should they have any questions of detail on the papers for the meeting, particularly the Budget workbook.

Enclosures:

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Attendance reply slip
- (iii) Appointment of proxy form

Please note that as a cost saving measure only a minimal set of paperwork has been mailed. The full set of paperwork 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.

Agenda items have been annotated as follows

- * Paper expected to be available for download no later than 23 March 2013
- # Paper expected to be available at a later date or to be tabled at the meeting

Venue Information

Parking: There is a "Chinatown" multi-story car park opposite.

Accessibility: The venue is wheelchair accessible via the main entrance.

Food: Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

AGENDA

1. **Welcoming remarks by the Chairman**

2. **Notices**

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

2.2 **Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman**

2.3 **Appointment of Tellers**

2.4 **Voting Register ***

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

3. **Approval and, if necessary, correction of minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 13 October 2012 ***

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."*

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda**

4.1 **Charitable Status #**

Chris Mattos

4.2 **Other items**

5. **ECF accounts for the year ended 30 April 2012 ***

Chris Mattos

The 2011/12 accounts were incomplete at the time of the AGM: these were filed at Companies House by the 31 January 2013 statutory filing deadline and circulated to members at the same time. These are now being formally laid before Council as required by the Articles.

6. **Review of the membership scheme and recommended changes #**

Sean Hewitt

Council is asked to note the paper and mandate the Board as to any changes that should be implemented for 2013/14.

7. **Report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee #**

Mike Truran

8. **Annual Business Plan 2013/2014 #**

Mike Gunn

Council is invited to approve the Plan.

Note - the Plan itself is complemented by the Supplement to the Business Plan which is updated from time to time and is available for download.

9. **Report of Finance Director and Budget 2013/2014 ***

Chris Mattos

Council is invited to note the report and proposed budget.

10. Direct Members' Subscriptions

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve: ***"That subscriptions for the period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 will be unchanged at the following levels:***

Platinum: £60

Gold: £28 (Junior £22)

Silver: £19 (Junior £13)

Bronze: £13 (Junior £9)"

11. Minimum Membership Fees for Member Organisations

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve ***"That the minimum Membership Fee for Member Organisations remains at £58."***

12. Determination of Game Fee

The Board's proposes that Game Fee is unchanged at the established rates of:

- (a) £2 standardplay/£1 rapidplay for events not falling under (b) or (c):
- (b) £6 adult/£4 junior pay to play fee for congresses other than FIDE-rated standardplay events not falling under (c)
- (c) 50p/standardplay/25p rapidplay for exclusively junior events.

Unless there is overwhelming support for the Board's proposals on a show of hands, a card vote will be held to fix the rates on the basis of the median of the votes cast.

13. Adoption of Budget for 2013/14

Chris Mattos

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, adopt the budget for

- (1) The four month period from 1 May 2013 to 31 August 2013.
- (2) The twelve month period from 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014

14. Amendment to the Game Fee Bye Laws *

Alex Holowczak

15. Policy on International teams

Council is asked to consider and express its support for the following policy proposed by the Board.

"Council believes that the Federation should aim to have the strongest possible England teams competing in the European Team Championships (Open and Women's), the Olympiads (Open and Women's) and the World Youth under 16 Chess Olympiad (Open and, when established, Girls). We believe this is in the long term interest of English chess."

16. Code of Conduct for ECF Officials and Complaints Procedure

Mike Gunn

In the light of the volume and nature of complaints submitted since the AGM, the Board has concluded that the current code and procedure are not working satisfactorily. It therefore informs Council of its intention to suspend these until a new set of proposals can be formulated.

17. County Championship rule changes *

17.1 Proposal by the Northern Counties Chess Union that the rules for the County Championship should be amended:

- (a) to provide an option for Counties to field a 12-player rather than a 16-player team in all sections in the National Stages.
- (b) to reduce the number of sections in the Championships from seven to six, with a grading difference of 25 points between each of the grading limited sections

17.2 Counter-proposals by the Director of Home Chess

18. Venue for AGM on 12 October 2013, scheduled to be held in London

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

British Chess Federation Extraordinary Council Meeting

An Extraordinary Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation will take place during the afternoon adjournment of the English Chess Federation Finance Council 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.