

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2013

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A MANAGER OF SENIOR CHESS

1. **That a Manager of Senior Chess be introduced.**
2. Consequent proposal: That this officer respond to the Director of International Chess.

For many years I have effectively been the ECF Manager of Senior Chess in all but official name. FIDE is embarking on a couple of initiatives which mean that the federation should consider such matters more seriously.

From 2014 they are changing the structure of qualification for seniors. Currently this is for players 60 or over (women 50 or over). Starting next year they intend to encourage two levels: (irrespective of gender) 50 or over and 65 or over. From 2015 we will have 6 GMs 50 or over, active to one extent or another. We can win this event.

The second World Senior Team Championship is being held in 2014 in Dresden. I organised the First Monarch Assurance World Team Championship in the Isle of Man in 2004 as part of the celebrations of the Centenary of the British Chess Championships. Sadly, it has not hitherto been copied since.

Senior chess has made considerable progress in this country for various reasons. Evidence of this is that about 100 over 60s played in the 100th British Chess Championships in Torquay. International chess has had a considerable influence in this field which is why I am recommending the manager responds to the International, rather than Home, director.

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