

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 12 APRIL 2014**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held at the Euston Square Hotel, Euston Square Hotel, 152 – 156 North Gower Street, London NW1 2LU on Saturday 12 April 2014 starting at 1.30 pm. A map can be accessed via the following link
<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=529408&Y=182421&A=Y&Z=110>

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 19 March 2014.

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 9 April 2014.

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 Spreadsheet.

Enclosures:

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Voting register
- (iii) Attendance reply slip, 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 available for download on 19 March 2014
- # Paper available at a later date or to be tabled at the meeting. There is a Board meeting scheduled for 23 March 2014 at which the remaining documents will be discussed. It is intended that all documentation should be available at least two weeks ahead of the meeting.

Venue Information

Parking: The hotel does not have its own car park. Street parking in the vicinity is free on Saturdays. Cars can also be parked at the Euston Station car park which is within 200 yards of the hotel: for the tariff see www.networkrail.co.uk

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

Food: Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

In the absence of a serving President the Board recommends that Council appoints Michael Gunn, who was the ECF's Non-Executive Chairman until the conclusion of the 2013 AGM, to chair the meeting.

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 12 October 2013 *

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 these Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda

5. Approval of the ECF accounts #

David Eustace

Council is invited to approve the accounts for the sixteen month period ended 31 August 2013

6. Report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee #

Mike Truran

7. Report of Finance Director and Budget 2014/2015 #

David Eustace

Council is invited to note the report.

8. Proposal by the International Director

David Openshaw

Council is invited to consider and if thought fit approve a proposal by the International Director that up to £5,500 out of the expected surplus for 2013/14 can be applied to make good the shortfall in Olympiad funding indicated by the forecast.

9. Strategic Plan #

Council is invited to note the strategic plan

10. Direct Members' Subscriptions

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve: ***"That subscriptions for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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. Proposal by Hastings & St Leonards Chess Club (a direct members' representative), Cumbria Chess Association, North Circular Chess League, North Staffordshire & District Chess Association and the Oxfordshire Chess Association *

That Game Fee for the season 2014/15 for games clubs' internal games, i.e. graded games organised by clubs and played solely between their members or as part of a promotion to non-members, shall be the lower of 50p or ¼ of standard Game Fee, or the lower of 25p or ¼ of rapid play Game Fee, as applicable; that if necessary any estimated loss of income shall be funded from any budget provision for Contingencies that shall have been made (if the Finance Director finds that necessary) or otherwise as the Board may direct.

13. Determination of Game Fee

The Board's proposes that the basic standardplay rate of Game Fee is increased from £2.00 to £2.25, with pro-rata changes for rapidplay events and exclusively junior events. The pay to play fee for non-FIDE-rated Congresses that are not exclusively junior would remain at £6 adult/£4 junior as these amounts represent the difference between silver and bronze adult and junior memberships.

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.

14. Adoption of Budget for 2014/15

David Eustace

Council is invited to consider and, if though fit, adopt the budget for the financial year from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015

15. Establishment of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Council is asked to consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolution

"Council approves the formation of the Chess Trust in the terms of the draft tabled and invites Keith Bevan Richardson to serve for an initial term of one year; Raymond Brunton Edwards to serve for an initial term of two years and Julian Thomas Farrand to serve for an initial term of three years."

Note: refer to the paper for the background to this. Related resolutions will be considered during the BCF meeting.

16. Transformation White Paper #

Phil Ehr

Council is asked to discuss and note the paper by the Chief Executive on the transformation of the ECF.

17. ECU General Assembly #

Council is asked to consider and, if thought fit, approve a proposal and recommendation by the Board that to give Andrew Paulson, who it has nominated for the position of Deputy President of the European Chess Union, standing at the ECU General Assembly at Tromso in August 2014:

“that Andrew Paulson be designated as the official ECF Delegate at the 2014 ECU General Assembly”.

18. Amendments to the Articles of Association

Council is asked to consider and if thought fit approve an amendment to Articles to provide the same flexibility over the chairing of Board meetings by a Director other than the Chief Executive as applies to the chairing of Council meetings by a director other than the President:

“that Article 63 which currently states:

The Chief Executive shall preside as chairman of the Board but if at any meeting he is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting

be amended by inserting the words “or is unwilling to act” after “the same”.

19. Amendments to Regulation No.3 *

Council is asked to note the changes made to Regulation No. 3 the Arbiters and Coaches Regulations, which were approved by the Board on 19 January 2014.

20. Directors’ Reports #

Council is asked to note reports from Directors, the FIDE Delegate and Chairmen of the Standing Committees as may be presented. It is expected that Council will have considered earlier in this meeting topics in those reports. This agenda item is intended to note matters arising not previously addressed.

21. Any Other Business of which notice has been given to the Chairman of the Meeting or Company Secretary before the start and which is of a minor nature only.

Matters of substance may not be raised under this heading, except in terms of information or a preliminary notification of important business for a future Meeting.

British Chess 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.