

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 22 APRIL 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Ibis Hotel, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST on Saturday 22 April 2017 starting at 1.00 p.m. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the British Chess Federation Council starting at 12.30pm. A separate notice and agenda for the BCF Council is issued for those entitled to attend and vote at BCF Council (i.e. ECF representatives of Constituent Units, Counties and ECF officers/ board members), but other ECF representatives are welcome to attend.

The Procedural Bye Laws prescribe that the Chairman shall seek to end the ECF Council meeting by 6:00 p.m. but it may be extended to 6:30 p.m. if Members wish.

This meeting is convened by Mike Gunn, Chairman of Council. This Agenda is issued from the English Chess Federation Office (The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0YD) on Thursday 30th March 2017.

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 19 April 2017.

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 financial papers.

Enclosures:

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

The full set of paperwork is published on the ECF website at

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/ecf-council-and-board/>

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 30 March 2017 # Paper to follow

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman
If the Chairman of Council is not present then Council will elect one of its members to chair the meeting.
2. Observation of a minute's silence to remember colleagues who have died since the last meeting
3. Notices
 - (a) Location of printed lists of Apologies for Absence, Members voting by individual Proxy and Members voting by Proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting.
 - (b) Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman
 - (c) Appointment of Tellers
 - (d) Voting Register *
Council is invited to note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto.
4. Approval and, if necessary, correction of minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2016 *
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."
5. Matters Arising from these Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda
6. To consider the recommendation of the Membership Director and the Board that Bye Law No. 2 is replaced by the new version supplied. *
Note: the effect of the change is to allow non members of the ECF to play up to 3 games free of charge in any league but the following fees will be charged when 4 or more games are played:
 - (a) £25 for an adult
 - (b) £12 for a junior
(Rapidplay games count 0.5 when determining the number of games played.)
7. To receive the report of Finance Director* and further to approve

- (a) The proposed budget for 2017/2018 *
- (b) New membership rates for direct members of
 - i. Platinum (adult and junior): £70
 - ii. Gold (adult): £34
 - iii. Gold (junior): £27.50
 - iv. Silver (adult): £23.50
 - v. Silver (junior): £17
 - vi. Bronze (adult): £16
 - vii. Bronze (junior): £9.50
- (c) Minimum membership fees for Member Organisations
£60 (unchanged)
- (d) Pay to play fees
 - i. ECF graded congresses: £7.50
 - ii. FIDE rated events: £10.50
- (e) Game fees (only if motion 6 above is lost)
 - i. Standard and rapidplay: £3
 - ii. Junior only events: £0.80

(Note from chairman: there will be one vote at the end of the discussion of this item to approve the whole package. Amendment of the individual parts will be possible, before the final vote is taken).

- 8. To receive the reports* on possible voting reform and then to vote on the following::
 - (a) Option 1 (For or Against)
 - (b) Option 2 (For or Against)
 - (c) Option 3 (For or Against)
 - (d) Number of votes for Direct Memmbers' representatives on Council (25% or 50%) under Option 3
 - (e) Method of election of for Direct Memmbers' representatives on Council under Option 3 (single constituency or constituencies based on categories of membership)
- 9. To approve the date of the AGM: October 14th 2017 (in London).

10. Any Other Business of which notice has been given to the Chairman of the Meeting or 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.