

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 October 2012 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 the Bye Laws.

The meeting is convened by John Philpott, Company Secretary, on the instruction of the Board. This Agenda is issued from the English Chess Federation Office (The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD) on Tuesday 18 September 2012.

Members considering the appointment of a proxy or a directed proxy to the Chairman are directed to the relevant enclosure and should note that **deadlines apply to the receipt of proxies**. Any organisation wishing to change its Representative Member should note that it must do so before 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 October 2012.

Enclosures:

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Attendance reply slip and directed proxy voting form.
- (iii) Abridged accounts

***Please note that as a cost saving measure only a minimal set of paperwork has been sent out by post to those organisations which have not elected to receive Council mailings electronically. All documents can be found on the ECF website at [http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page\\_id=897](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***

Documents have been annotated on the agenda with a \* where the paper is available for downloading on 18 September 2012 and a # where the paper will be available for downloading later or will be tabled at the meeting

### **Venue Information**

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

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

Food: Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

### **British Chess Federation Annual Council Meeting**

The Annual Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation will take place during the afternoon adjournment of the English Chess Federation Annual General 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.

# AGENDA

1. Welcoming Remarks by the Chairman
2. Location of Attendance, Apologies and Proxy Lists
3. To note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto \*
4. The appointment of Tellers
5. To approve the Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting of 14 April 2012 \*  
Please advise any comments in advance of the meeting
6. Matters arising from these minutes
  - 6.1 Supplier for new membership scheme (item 5) Andrew Farthing
  - 6.2 Approval of 2012/13 budget by written resolution (item 17) John Philpott

The outcome of the written resolution will be reported to the meeting. At the date that this agenda is issued, the absolute majority of votes necessary under the Companies Act for the resolution to be passed had not yet been achieved. If that remains the case, Council will be asked to approve the budget.

  - 6.3 Other
7. To receive and approve the Reports and Accounts
  - 7.1 President's Report
  - 7.2 Chief Executive's Report \* Andrew Farthing
  - 7.3 Non-Executive Chairman's Report Mike Gunn
  - 7.4 Financial
    - 7.4.1 Director of Finance's Report # Gareth Caller
    - 7.4.2 To approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2012 #
  - 7.5 To receive and approve Achievement Report \* Andrew Farthing
  - 7.6 To receive and approve Other Directors' Reports
    - 7.6.1 Director of Home Chess # Adam Raooof
    - 7.6.2 Director of Junior Chess and Education # Phil Ehr
    - 7.6.3 Director of International Chess \* Sean Hewitt
    - 7.6.4 Director of Marketing # Tim Woolgar
    - 7.6.5 Non-Executive Directors # {John Wickham  
{Jack Rudd

**NB IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF MEMBERS INTENDING TO RAISE DETAILED QUESTIONS ON THE ACCOUNTS COULD GIVE THE OFFICE PRIOR NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION SO THAT ANSWERS CAN BE FULLY RESEARCHED.**

## 7.7 To receive and approve Other Officers' Reports

7.7.1 FIDE Delegate #	Nigel Short
7.7.2 Chairman of the Governance Committee *	John Philpott
7.7.3 Chairman of the Finance Committee #	Mike Truran
7.7.4 Sport and Recreation Alliance Representative #	David Sedgwick

## 8. To pass a vote of thanks to the outgoing Officers

## 9. To note changes to Regulation No. 2 The Directors and Officers Responsibilities Regulations \*

## 10. To consider and if thought fit approve the following proposal from Ben Edgell (representative member of the Somerset County Chess Association and Bristol and District Chess League) and Alan Maynard (representative member of the Devon County Chess League) that the maximum number of directors should be increased from 10 to 11 and the position of Director of Women's Chess be created. #

Note by the Chairman of the Governance Committee. This does not require a change to the Articles, as Article 43 allows Council to amend the maximum number of directors by ordinary resolution. If the resolution is passed, any appointment for 2012/13 would revert to the Board, but Council can express a view as to the suitability of any candidate. The Board would need to further amend the Directors and Officers Responsibilities Regulations, which currently provide for a Manager of Women's Chess.

## 11. To consider the proposal set out in the attached paper to instruct the Board not to pursue certain ideas in the election statement by Roger Edwards. *Proposed by Mike Truran (Chairman of the Finance Committee), 4NCL, the Atkins Memorial Congress, the Coventry and District Chess League, e2e4 Chess, the Kidlington Chess Congress, the Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association, the London Chess Classic, the Manchester Chess Federation, the Oxfordshire Chess Association and the Stockport and District Chess League.\**

## 12. Elections and Appointments

### 12.1 President

**Roger Edwards** *nominated by William Armstrong (Direct members' representative), the Braille Chess Association, the Hastings International Chess Congress, the Leek Chess Congress, the Leyland Congress, the North Staffordshire Chess Association, the Scarborough Chess Congress, the Staffordshire Chess Association and the Stockport League \**

### 12.2 Chief Executive

No candidate

### 12.3 Non-Executive Chairman

**Mike Gunn** *seeking re-election*

### 12.4 Director of Finance

**Chris Mattos** *nominated by Andrew Farthing (Director)\**

### 12.5 Two Non-Executive Directors

**Sean Hewitt** *nominated by Lawrence Cooper, Mike Gunn, and Jack Rudd (Directors), Mike Truran (Chairman of a Standing Committee), Stewart Reuben (Direct Members' Representative), the British Universities' Chess Association, the Cheshire and North Wales Chess Association, the Derbyshire Chess Association, the Gibraltar Congress, the Lincolnshire Chess Association and the London Chess Classic\**

**Jack Rudd** *seeking re-election*

## 12.6 Other Executive Directors

### 12.6.1 Director of Home Chess

**Alex Holowczak** *nominated by Adam Raof (Director, the British Universities' Chess Association and the Warwickshire Chess Association) \**

### 12.6.2 Director of Junior Chess & Education

**Phil Ehr** *standing for re-election*

### 12.6.3 Director of International Chess

**No candidate**

### 12.6.4 Director of Membership and Marketing

**Adam Raof** *nominated by Phil Ehr (Director) #*

## 12.7 Other Officers

### 12.7.1 FIDE Delegate

**Rupert Jones** *nominated by Chris Majer (past Chief Executive) and the Northern Counties Chess Union #*

**Nigel Short** *seeking re-election #*

## 12.8 Standing Committees

### 12.8.1 Chairman of the Finance Committee

**Mike Truran** *nominated by John Philpott (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

### 12.8.2 Members of the Finance Committee

**Ray Clark** *nominated by John Philpott (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

**Ian Reynolds** *nominated by Mike Truran (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

### 12.8.3 Chairman of the Governance Committee

**Chris Majer** *nominated by John Philpott (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

### 12.8.4 Members of the Governance Committee

**Richard Haddrell** }

**Andrew Leadbetter** } *nominated by John Philpott (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

## 12.9 To appoint the Auditor

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler will be proposed

## 13. To note ECF awards for 2012\*

## 14. To receive and approve the update to the Long Term Strategic Plan \* Andrew Farthing

## 15. Summary of responses on consultations \* Andrew Farthing

## 16. Proposals by the Board that the financial year of the ECF be changed from 30 April to 31 August to align it with the membership year \*

## 17. Proposal by the Chief Executive on standards of conduct and complaints procedure \*

17.1 That the Standards of Conduct for ECF Officials as set out in Appendix A to the enclosed paper be adopted with immediate effect

17.2 That the ECF Complaints Procedures as set out in Appendix B to the enclosed paper be adopted with immediate effect

## 18. Charitable status \*

Andrew Farthing

19. **Proposed changes to the Articles and Bye Laws presented by the Chairman of the Governance Committee on behalf of the Board, as set out in the attached paper \***
  - 19.1 **Amendment to Article 13 to increase the number of direct members' representatives from eight to ten**
  - 19.2 **Amendment to Article 13 to remove the requirement for direct members' representative to remain in the same category in which they were elected throughout their period of office**
  - 19.3 **Amendment to the Membership Bye Laws to remove the restriction on the types of organisations that can enter into Framework Agreements**
  - 19.4 **Amendment to the Game Fee Bye Laws to vary the payment date for organisations entering into Framework Agreements**
  - 19.5 **Amendment to the Game Fee Bye Laws to vary the payment date for winter leagues run by organisations that have not entered into Framework Agreements**
20. **Proposal by the Director of Home Chess that Council is requested to endorse the proposal by the Manager of Grading and Rating that the grading of overseas games is discontinued from 1 January 2013\***
21. **Proposal by the Northern Counties Chess Union that the rules for the County Championship should be amended:**
  - 21.1 **to provide an option for Counties to field a 12-player rather than a 16-player team in all sections in the National Stages.**
  - 21.2 **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**
22. **Proposal to admit Barnstaple Chess Club to membership as an "Other Organisation".**
23. **The dates and locations of General Meetings in 2013**

The Procedural Bye Laws require the 2013 Finance Council Meeting to be held in Birmingham and the 2013 Annual Council Meeting to be held in London. The Board proposes that these meetings are held on 13 April and 12 October respectively. It is also proposed to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on a date to be decided in January or February to discuss charitable status.
24. **Any other business as advised to the Chairman before the start of the meeting**