

THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2016

Malvern Room, Britannia Hotel, New Street, Birmingham B2 4RX on Saturday 15 October 2016, commencing 18:05.

Present: P Beckett, J Clissold, J Denning, B Edgell, G Ellis, D Eustace, N Faulks, SN Gilmore, MJ Gunn, R Hardy, T Herring, A Holowczak, N Hosken, AT Leadbetter, AB Leary, CE Majer, AH McFarlane, J Melsom, W Metcalfe, M Misson, M Murrell, M Pein, J Reyes, RJ Richmond, P Sharratt, R Stern, D Thomas, MC Truran, BJ Valentine, D Welch, T Whitfield, JR Wickham

In attendance: J Foley (candidate for NED), M Jordan (ECF Manager of Publicity), G Willson (minutes secretary), S Woodhouse (candidate for NED)

Absent with Apologies: D Lawson, J Philpott, S Freeman, S Longson

1. Appointment of Chairman

Julian Clissold was appointed as Chairman. The Chairman confirmed that the meeting was quorate and had been called within the appropriate regulations.

2. Apologies, Proxies and Postal Votes

Notices informing members of apologies received, proxy and postal votes were on display. The meeting was duly convened.

3. Voting Register - to note

The voting register, as published on-line, and as amended by the notices displayed in the meeting room, was noted.

4. To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 16 April 2016

The minutes of the EGM held on 16th April 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. Matters arising therefrom

There were no matters arising.

6. Annual report of the Management Board – to approve *

The ECF Board report, previously circulated, was approved nem con.

7. Appointment of the independent examiner

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler was approved nem con.

8. Proposed amendments to the BCF Constitution

The following amendments were proposed as a consequence of the creation by the ECF of the position of Chairman of the Council.

(1) In paragraph 3 (“The Federation shall consist of....”) insert as 3.4

'THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL of English Chess Federation' for the time being

renumbering the existing 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 as 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7

(2) In paragraph 4 ("The Council, which shall govern the Federation, shall consist of") insert as 4.4 'The Chairman of the Council', renumbering the existing 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 as 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8

(3) In paragraph 7 ("Council meetings") amend 7.1.1 by replacing "the Non-Executive Chairman" with 'the Chairman of the Council' at the end of the first sentence.

These changes required a vote in excess of a 2/3 majority, and were agreed nem con.

The Council approved the proposed transfer of funds from the PIF to the ECF main account as described further in the ECF Annual General Meeting minutes. The Council further approved an approach to the JRT to extend the funding for ECF activities.

9. Date and location proposed for meetings in 2017

It was proposed by the Board that the dates and locations for the Annual Council meeting and any Extraordinary meetings required should be the same as the dates and locations decided upon by the English Chess Federation Council.

10. Any Other Business

The meeting closed at 18:12.