

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING B075, 8th September 2013**

B075

The 75th Meeting of the ECF Board was held at 7.30 pm on Sunday 8th September 2013

Present:

Roger Edwards	RJE	President	part of the meeting
Mike Gunn	MG	Non-Executive Chairman	In Chair and Minutes
Alex Holowczak	AH	Director of Home Chess	
Chris Mattos	CM	Director of Finance	
David Openshaw	DO	Director of International Chess	
Phil Ehr	PE	Director of Junior Chess & Education	
David Thomas	DT	Membership & Marketing Director	
Sean Hewitt	SH	Non-Executive Director	
Jack Rudd	JR	Non-Executive Director	

In attendance:

Nigel Short	NS	FIDE Delegate
Chris Majer	CMj	Chairman of the Governance Committee
John Philpott	JAP	Company Secretary and Financial Controller

Apologies:

David Eustace	DE	Minutes
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1. Apologises for absence

Apologises were recorded as above.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting B074 (4th August 2013)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for accuracy. Matters arising were not taken. MG would chase up actions from these minutes. **Action: MG**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Minutes of the Previous Meeting B074 (4th August 2013)	
75.01	MG	MG would chase up actions from these minutes.	

3. Arrangements for the AGM

- i. Timings. It was agreed that there was a need for an early start; 12.30 pm was agreed. The pre-AGM Board meeting would meet at 11.00 am.
- ii. Time for Election Addresses. It was agreed that 5 minutes would be allocated to each

- candidate for election to make a statement and answer questions. How the time was to be divided between statement and questions would be at the discretion of the candidate.
- iii. Time allocation for motions. It was agreed that the discussion time for any single motion be limited to 10 minutes.
 - iv. Motion on County Championships. It was agreed that discussion on the County Championships (including motions submitted) be taken early in the agenda, immediately following Matters Arising.
 - v. ECF Awards. The position on ECF Awards will be checked. MG is to ask and remind RE.

Action: MG

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Arrangements for the AGM	
75.02	MG	<p>MG to ensure arrangements for AGM actioned:</p> <p>Timings. It was agreed that there was a need for an early start; 12.30 pm was agreed. The pre-AGM Board meeting would meet at 11.00 am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Time for Election Addresses. 5 minutes would be allocated to each candidate for election to make a statement and answer. ii. Time allocation for motions. The discussion time for any single motion before the meeting is limited to 10 minutes. iii. Motion on County Championships. Discussion on the County Championships (including motions submitted) be taken early in the agenda, immediately following Matters Arising. iv. ECF Awards. The position on ECF Awards will be checked. MG is to ask and remind RE. 	

4. Potential Changes to Membership Scheme

The paper previously circulated was discussed. It was agreed to defer any decisions until next Spring so data from Year 1 could be examined, together with the experience of the renewal process, to support any proposals. It was agreed in relation to Free Silver Membership we would allow and encourage online membership to minimise Office time spent on membership, using the current criterion (Note: check on email address in the software). DT would monitor the situation.

Action: DT

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Potential Changes to Membership Scheme	
75.03	DT	It was agreed to defer any decisions until next Spring so data from Year 1 could be examined, together with the experience of the renewal process, to support any proposals. It was agreed in relation to Free Silver Membership we would allow and encourage online membership to minimise Office time spent on membership, using the current criterion (Note: check on email address in the software). DT would monitor the situation.	

5. Report on the British Championships 2013

The report received from Lara Barnes (LB) was discussed and it was agreed that MG would communicate the Board's thanks to Lara for a successful Championship.

Action: MG

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		Report on the British Championships 2013	
75.04	MG	MG would communicate the Board's thanks to Lara for a successful Championship.	

6. Application for Appointment to ECF Arbiter

It was agreed that Phil Thomas becomes an ECF Arbiter.

7. FIDE Requirement for FIDE Identification Numbers (FINs)

Although the Board deplored how FIDE had introduced this requirement (suddenly, without warning), it was agreed no further action would be taken.

8. Any Other Business

i. The following Membership Applications were approved:

- South East Lancashire Chess League
- Hertfordshire Schools Chess Association
- King's Place Chess Festival
- Big Slick
- Chess in Schools and Communities (replacing London Classic)

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 11.00 am on Saturday 12th October at the Euston Square Hotel, Euston Square Hotel, 152 – 156 North Gower Street, London NW1 2LU.

Approved.....

Mike Gunn

Chairman

Date.....

Schedule of Future Board Meetings:

The second Sunday of each month at **19.30** by teleconference (Skype) unless agreed otherwise.

Sunday -

12th October Saturday prior to the AGM

10th November

8th December