

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 October 2013 starting at 12:30 p.m. 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 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 17 September 2013.

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 9 October 2013.

Enclosures:

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

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. 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 expected to be available for downloading by no later than 21 September 2013 and a # where the paper will be available for downloading later or will be tabled at 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.

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 13 April 2013 ***
The Chairman will only consider amendments that are notified to the ECF Office at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting
- 6. Matters arising from these minutes**

6.1 County Championship rules

6.1.1 Proposals not addressed in April*

Alex Holowczak

6.1.2 Proposal by the Southern Counties Chess Union

That E2.3 of the County Championship rules be deleted, and E4.1 be amended to read:

Before the time fixed for the start of play the captains shall exchange team lists, with players arranged in descending order of known current playing strength. ECF grades shall not be taken as indicating the order of current playing strength. Any known defaults shall be placed on the lowest boards. The names of the players, their ECF membership numbers, their ECF grading reference numbers and their grades must be included on the Result Sheet.

While 6.1.2 is not technically a matter arising, the Board considers it appropriate to deal with it at this stage of the agenda so that all proposals relating to the County Championship are considered at the same time.

6.2 Charitable status

Chris Mattos

6.3 Other

7. To receive and approve the Reports and Accounts:

7.1 President's Report *

Roger Edwards

7.2 Non-Executive Chairman's Report

Mike Gunn

7.3 Financial

7.3.1 Director of Finance's Report #

Chris Mattos

7.3.2 To note draft accounts for the 16 months ended 31 August 2013 #

7.4 To receive and approve Other Directors' Reports

7.4.1 Director of Home Chess *

Alex Holowczak

7.4.2 Director of Junior Chess and Education *

Phil Ehr

7.4.3 Director of International Chess *

David Openshaw

7.4.4 Director of Membership and Marketing *

David Thomas

7.4.5 Non-Executive Directors * {Sean Hewitt
{Jack Rudd

7.5 To receive and approve Other Officers' Reports

7.5.1 FIDE Delegate * Nigel Short

7.5.2 Chairman of the Governance Committee * Chris Majer

7.5.3 Chairman of the Finance Committee # Mike Truran

7.5.4 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. Proposal by the Board to amend the Articles of Association with effect from the conclusion of this meeting to remove the post of Non-Executive Chairman and provide for an additional Executive Director position, which would be used to create the post of Commercial Director.*

11. Elections and Appointments

11.1 President

Roger Edwards *standing for re-election **

Andrew Paulson *nominated by Phil Ehr (Director) and David Openshaw (Director) **

11.2 Chief Executive

Phil Ehr *nominated by Roger Edwards (Director), Mike Gunn (Director), David Openshaw (Director) and Chris Majer (Chairman of a Standing Committee)**

Andrew Moore *nominated by the Midlands Counties Chess Union **

11.3 Non-Executive Chairman

No candidate. This post will disappear if the amendments to the Articles under item 10 are approved. If the amendments are not approved, appointment to the post will revert to the Board.

11.4 Director of Finance

David Eustace *nominated by Chris Mattos (Director)**

11.5 Two Non-Executive Directors

Julian Clissold *nominated by the Manchester Chess Federation **

Angus French *nominated by Roger Edwards (Director), Mike Gunn (Director), the Buckinghamshire Chess Association, the Bryant Poulter League, the Chess Arbiters Association, the Croydon & District League, the London Junior Chess Championships, the Scarborough Congress and the Surrey County Chess Association **

Sean Hewitt *standing for re-election, nominated by Nigel Short (FIDE delegate) **

Jack Rudd *standing for re-election*

11.6 Other Executive Directors:

11.6.1 Director of Home Chess

Alex Holowczak *standing for re-election**

11.6.2 Director of Junior Chess & Education

Lawrence Cooper *nominated by Roger Edwards (Director), Andrew Farthing (Past Chief Executive), the East Anglian Chess Union, the Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association, the London Chess League, the Norfolk County Chess Association, the Worcestershire Chess Association and the Worcester and District League. **

Claire Summerscale *nominated by Phil Ehr (Director)**

11.6.3 Director of International Chess

David Openshaw *standing for re-election **

11.6.4 Director of Membership

David Thomas *standing for re-election **

11.6.5 Commercial Director

This post only exists if the amendments to the Articles under item 10 are approved. An election under the normal cycle cannot be carried out, so the appointment will revert to the Board, but Council can express its views on any candidates who have expressed an interest before the meeting.

11.7 Other Officers

11.7.1 FIDE Delegate

Nigel Short *standing for re-election*

11.8 Standing Committees

11.8.1 Chairman of the Finance Committee

Mike Truran *standing for re-election*

11.8.2 Members of the Finance Committee

Ray Clark }

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

11.8.3 Chairman of the Governance Committee

Chris Majer *standing for re-election*

11.8.4 Members of the Governance Committee

Mike Gunn *nominated by Phil Ehr (Director) and Chris Majer (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

Richard Haddrell }

Andrew Leadbetter } *nominated by Chris Majer (Chairman of a Standing Committee)*

11.9 To appoint the Auditor

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler will be proposed.

12. To note ECF awards for 2013. *

13. Papers from the Governance Committee: *

13.1 Complaints procedure. Council is asked to note the proposed Regulation No. 4.

13.2 Clarification on membership requirement for competitions. Council is asked to approve the proposed Bye Law amendment.

- 14. Proposal by Sean Hewitt (Director) to amend the definition of “the requisitionists” in Article 1.1 of the Articles of Association with effect from the conclusion of this meeting. This is a special resolution which requires a 75% majority. ***
- (i) Replace parts (a) to (h) with “any three of a Trustee, a Representative Member of a Constituent Unit or a County, a Direct Members’ Representative, the FIDE Delegate or the Chairman of a Standing Committee”, renumbering part (i) as (b).**
 - (ii) Add as a new part (c) of the definition “any number of Full Individual or Representative members who collectively exercise sufficient voting power to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting.”**
- 15. Proposal by Sean Hewitt (Director)**
- That the board investigate the viability with a view to bringing proposals before Council in April 2014 to allow Directors to be elected directly by individual members of the Federation.**
- 16. Proposal on cheating by the Southern Counties Chess Union and Chess in Schools and Communities**
- That Council notes the increasing problem of players cheating using electronic devices and instructs the Board to establish procedures for the imposition of sanctions in proven cases. Such sanctions shall include an automatic period of suspension from all events under ECF auspices.**
- 17. Proposal on ECF membership by the Southern Counties Chess Union ***
- That the Board’s decision 17.3.2013 requiring ECF Membership of all players in events organised and graded by the ECF be RESCINDED in respect of school team competitions.**
- 18. Proposal by Stewart Reuben (direct members’ representative) and Jack Rudd (Director) that a Manager of Senior Chess be introduced, and that this Officer reports to the Director of International Chess. ***
- 19. The dates and locations of General Meetings in 2014**
The Procedural Bye Laws require the 2014 Finance Council Meeting to be held in London and the 2014 Annual Council Meeting to be held in Birmingham. The Board proposes that these meetings are held on 12 April and 11 October respectively.
- 20. Any other business as advised to the Chairman before the start of the meeting**