

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Registered Office</b>	The Watch Oak Chain Lane Battle East Sussex TN33 0YD
<b>Incorporated</b>	In England & Wales A Company limited by Guarantee
<b>Company Number</b>	5293039
<b>Directors</b>	Dominic Lawson (President) Phil Ehr (Chief Executive) David Eustace (Finance) Alex Holowczak (Home Chess) David Openshaw (International) Traci Whitfield (Junior Chess & Education) David Thomas (Membership) Bob Kane (Commercial) Julian Clissold (Non-Executive) John Foley (Non-Executive)
<b>Secretary</b>	John Philpott
<b>Bankers</b>	NatWest Bank Havelock Road Hastings East Sussex TN34 1BW
<b>Auditors</b>	Goatcher Chandler Audit Limited Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 10 Overcliffe Gravesend Kent DA11 0EF

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present herewith their report with the financial statements for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the company are to encourage the study and practice of chess in England, to maintain the British Chess Championships, and to promote national and international chess tournaments in England.

**Directors**

The following served as directors during the period:

Roger Edwards (to 12 October 2013)  
Phil Ehr  
Mike Gunn (to 12 October 2013)  
Sean Hewitt (to 3 April 2014)  
Alex Holowczak  
Chris Mattos (to 12 October 2013)  
David Openshaw  
Jack Rudd (to 12 October 2013)  
David Thomas  
Julian Clissold (from 12 October 2013)  
Lawrence Cooper (from 12 October 2013)  
David Eustace (from 13 October 2013)  
Andrew Paulson (from 12 October 2013 to 8 March 2014)  
Angus French (from 19 May 2014)  
Bob Kane (from 28 May 2014)

**Changes to Directors since the end of the period**

Following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2014, Angus French and Lawrence Cooper ceased to be directors and John Foley, Dominic Lawson and Traci Whitfield were appointed.

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**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Statement of disclosure of information to auditors**

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Small company regime**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Auditors**

The auditors, Goatcher Chandler Audit Limited, were reappointed as auditors at the Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2014.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

John Philpott  
Company Secretary

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**

We have audited the financial statements of the English Chess Federation for the year ended 31 August 2014 on pages 6 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, and of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors Responsibilities set out on page 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board (APB's) Ethic Standards for Auditors.

**Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all of the financial and non-financial information in the Directors Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion:-

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, and of its surplus for the period then ended;
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and

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- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

**Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- Certain disclosures of directors remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all of the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors Report.

**Clifford Chandler (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Goatcher Chandler Audit Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor**  
**10 Overcliffe**  
**Gravesend**  
**Kent**  
**DA11 0EF**

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

		2013-14 £	2012-13 £
Turnover	2	425,803	706,615
Expenditure		<u>395,986</u> 29,817	<u>696,073</u> 10,542
Bank interest received		4	4
<b>Surplus on ordinary activities before tax</b>		<u>29,821</u>	<u>10,546</u>
Taxation		5,964	-
<b>Surplus after tax</b>		<u>23,857</u>	<u>10,546</u>
Balance brought forward		(10,648)	(21,194)
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<u><u>13,209</u></u>	<u><u>(10,648)</u></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**

		2014	2013
		£	£
Fixed Assets	3	1,380	2,454
Debtors	4	102,434	81,560
Cash at Bank and in Hand		210,406	131,370
Current Assets		<u>312,840</u>	<u>212,930</u>
Creditors falling due within 1 year	5	(260,721)	(186,742)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u><b>52,119</b></u>	<u><b>26,188</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u><b>53,499</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>28,642</b></u></u>
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>			
Profit and loss account (see page 6)		13,209	(10,648)
Reserves	6	40,290	39,290
		<u><b>53,499</b></u>	<u><b>17,796</b></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on [tbc] and signed on its behalf by:

David Eustace  
 Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered significant in relation to the company's financial statements and there have been no material changes during the period.

#### **Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and under the historical cost convention.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the sales of services, subscriptions and grants received excluding value added tax. Turnover is recognised in the accounting period to which it relates. Turnover related to specific events and the expenditure related to that event is recognised in the financial year in which the final day of that event falls.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure represents the directly attributable costs of providing goods and services.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. The write-off of slow moving and obsolete stock is recognised as expenditure..

#### **Recognition of fixed assets**

Non-current assets are initially recognised at the purchase price plus all directly attributable costs of bringing the asset into service.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:-

- Computer Equipment 20% (5 years)

Assets acquired from the British Chess Federation were fully depreciated at the start of the financial year. No value is recognised in the accounts for these assets.

#### **Events that have not yet commenced or have not been completed**

Entry fees and other payments received are recognised at the point that the event is completed. Where cash has been received for an event that had not commenced or has not been finished at year end, this is recognised as a liability to the ECF and is included as accrued income. Likewise, where payments have been made for an event that has not commenced or is not complete at year-end this is recognised as an asset to the ECF and is included as a prepayment.

#### **Subscriptions**

Members' subscriptions are credited when received, but a provision has been made in the accounts for subscriptions paid in advance for future years.

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***Operating leases***

Payments made under operating leases are charged to expenditure in equal amounts in accordance with the terms of the lease. Amounts owing under operating leases due in 2013-14 are disclosed in Note 7 on page 10.

***Foreign currencies***

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account at arriving at the operating profit.

	2013-14 £	2012-13 £
<b>2. Operating Profit</b>		
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Bank interest	4	3
and after charging		
Auditors' Remuneration	1,750	1,575
Depreciation – owned assets	1,074	1,431

**3. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Office Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 September 2013	17,630	17,630
Additions	-	-
At 31 August 2014	<u>17,630</u>	<u>17,630</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 September 2013	15,176	15,176
Charge for the year	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,074</u>
At 31 August 2014	<u>16,250</u>	<u>16,250</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 August 2014	<u><b>1,380</b></u>	<u><b>1,380</b></u>
At 31 August 2013	<u>2,454</u>	<u>2,454</u>

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<b>4. Debtors</b>	2014	2013
	£	£
Unfinished events	69,839	45,279
Other prepayments	5,080	5,129
Other debtors	27,515	31,152
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>102,434</u></b>	<b><u>81,560</u></b>

<b>5. Creditors</b>	2014	2013
	£	£
Creditors and accrued expenses	61,992	43,366
Creditors - English Championship prize	11,000	14,000
Subscriptions received in advance	73,572	62,560
Unfinished events	94,157	46,816
Loan from Chess Centre Limited	20,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>260,721</u></b>	<b><u>186,742</u></b>

<b>6. Reserves</b>	2014	2013
	£	£
Legacies Fund	36,878	35,878
Alexander Prize Fund	1,330	1,330
General Fund transferred from BCF	2,082	2,082
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>40,290</u></b>	<b><u>39,290</u></b>

<b>7. Operating Leases</b>	2013-14	2012-13
	£	£
Within one year	966	966
Within two to five years	5,500	5,500
Over five years	-	-

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**8. Honoraria**

During the period covered by these accounts the English Chess Federation made payments to the following non-staff members.

R J Haddrell	P Loasby	J L Denning
D Eustace	P Bogucki	S Hewitt

All payments were made for services provided to the English Chess Federation.

**9. Directors' Interests**

The Directors are all officers of the British Chess Federation (an unincorporated body) and most hold offices in various regional and county chess associations.

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