

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 17 October 2015 starting at 1:30 p.m.

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 Wednesday 23 September 2015.

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 14 October 2015.

A full set of supporting 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 was available for downloading on 23 September 2015 and a # where the paper will be available for downloading later or will be tabled at the meeting.

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. **Appointment of Chairman**
The Board will recommend the appointment of Julian Clissold
2. **Observance of a minute's silence for those who died during the last year**
3. **Location of Attendance, Apologies and Proxy Lists and announcement of those in attendance with the permission of the Chairman**
4. **To note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto ***
5. **The appointment of Tellers**
6. **To approve the Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting of 18 April 2015 ***
The Chairman will only consider amendments that are notified to the ECF Office at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting
7. **Matters arising from these minutes**

7.1 Yearbook (agenda item 20)

In view of the appointment of an Office Manager since the production of the last Yearbook, and the commitment to produce the Yearbook in its traditional form in 2016, the Board does not regard it as appropriate to reconsider the future of the Yearbook until after the publication of the 2016 issue.

7.2 Game Fee (agenda item 21)

It was recorded in the minutes that the Director of Membership would convene a working party to consider the withdrawal of residual Game Fee in leagues. No progress was made on this over the summer but the Director still anticipates that such a working party can be convened and report in sufficient time for any recommendations to be considered at the April Finance Council.

7.3 Other items

8. **Update on items discussed at the Board meeting held earlier** **Phil Ehr**
9. **To receive and approve the Reports:**
 - 9.1 **President's report *** **Dominic Lawson**
 - 9.2 **Chief Executive's Report #** **Phil Ehr**
 - 9.3 **Director of Finance's Report *** **David Eustace**
The audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2015 will be presented to the April 2016 Finance Council meeting for formal approval. It is intended to provide Council with a draft set of accounts ahead of the meeting for information.
 - 9.4 **To receive and approve Other Directors' Reports**
 - 9.4.1 **Director of Home Chess *** **Alex Holowczak**
 - 9.4.2 **Director of Junior Chess and Education *** **Traci Whitfield**
 - 9.4.3 **Director of International Chess *** **David Openshaw**
 - 9.4.4 **Director of Membership *** **David Thomas**

9.4.5 Commercial Director * **Bob Kane**

9.4.6 Non-Executive Directors * **Julian Clissold/
John Foley**

9.5 To receive and approve Other Officers' Reports

9.5.1 FIDE Delegate # **Malcolm Pein**

9.5.2 Chairman of the Governance Committee * **Chris Majer**

9.5.3 Chairman of the Finance Committee * **Mike Truran**

9.5.4 Sport and Recreation Alliance Representative # **Mike Gunn**

10. To pass a vote of thanks to the outgoing Officers

11. Elections and Appointments

11.1 President

Dominic Lawson *standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League*

11.2 Chief Executive

Phil Ehr *standing for re-election **

11.3 Director of Finance

David Eustace *standing for re-election **

11.4 Two Non-Executive Directors

Julian Clissold *standing for re-election, nominated by the Manchester Chess Federation **

Julie Denning *nominated by the Kent County Chess Association, Surrey County Chess Association and David Eustace (Director)*

Jack Rudd *nominated by nominated by the Northern Counties Chess Union, Hertfordshire Chess Association, Worcestershire Chess Association and Briant Poulter Chess League*

11.5 Other Executive Directors:

11.5.1 Director of Home Chess

John Foley *nominated by the Middlesex County Chess Association and Surrey County Chess Association**

Alex Holowczak *standing for re-election, nominated by the Midland Counties Chess Union, West of England Chess Union, Buckinghamshire County Chess Association, Hertfordshire Chess Association, Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association, Staffordshire Chess Association, Warwickshire Chess Association, Worcestershire Chess Association, Yorkshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League, Briant Poulter Chess League, Bristol & District Chess League, British Universities' Chess Association, Cannock & District Chess League, Coventry & District Chess League, Leamington Chess League, South-East Lancashire Summer Chess League, Stockport Chess League, Wolverhampton & District Chess League, 4NCL, Atkins Congress, Coulsdon Chess Fellowship, Kidlington Congress, Leyland Chess Congress, London Junior Chess Championships, National Youth Chess Association, Scarborough Congress, UK Chess Academy, Witney Rapidplay, Witney Weekend Congress, Barnstaple Chess Club, the Friends of Chess, Chris Majer (Chairman of a*

*Standing Committee), Mike Truran (Chairman of a Standing Committee), Chris Majer (Direct Members' representative), Stewart Reuben (Direct Members' representative), Robert Thompson (Direct Members' representative) and Andrew Farthing (Immediate Past Chief Executive) **

11.5.2 Director of Junior Chess & Education

Traci Whitfield *standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League **

11.5.3 Director of International Chess

David Openshaw *standing for re-election **

Malcolm Pein *nominated by the Devon County Chess Association, Somerset County Chess Association and Bristol & District Chess League **

11.5.4 Director of Membership

David Thomas *standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League*

11.5.5 Commercial Director

Bob Kane *standing for re-election **

11.6 FIDE Delegate

Malcolm Pein *standing for re-election*

11.7 Standing Committees

11.7.1 Chairman of the Finance Committee

Mike Truran *standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League*

11.7.2 Members of the Finance Committee

Ray Clark }

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

11.7.3 Chairman of the Governance Committee

Chris Majer *standing for re-election, , nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League*

11.7.4 Members of the Governance Committee

Mike Gunn }

Richard Haddrell } *nominated by Chris Majer (Chairman of a Standing*

Andrew Leadbetter } *Committee)*

David Robertson }

11.8 To appoint the Auditor

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler Audit Ltd will be proposed.

12. Awards *

Stewart Reuben

To note ECF awards for 2015

13. Report of the Independent Governance and Constitutional Review Commission *

13.1 Questions to Gareth Pearce

13.2 Proposals re implementation of the report recommendations *

13.2.1 that Council accepts that the Independent Governance Report addresses the requested investigation of the appropriate balance of voting and decision making powers between direct members and affiliated organisations.

13.2.2 that Council asks the Board to bring proposals to Council for reform of ECF governance based on the ideas presented in the Independent Governance Report.

14. Proposal by the Southern Counties Chess Union, Essex Chess Association, Surrey County Chess Association and Sussex County Chess Association

That in view of the onerous terms of the Care Risk Management Condition applicable under the Public Liability section of the ECF insurance policy the scheme should be put out to competitive tender in order to obtain acceptable cover.

15. Proposal by the Southern Counties Chess Union

That with effect from the 2016/17 season County Championship entry fees shall only be charged by the ECF for teams entering the final stages.

16. Communications paper – to note *

Bob Kane

17. Strategy paper – to note *

**Julian Clissold/
John Foley**

18. Register of interests - to note the Board's policy *

Chris Majer

19. The dates and locations of General Meetings in 2016

The Procedural Bye Laws require the 2016 Finance Council Meeting to be held in London and the 2016 Annual Council Meeting to be held in Birmingham.

20. Any other business as advised to the Chairman before the start of the meeting

At the conclusion of business, Awards will be presented to those recipients who are at the meeting.

Note: this is version 3 of the agenda.

Version 1 of the agenda was uploaded to the ECF website on 23 September.

Version 2 of the agenda was uploaded to the ECF website on 24 September and e-mailed to Council Members on 25 September the following day. It differed from version 1 in that:

- (a) The two proposals in the supporting paper for item 13.2 were incorporated into the agenda itself.
- (b) Two of the three SCCU proposals originally included in item 15 were withdrawn

Version 3 of the agenda was uploaded to the ECF website on 9 October. It differs from version 2 in that Chris Fegan has now withdrawn as a candidate for NED.