

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Euston Square Hotel, 152 – 156 Gower Street, London NW1 2LU on Saturday 17th October 2015 starting at 15.55**Present:**

Neville Belinfante, Julian Clissold, Andrew Davies, Julie Denning, Nigel Dennis, Ben Edgell, Phil Ehr, Gareth Ellis, David Eustace, Michael Flatt, John Foley, Simon Gilmore, Richard Haddrell, Sean Hewitt, Alex Holowczak, Bob Kane, Peter Lawrence, Andrew Leadbetter, Chris Majer, Alex McFarlane, Marcus Misson, David Openshaw, Malcolm Pein, John Philpott, John Reyes, Robert Richmond, Paul Sharratt, Peter Sherlock, David Smith, David Thomas, Brian Valentine, Traci Whitfield and John Wickham.

In attendance:

Others present or in attendance at the English Chess Federation AGM

1. Appointment of Chairman

Julian Clissold, who was chairing the ECF AGM, was appointed to chair the meeting.

2. Apologies, Proxies and Postal Votes

The lists were held by the ECF Company Secretary.

3. To note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto

The voting register was noted, and is available on the ECF website for downloading.

4. To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 18 April 2015

The minutes of this meeting were approved nem con.

5. Matters arising therefrom

None

6. Annual report of the Management Board – to approve

The annual report of the BCF Management Board was approved nem con.

7. Accounts

The accounts of Chess Centre Ltd and of the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust for the year ended 31 August 2015 were noted.

Consideration of the accounts of the British Chess Federation for the year ended 31 August 2015 was deferred until the Annual General Meeting as these were not yet available.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler was approved nem con.

9. Trustees of the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust

It was agreed nem con that:

- (1) John Higgs would be appointed as a Trustee, to succeed David Anderton.
- (2) The Chief Executive was authorised to execute a deed of Retirement and Appointment on behalf of the BCF.

10. Date and location of meetings proposed for 2016

These would be held on the same date and at the same location as the meetings agreed by the ECF AGM for the ECF.

11. Any other business

None.

The meeting finished at 16.03.

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