

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 28th APRIL 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Thistle City Barbican Hotel, 120 Central Street, Clerkenwell, London, EC1V 8DS, starting at 1.30 p.m.

The Procedural Bye Laws prescribe that the Chairman shall seek to end the ECF Council meeting by 6:00 p.m. but it may be extended to 6:30 p.m. if Members wish.

This meeting is convened by the Company Secretary (Bruce Wallace Associates) 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 28th March 2018.

Members considering the appointment of a proxy or voting by directed proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting are directed to the relevant enclosure and should note that deadlines apply to the receipt of written proxies of all kinds.

Any organisation wishing to change its Representative Member should note that they must do so before 1:30 p.m. on Thursday 26th April 2018.

In order to expedite the business of the meeting, Members are invited to contact the ECF Office beforehand should they have any questions of detail on the papers for the meeting, particularly the financial papers.

Details of how members have exercised their votes in a poll (apart from the election of individuals) will be published on the ECF website.

Members are reminded of the advice of the Pearce Commission that they should consult the organisations that they represent (and the members thereof) when deciding how to cast their votes.

A Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation will take place during the afternoon adjournment of the ECF Finance Council. 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 the meeting. However, all members of the ECF Council are welcome to be in attendance.

Directions:

The hotel is situated a short walk from both Old Street and Barbican stations.

From Old Street, take Exit 4, turn left up the slope, walk along Old Street and turn right into Bath Street. After 150 yards, turn left into Lever Street and you will find the hotel 150 yards on your right.

From Barbican, turn left and walk along Goswell Road. At the next set of traffic lights, turn right into Old Street. Turn left into Central Street and you will find the hotel on your right

Coffee will be served on arrival at 1.15pm, and again during the break whilst the BCF meeting takes place.

Enclosures:

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Attendance reply slip
- (iii) Directed proxy form
- (iv) Special Resolution accompanying paper (26.7a)

The full set of paperwork to be is published on the ECF website at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/ecf-council-and-board/> by Wednesday April 4th.

Should you require to be mailed a paper copy of the documentation please contact the ECF Office.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman
If the Chairman of Council is not present, then Council will elect one of its members to chair the meeting.
2. Observation of a minute's silence to remember colleagues who have died since the last meeting
3. Notices
 - (a) Location of printed lists of Apologies for Absence, Members voting by individual Proxy and Members voting by Proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting.
 - (b) Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman
 - (c) Appointment of Tellers
 - (d) Voting Register
Council is invited to note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto.
4. Approval and, if necessary, correction of minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2017
Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve:
"That the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes as being an accurate record."
5. Matters Arising from these Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda
6. To receive the report of Finance Director and further to approve
 - (a) The proposed budget for 2018/2019
 - (b) New membership rates for direct members of
 - i. Platinum (adult and junior): £70 (unchanged)
 - ii. Gold (adult): £34 (unchanged)
 - iii. Gold (junior): £17
 - iv. Silver (adult): £23.50 (unchanged)
 - v. Silver (junior): £5
 - vi. Bronze (adult): £16 (unchanged)
 - vii. Bronze (junior): £5

- (c) Minimum membership fees for Member Organisations
£60 (unchanged)
- (d) Pay to play fees
 - i. ECF graded adult congresses: £7.50 (unchanged)
 - ii. FIDE rated events: £10.50 (unchanged)
 - iii. Junior congresses: £2.00
- (e) Non-member game fee (4 or more games) in any league or competition (adult): £16 (unchanged)
- (f) Non-member game fee (4 or more games) in any league or competition (junior): £5

(Note from chairman: there will be one vote at the end of the discussion of this item to approve the whole package. Amendment of the individual parts will be possible, before the final vote is taken).

7. Governance

- (a) Council is invited to consider, and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution (thus requiring 75% of the votes cast to be in favour in order to be passed) a resolution amending various provisions of the Articles of Association relating to the voting register, as set out in the formal resolution accompanying this agenda. Also accompanying this agenda is a paper explaining the reasons for, and the nature of, the proposed changes.
- (b) Council is invited to note the changes made by the Board to Regulation No.2 (The Directors and Officers Responsibilities Regulations).

8. County Championships: Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve various proposals relating to the County Championships in the accompanying paper from the Director of Home Chess.

9. Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolution from Bill O'Rourke (NCCU):
"That the Bronze and Silver levels of membership be merged to form a standard membership level"

10. Council is asked to consider the accompanying paper from Amanda Ross of Casual Chess, and if thought fit approve in principle the requests for funding (Note this item is placed on the agenda by the Chairman of Council).

11. Any Other Business of which notice has been given to the Chairman of the Meeting or before the start and which is of a minor nature only.

Matters of substance may not be raised under this heading, except in terms of information or a preliminary notification of important business for a future Meeting.