



## **MINUTES of the 120<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the English Chess Federation**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.00**

**Thistle City Barbican Hotel, 120 Central Street, Clerkenwell, London,  
EC1V 8DS**

### **Present:**

Chief Executive, Mike Truran	MT
Director of Finance, David Eustace	DE
Director of Junior Chess, Traci Whitfield	TW
Director of Membership, David Thomas	DT
Non-executive Director, Julie Denning	JD
Non-Executive Director, Stephen Woodhouse	SW

### **Invited: Observers and Guests**

Chairman, Finance Committee, Tim Herring	TH
Chairman, Governance Committee, Robert Stern	RS
Junior Directorate Finance Manager, Christelle Hafstad	CH
Office Manager and Minutes Secretary, Gary Willson	GW
Chairman of Council, Mike Gunn	MG

### **Apologies:**

President, Dominic Lawson	DL
Director of Home Chess, Alex Holowczak	AH
Director of International Chess, Malcolm Pein	MP
Non-executive Chairman, Julian Clissold	JC

1. Apologies for absence

As above.

2. Appointment of Chair.

It was agreed JD would chair the meeting.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as published was approved.

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the ECF 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 and review of outstanding action points from that meeting.

The minutes as circulated were approved for publication.

AP 119/1	Withdrawn
AP 119/2	Await feedback from MP. On-going.
AP 119/3	On-going
AP 119/4	Cleared
AP 119/5	On-going
AP 119/6	In hand and on-going
AP 119/7	Cleared
AP 119/8	On-going, GW to tidy for next meeting
AP 119/9	Cleared
AP 119/10	On-going

AP 120/01 JC to include Action Plans on the agenda for each Board meeting

AP 120/02 JD to pull together dates for the remainder of 2018 in time for the next meeting, in consultation with JC.

### 5. Matters Arising

Discussions on the future direction of the BCF are on-going.

The SARS request from Kirsan Ilyumzhinov had been pulled together and sent to his legal representative. No feedback had been received.

### 6. Consideration of E-mail votes taken since the last Board meeting

None

7. Appointments (As advised)

None

8. Final ECF April Council Meeting arrangements.

The Board agreed to reverse the change to Regulation 2, now that an application for the post had been received.

DE noted the small amendment to the 2015/16 budget.

The Board discussed the budget at length, and confirmed their agreement with the figures to be put to Council.

The accounts for the Chess Centre Ltd would be for noting.

MG agreed that item 7 would be withdrawn and re-tabled in October.

The Board decided that it took no view on the proposal from the NCU to amalgamate the Bronze and Silver membership categories. It was noted that should it succeed, the price of a unified category would need to be set to equal the current income of bronze and silver.

MG informed the Board of his intended timings for the Council meeting.

9. Director of Women's Chess

It was agreed that now a candidate had come forward, a formal advert would be published with a deadline of the end of May for expressions of interest/applications to be received, It was agreed the process would be led by NEDs and RS.

AP 120/03 GW to amend bullet point in director's responsibilities regulations to read "To organise the English Women's Championship and other relevant events"

AP 120/04 GW to ensure reference to the Director of Women's Chess be made on the ECF website and Newsletter.

AP 120/05 SW, JD and RS to meet with candidate to discuss proposals, and to take forward any other applications that might be received.

10.AOB

Redacted.