



**Minutes of the 124th Board Meeting of the English Chess Federation  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
11.00a.m.**

**Ibis Birmingham New Street Station Hotel, 21, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST**

**Members:**

President, Dominic Lawson	Apologies	DL
Chief Executive, Mike Truran		MT
Director of Finance, David Eustace		DE
Director of Home Chess, Alex Holowczak		AH
Director of International Chess, Malcolm Pein		MP
Director of Junior Chess, Traci Whitfield	Apologies	TW
Director of Membership, David Thomas		DT
Non-executive Chairman, Julian Clissold		JC
Non-executive Director, Julie Denning		JD
Non-Executive Director, Stephen Woodhouse		SW
Director of Women's Chess, Chris Fegan		CF

**Invited: Observers and Guests**

Chairman, Finance Committee, Tim Herring		TH
Chairman, Governance Committee, Robert Stern		RS
Office Manager and Minutes Secretary, Gary Willson	Apologies	GW
Mike Gunn (Council meeting agenda items)		

- 1. Apologies for absence** Dominic Lawson, Traci Whitfield, and Gary Willson
- 2. Appointment of Chair** JC agreed to write the minutes
- 3. Approval of the Agenda** Agreed
- 4. Minutes of 123<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting** (*Board is asking for amendments to the minutes to be advised to the Chair prior to the meeting, instead of agreeing the minutes at the next Board Meeting.*) Agreed
- 5. Matters arising from Minutes not on the agenda**  
Action Point Update. The updated action points has been placed on OwnCloud. (JD)
- 6. Report on the FIDE Presidential Elections** (MP)



MP provided an account of the FIDE Presidential elections in Batumi. This account was supported by Chris Fegan and Alex Holowczak. The Board noted that the final result of the election was as follows:

Makropolous	78
Dvorkovich	103
Short	0 withdrawn.

The Board also noted Mr. Short's commentary in the press about the ECF voting process, suggesting that... "the vote was rigged", and that "... he had been excluded from making a contribution".

The Board categorically rejected the idea that the vote was rigged and noted that great care was taken over the Board's election decision. They further noted that Mr Short had presented his case to the Board and that he had been invited to present a further paper but had failed to provide additional material.

## 7. Issues related to Council

MG outlined his proposed timetable for the event. There was discussion about the presentation of the Finance Papers and the presentation of the Strategy Document.

## 8. Directors Reports

*SW briefly discussed steps being taken in relation to GDPR compliance with particular reference to juniors. These were being discussed but will include:*

Limiting the information provided on the public grading databases to exclude junior designators (age and the word "Junior").

Moving the Membership List link off the front page of the website and in due course restricting access to organisers (with password control).

Allowing members the facility to designate their club affiliation on the public grading lists.

Allowing members on the Top Juniors membership list the right to be removed from the list.

Creating reserved access for organisers to the Membership List and full grading list (including junior designators).





MT reported that he and AH have opened discussions with UKCC about their possible future involvement in helping to manage the Academy and Accelerator programmes.

**Date and time of next Board Meeting** Friday 23rd November 2018, London.

