

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 27 APRIL 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council will be held at the Ibis Hotel, 21, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST, 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 3rd April 2019.

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 is requested to do so before 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday 24th April 2019.

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.

The Chairman of Council indicates that details of how members have exercised their votes in a poll will be published as part of the minutes of the meeting.

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

Leaving New Street Station walk west towards Hill Street and then turn left onto Hill Street. Continue on Hill Street until it becomes Hurst Street and then turn left onto Ladywell Walk, where the hotel is on the right (7 minutes walk, according to Google maps).

A 'working lunch' (sandwiches or similar) will be served on arrival at 1.00pm, and coffee will be served during the afternoon break.

Enclosures

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Attendance reply form
- (iii) Directed proxy form

The full set of paperwork will be published on the ECF website at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/ecf-council-and-board/>

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

Agenda items have been annotated as follows:

* Paper available for download on 3 April 2019 # Paper to follow

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 13th October 2018 *

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 to Council from the Chair of the Finance Committee *

7. To receive the report to Council from the Finance Director (Finance Council Report) *

with supporting reports (Challenges for English Chess, International Directorate KPIs and International Directorate Budget) *

and further to note and approve:

The proposed budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21;

New membership rates for direct members, game fees and pay to play fees for 2019/20 and 2020/21 as follows (as per Finance Director's report to Council) *

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
	£	£
Platinum	75.00	80.00
Junior Platinum	75.00	80.00
Gold	39.00	41.00
Junior Gold	19.50	20.50
Silver	27.00	30.00
Silver Junior	6.00	6.00
Bronze	18.00	20.00
Bronze Junior	6.00	6.00
FIDE Rated Events	11.00	11.00
Congress Pay to Play	9.00	10.00
Congress Pay to Play Junior	2.50	2.50
Non-Members Game Fee	18.00	20.00
Non-Members Game Fee Junior	7.50	7.50
Member Organisations	64.00	70.00

Notes from the Chairman

As motions 8 and 9 are pertinent to the budget and membership fees following the remarks by the Finance Director we will discuss and vote on the motions first before returning to vote on budget and membership fee proposals.

Under article 18 (ECF Articles) all rates for 2020/2021 will need to be approved again at 2020 Finance Council.

8. Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolution from Bill O'Rourke (NCCU):

(a) That increases in ECF membership fees for the 2019/20 season should be limited at maximum to a rise in line with CPI inflation rate, and preferably to no increase.

(b) That the ECF investigate with great haste the best and quickest way to release trust fund monies to support their proposed youth development plan, and to publish these facts for membership's awareness as soon as possible.

9. Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolution from Angus French and Gareth Ellis (Bronze Member Reps), John Reyes and Michael Farthing (Silver Member Reps):

"That the contribution to International Chess from the ECF's own funds is capped at £30,000 per annum for 2019/20 through to 2021/2022 (for three years) after which it should be subject to review."

10. County Championships: Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolution from Chris Fegan (Director of Women's Chess):

"That all teams in the ECF stage of the County Championship open section from the 2019/20 competition onwards must include at least one female player. That female player shall be deemed to satisfy the qualification requirements for playing in that team."

11. Fees: Should all Counties pay the minimum membership fee if they submit no games for grading? The chairman will conduct a straw vote.

12. 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.