

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION 12th OCTOBER 2019

Present: The attendees for the October 2019 BCF Council Meeting were as follows:

ECF Officials - Mike Gunn (*Chair*), Julian Clissold (*JC, Non-Executive Chairman*), Nigel Towers (*Warwickshire Chess Association and Acting Secretary*), Robert Stern (*Governance Committee Chairman*), David Eustace (*Director of Finance*), David Thomas (*Director of Membership*), Adrian Elwin (*Director of Home Chess*), Julie Denning (*Non-Executive Director*), Stephen Woodhouse (*Non-Executive Director*), Gary Willson (*ECF Office*), Andrew Walker (*ECF Office*).

Delegates - Delegate Attendees included a quorate group of members from the following who registered at the event - Francis Bowers (*FB - Platinum Members' Representative, Lincolnshire Chess Association and Cambridgeshire Chess Association*), John Wickham (*Platinum Members, East Anglia Chess Association, and Norfolk County Chess Association*), Gareth Ellis (*Northern Counties Chess Union and Merseyside Chess Association*), Stewart Reuebn (*Vice President*), Chris Cook (*CC - Hertfordshire*), Paul Cooksey (*PC - Berkshire*), Kevin Dalley (*KD- Derbyshire*), Roger Hardy (*RH - West of England Chess Union, Bristol and District Chess League*), Andrew Leadbetter (*ALD - MCCU*), Steve Mann (*Leeds Chess Association*), Mark Murrell (*Southern Counties Chess Union and Essex*), Paul Shepherd (*PS – Surrey Chess Association*), Brian Valentine (*BV - Bedfordshire*), Tim Wall (*TW – Northern Counties Chess Union, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland*), John Wheeler (*JW – Hampshire*)

The meeting started at 15-00 on 12th October at the , Thistle City Barbican Hotel, London.

1 Apologies.- Apologies were noted from Mike Truran(*MT - Chief Executive*), Alex Holowczak (*AH – Junior Chess Director*), Malcolm Pein (*MP - International Chess Director and FIDE Delegate*), Chris Fegan (*CF - Women's Chess Director, and North Essex*), and Tim Herring (*TH - Finance Committee Chairman*).

2 Appointment of Chairman – Mike Gunn (MG) was recognised as the meeting Chair. MG noted that the meeting was quorate, there being 20 or more voting members present.

3 Notices

- Location of printed lists of apologies for absence, members voting by individual proxy and members voting by proxy to the Chairman of the meeting - these were all available to the Chairman.
- Voting Register - Council was invited to note the Voting Register

4 Approval of the Minutes of the October 2019 FCM held on 13th October 2018.

PS pointed out that Mark Murrell had not been present at the April Council and his name should therefore be removed from the attendance record,

The minutes were approved subject to the above amendment by a show of hands.

5 Matters Arising from these Minutes and not otherwise on the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.