

**Minutes of the 133rd Board Meeting of the English Chess Federation
12th October, 2019
11.30a.m. – 1.30 p.m.**

Thistle City Barbican Hotel, London, EC1V 8DS

Members:

President, Dominic Lawson	Apologies	DL
Chief Executive, Mike Truran	Apologies	MT
Director of Finance, David Eustace		DE
Director of Junior Chess, Alex Holowczak	Apologies	AH
Director of International Chess, Malcolm Pein	Apologies	MP
Director of Home Chess, Adrian Elwin		AE
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	Apologies	CF

Invited: Observers and Guests

Chairman, Finance Committee, Tim Herring	Apologies	TH
Chairman, Governance Committee, Robert Stern		RS
Mike Gunn, Chair ECF Council		MG
ECF Office, Gary Willson		GW
Meetings Secretary, Nigel Towers		NT

1. Apologies for Absence - Absences were noted as above.

2. Appointments

JC was appointed as Chair. There were no alternate Director appointments.

3. Approvals

The agenda was agreed and the minutes of the 132nd Board meeting were approved with two amendments:

- Item 3 – Addition of missing reference to JC as subject of the sentence.
- Item 7 – Clarify that nominations were being sought for Chair of the Finance Committee



in line with the general approach outlined in item 10

4. Matters Arising and Review of Progress against Board Action Plan.

The Board action plan was reviewed and updated.

JD highlighted the need for a wider consultation with graders in addition to the ongoing discussions of specific points.

JC noted that he had discussed the establishment of a junior calendar with RW and was looking to progress this.

5. Item 5 redacted.

6. Consideration of the Forthcoming Council Meeting (MG)

It was noted that some of the attendees were likely to arrive late due to rail travel issues.

MG noted that it would be important to appoint tellers and make sure that at least two tellers were available from the start of the meeting.

JD to raise the outstanding vacancy for a Chairman of the Awards Committee.

7. Strategy/ Business Plan and Board Report to Council (JC)

JC advised the areas that he was planning to highlight in his presentation of the strategy document and board report for the year.

There was also some consideration of the issues raised by AF on behalf of Bronze members.

8. Calendar for 2019/20 (JC)

JC's updated calendar of meetings was tabled for discussion.

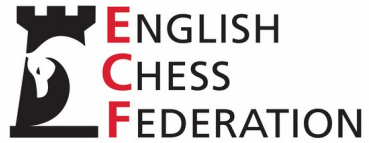
The next board meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday 27th November. There was some discussion in relation to the need for a December board meeting and it was decided to leave the December date pencilled in. DE also raised some concern over the 4th September 2020 date although it was again agreed to leave this date as is for the moment,

DE indicated that he would not be able to attend the July 2020 board meeting as he would be at the British Chess Championships, and it was unlikely that he would attend the September meeting as he would be on holiday.

9. A.O.B. Advised to Chair:

There were three items of AOB





- i. It was noted that the safeguarding procedure needs review and update
- ii. JD pointed out that the ECF Club Insurance needs to be reviewed in light of concerns expressed by SCCU. JD agreed to come back with a fuller update for the next board meeting
- iii. DE noted that some board members had yet to submit expenses up to the financial year end and requested that they do this without delay.

Date and Time of Next Board Meeting: 11-30 am, 27th November 2019, Birmingham

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

