



Agenda for the ECF Finance Meeting of 22 April 2023 commencing at 1.30pm

To be held by video-conference only. Access for representatives will be via Zoom only.

1. Appointment of Chairman

If the Chairman of Council is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, then Council shall elect one of its members to chair the meeting.

2. Observation of a minute's silence

For colleagues who have died since the last meeting

3. Notices

(a) Representatives are directed to the ECF website for the following information:

Details of voting entitlements;

Apologies for absence.

Members voting by individual proxy.

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

As the meeting will be held entirely via video Conference the electronic voting system will be utilized. Therefore, the appointment of Tellers is not required.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 15 October 2022

Approval and, if necessary, amendment of the minutes

Council resolves that the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 15 October 2022 as being an accurate record.

[Paper C38.4]

5. Matters Arising from these Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda.

6. Finance Director's Report and Annual Accounts

- i. To receive the Finance Director's Report and the Annual Accounts for the ECF year ended 31 August 2021. Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit resolve:

That Council receives and accepts the financial accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021.

[Paper C38.5]

[Paper C38.6]

- ii. To receive the Finance Director's Report and the Draft Accounts for the ECF year ended 31 August 2022. Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit resolve:

That Council receives and notes the draft financial accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

[Paper C38.7]

7. Report of the Director of Membership

[Paper C38.8]

8. Budget

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve:

THAT Council accepts the budget proposals for 2023-24 as set out in the Finance Director's documents.

[Paper C38.9]

9. Report of the Chair of the Finance Committee

[Paper C38.10]

10. Membership Fees

The Board is proposing to retain Membership fees at the current level for the year 2023-24. The current rates are as given below:

THAT ECF membership fees for direct members and member organisations and that game fees are the same for 2022-23 and 2023-24 as follows:

Fee	2022-23	2023-24
Platinum	75.00	75.00
Junior Platinum	75.00	75.00
Gold	39.00	39.00
Junior Gold	19.50	19.50
Silver	27.00	27.00
Silver Junior	6.00	6.00
Bronze	18.00	18.00

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Bronze Junior 6.00	
FIDE Rated Pay to Play	12.00
Congress Pay to Play	9.00
Congress Pay to Play Junior	2.50
Non-Members Game Fee	18.00
Non-Members Game Fee Junior	6.00
Member Organisations	64.00

11. Governance Changes

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolutions:

1. Special resolution THAT the articles of association of the Company be amended by deleting all references to “chairman”, “Chairman”, “chairmen” and “Chairmen” and replacing them respectively with “chair”, “Chair”, “chairs” and “Chairs”.
2. Ordinary resolution THAT Bye Law No. 3 (the Procedural Bye Laws) be amended by:
 - (A) Deleting all references to “Chairman” and “Chairmen” and replacing them respectively with “Chair” and “Chairs”.
 - (B) In paragraphs 3.1.1, 3.1.4 and 3.1.13 deleting the words “himself”, “he is” and “he has” and replacing them respectively with “themselves”, “they are” and “they have”.
 - (C) In paragraph 6.1.11 deleting the word “his” and replacing it with “their”.
 - (D) In paragraph 7.7 deleting the words “he requires” and replacing them with “they require”.
 - (E) In paragraphs 9.5 and 10.3 deleting the word “he” each time it appears and replacing it with “the proposer”.
 - (F) In paragraph 10.2 deleting the word “his” and replacing it with “their”.
3. Special resolution THAT the articles of association of the Company be amended by:
 - (A) Deleting the word “annually” in the definition of “the Standing Committees” in article 1.1.
 - (B) Deleting in each of article 17(6)(a) and article 17(6)(b) the words “, of which the President shall be a member ex officio,”.
 - (C) Inserting as article 17(6)(e) (and re-lettering the existing (e) and (f) accordingly): “Each Standing Committee shall have the power at any time to appoint an additional member to it but to hold office only until the end of the next following Annual General Meeting”.
 - (D) Inserting in the re-lettered article 17(6)(g) before the word “shall” the words “or (f)”.
 - (E) Deleting from article 57 the words “, the Auditor or the Standing Committees referred to in Article 17” and replacing them with “or the Auditor”.
 - (F) Inserting as article 17(6)(h): “A Director may not also be a member of a Standing Committee”.
4. Ordinary resolution THAT Bye Law No 4 (the Financial Bye Laws) be replaced with the Version contained in Appendix 2 to the Guidance Note provided to Council Members with the notice of meeting.

[Paper C38.11]

[Paper C38.12]

[Paper C38.13]

12. Paper: “Thoughts on Membership Options”

Council members are invited to consider the attached paper and indicate Council’s choice, preferably, for two options to be developed by the Board for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in October 2023.

[Paper C38.14]

13. Any Other Business

To consider any other business, notice of which has been given to the Chairman of the Meeting 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.

Note:

Council representatives are entitled to appoint a proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Notification of proxies must be received by the end of Wednesday 19th April using the form of words in the Articles of Association (and notified separately to members in the letter accompanying this agenda).