



Agenda for the Finance Council Meeting of the BCF, 27 April 2024

To be held at 14.00 on 27th April 2024. Attendance will be by video conference utilising Zoom.

1. Appointment of Chair

If the Chair of Council is not present, then Council shall elect one of its members to chair the meeting.

2. Notices

- a) Representatives are directed to the ECF website for the information usually on display for these meetings, namely:

Details of voting entitlements;

Apologies for absence;

Members voting by individual proxy;

Member voting by proxy to the Chair of the meeting.

- b) Appointment of Tellers

As the meeting will be via video conference the ZOOM electronic voting system will be used for hand votes and the ECF voting system will be used for card votes. Therefore, it will not be necessary to appoint Tellers.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approval, and if necessary, correction of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2023.

Council resolves that the Chair of the meeting shall sign the minutes of the last Finance Council meeting on 22 April 2023 as being an accurate record.

(C34.1))

- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 5. Update on the Activities of the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust**
- 6. Update on the Activities of the Chess Trust**
- 7. Accounts of the BCF and Chess Centre Ltd**

These are currently not available, but will be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the English Chess Federation in October 2024

- 8. Proposed changes to the Structure of the British Chess Federation (BCF)**

(C34.2)

The Board has proposed constitutional changes to the BCF following the transfer of all its assets to the Chess Trust. The proposals are explained in the attached paper entitled “BCF Structure” and the revised constitution is in the paper “British Chess Federation Constitution”.

Council should consider and if thought fit pass the resolution below with a minimum of 2/3rds majority.

- 1.1 That the constitution of the BCF is amended to reflect the objectives given in the paper entitled "BCF Structure" and that the amended constitution is adopted as set out in the paper "British Chess Federation Constitution".
- 1.2 In order to achieve the objectives, set out above and further clarifications, the new constitution:
 - (a) Deletes references to the BCF objectives which more properly sit with the ECF.
 - (b) Retains the objective of supporting the ECF.
 - (c) Retains the membership structure.
 - (d) Changes references to "Chairman" to read "Chair".
 - (e) Removes references and obligations concerning the PIF.
 - (f) Abolishes the obligation of the Management Board (which is effectively the same as the ECF Board) to meet annually and report to Council.
 - (g) Changes the provisions for general meetings so that they are only called to address specific business.

9. Any Other Business

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