

MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH, 2024

Present: Mike Gunn, Michael Farthing, Mark Murrell, Peter Hornsby, Robert Stern (chair)

1. The meeting acknowledged David Eustace's apology for absence.
2. The meeting considered the revised standing orders for the committee which had been produced to reflect the changes agreed in principle at the previous meeting. The draft was approved, the only new amendment being the imposition of a period of one month for agreeing and publishing the minutes of meetings. The chair would arrange for the posting of the revised standing orders on the website.
3. The chair updated the committee on the progress of the various constitutional matters that would be for discussion at the April Council meetings of the ECF and BCF. The revised proposal in relation to the limitation of the extent to which election nominations are required by the Procedural Bye Laws to be listed on the AGM agenda was noted and approved. There was a lengthy discussion on the workings of certain aspects of the rolling membership scheme.
4. There was a discussion as to whether it would in due course be worthwhile to seek to improve and simplify the wording of article 31 ("Qualifying Games"), including whether the "half game" wording could be jettisoned. The chair and Michael Farthing would report back to the next meeting.
5. It was agreed that the next meeting would be in the first half of June, probably on either 5th or 12th June.