

ECF Finance Council Report – April 2010

From Neville Belinfante
To CAA Executive, BCA Executive,
BJCA officers/supporters
Other interested parties

Venue - Euston Square Hotel
Date/Time - Saturday 17th April 2010 1-30pm

In the absence of the CJ De Mooi the President; John Paines was elected as Chairman for the meeting. John has been appointed a non-executive Director of the ECF by the board after the October elections. This was a contested election, but David Sedgwick - the other nominee - was a minute late arriving and so missed the vote.

The Certificate of Merit scheme is now up and running. Progress on Chess for Schools has been going slowly due to problems with Holloid Plastics. There was a proposal that we should sever our links with Holloid Plastics, but the general feeling was that this would be political suicide, even if financially beneficial in the short term.

Gareth Caller was appointed as Finance Director since the last meeting. The DCMS grant which was suspended in October was reinstated as a result of Gareth's appointment and a recovery plan explaining to the DCMS how the ECF plan to raise their reserves to viable levels (currently £30k, traditionally £50k, plan is £100k). The budget was in line with this and called for increased fees and reduced expenditure.

Andrew Farthing is carrying out a review of office activities which will report in October. Cynthia Gurney who has been Office Manager for the last 10 years and been with the ECF for over 30 years has announced her resignation for October. Gareth Caller is conducting a review of the various schemes, and will (hopefully) present proposals in at the October AGM for simplification.

The right of players to have their grade not appearing on the website will be removed.

The fees agreed for next season

Game Fee - 54p per person per game - up from 50p

Minimum Affiliation Fee for any organisation remains at £52

Membership rates

Standard - £25 up from £20

Junior - £20 up from £15

Basic - £12 up from £11

Basic Junior - £7-50 from £7. The board's proposal to raise these to £8 was defeated

Full - £52 unchanged

Family - £56 unchanged

The board's proposal to increase these to £54 and £62 respectively was rejected by 71 votes to 69

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Sunday 18th April