

BCCA ECF Representative's Report 2009

This is a brief report on yesterday's ECF Finance Council meeting

Michael White was elected to the vacant post of Finance Director by the ECF Board meeting before the Council meeting. He is a 26 year old from Bristol who plays for Oxford in the 4NCL and is rated about 2250.

There was a brief discussion about the role of the president. Gerry Walsh is stepping down in October, and the ECF are considering changing the structure at the top. A straw poll suggested the following three tier structure

CEO as present, Chairman to chair meetings and provide oversight over the CEO and Board, Figurehead president like Steve Davis a few years ago.

Fees went up by expected amounts

Game Fee - 48p to 50p from September

Standard Membership - £16 to £20 or £40 to £50 for three years

Junior Membership £13 to £16

Full Membership £46 to £52 or £115 to £130 for three years

Family Membership £52 to £58 or £130 to £145 for three years

This is the first time in about 4 years that these membership fees have been increased

Chess in Schools is still progressing, and Chris Majer (CEO) is very positive after recent discussions with Holloid Plastics. Most of the things disclosed were on a confidential basis, but I think I am allowed to report that things should start to happen from September onwards.

There was a very brief discussion on the new grades. David Thomas (grading manager) and Howard Grist (chief programmer) said that the new grades were broadly correct, but more work needed doing with the juniors. The correct figures for juniors will be less than they were with the latest updates two months ago.

The SCCU proposal suggesting different grading limits for the county championships with the new grades was passed. The new limits will be:

U100 to U120, U125 to U140, U150 to U160, U175 to U180.

It was also agreed to have a new U100 tournament.