
Re: ECF Going Forward

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Malcolm Pein [REDACTED] 12 September 2021 at 13:33
To: Mike Truran [REDACTED], Malcolm Pein [REDACTED], Malcolm Pein [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: Alex Holowczak [REDACTED], Nigel Towers [REDACTED],
"adam.ashton" [REDACTED], "chrisfegan" [REDACTED]
Rob Willmoth [REDACTED] Shohreh Bayat [REDACTED] Stephen Woodhouse [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Julian Clissold [REDACTED] Natasha Regan [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dominiclawson [REDACTED]

Mike,

Thanks for this. We both have principled positions described in previous correspondence. I agree that Council must decide which direction to take.

Malcolm

On 11/09/2021 14:34, Mike Truran wrote:

Malcolm

Unfortunately, discussions towards arranging the meeting you refer to in your email below have been overtaken by events, your candidacy and election address having already been disclosed publicly before the nomination deadline of 9 September.

Of the main issues you raise in your election address, the second main point regarding trust funds proposes fundamental changes to what was agreed by Council in 2018, so (regardless of my view on the matter) any such fundamental change to that agreement needs to be approved by Council. Your first main point in your election address, if I understand it correctly, is that the ECF needs a fundamental change of direction from the strategy currently approved by Council, which in turn requires a change of Chief Executive. This would also require approval of Council, again regardless of my views on the matter.

In the circumstances, I think we need to put these matters openly to Council to decide.

Mike

From: Malcolm Pein [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 September 2021 13:30
To: Mike Truran [REDACTED] Stephen Woodhouse [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; 'Julian Clissold' [REDACTED]; Natasha Regan [REDACTED];
Malcolm Pein [REDACTED]
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Colleagues,

It remains my hope that Mike and I will find enough common ground to make a contested election unnecessary. I have proposed a meeting without preconditions, but to date Mike has not accepted. My thanks to Stephen for his good offices in this regard, but nothing has been arranged. Therefore, I have put my name forward for the post of Chief Executive and will, after advising Michael Farthing, announce this online in due course.

I was disappointed to have sight of an email sent by Mike on 30/8 in response to a 4NCL query. I'm quoting it below only because I want to repudiate the sentiment expressed:

*'As you've been so kind to the 4NCL generally and to me specifically, may I ask two favours? As you probably know, as well as my 4NCL activities I'm also Chief Executive of the ECF. **This October's ECF elections are going to be extremely nasty**, involving a handful of individuals acting in concert who it seems will stop at nothing to force me from office as Chief Executive despite my record since I took on the role.'*

Would you be willing to ask the (xxxxx) Chess Association, whose ECF Council rep I believe is [xxxxx], to vote for me at the ECF AGM on 16 October – or, if [xxxx] isn't going to attend Council, to ask [xxxx] to email Chair of Council Michael Farthing on [REDACTED] appointing either Nigel Towers [REDACTED] or Stephen Woodhouse [REDACTED] to act as his proxy?

If there is to be an election. I will contest it solely on the issues where we disagree, on which I repeat, I believe there is a compromise to be found.

Malcolm Pein