



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Zoom on Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 7 PM

Present: Michael D'Arcy, Ronald Bourke, Sam Buckley, Rebecca Bleney, Donna McGettigan (arrived late), Mark Stokes, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Gail Young and David Esmonde (arrived late)

Apologies: Doug Williams, Matt Gilpin

Meeting opened at 7.09pm

ITEM 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 26 November 2024 council meeting.

Mark Stokes asked about the note on the Under 1600's possibly not being needed.

David Esmonde sorted the 3 clashes in the draft calendar.

Motion: Moved that the minutes of the 26 November 2024 council meeting be accepted.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Second: Gail Young

Abstain: Michael D'Arcy, Mark Stokes, Rebecca Bleney, Ronald Bourke

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Update on audit in progress

Audit has been completed.

Resumed AGM has been notified and audit report sent to clubs and committee.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Michael will provide a written report next time.

Michael provided a verbal report to the meeting.

- **Acknowledgement & Apologies**
 - Thanked attendees for their presence.
 - Apologised for the delayed first meeting of the year.
- **Workload & Transition**
 - Recognised the significant workload over the past few months, particularly for Donna and Sam.
 - Personal efforts in catching up with information and transitioning responsibilities.
- **Tournaments & Chess Activity**
 - Queensland Reserves / Tin Cup: 105 players participated, with two players sharing first place (5.5/6).
 - Attended the tournament briefly; praised the venue and event organisation.
 - Upcoming events include the Ling Long Cup and the Gold Cup.
 - Promotion planned for Tin Cup Reserves closer to the tournament date.
- **Social Media & Publicity**
 - Ongoing work to gain proper administrative access to CAQ Facebook pages.
 - Currently managing posts on the CAQ main page while access issues are resolved.
 - Key posts over the break highlighted major Queensland chess achievements.
- **Achievements & Recognition**
 - Oceania Zonal: Several Queensland players secured provisional FIDE titles.
 - Australian Junior Chess Championships (Perth): Multiple Queensland medallists, including national champions (Eleanor Wu U8 Girls, Nicholas Yuileng Chen U8 Open, Terrence Li U10 Open, Zeqi Xing U12 Open).
 - Australian Open: WIM Heather Richards is the Australian Open Women's Champion, and Daniil Yelkhovsky won the minor division.
 - ACF Medal Recipients:
 - Patrick Byrom awarded the Koshnitsky Medal for 2024.
 - Jack Rodgers received the Purdy Medal for chess journalism.
- **Council Composition & Vision**
 - Returning to the council after a long absence and first time chairing a meeting.
 - Requested patience while settling into the role.
 - Noted the diverse skill sets and professional commitments of council members.
 - Emphasised the value of different perspectives and contributions to the chess community.
 - Acknowledged ongoing challenges from 2024 still being addressed.

Motion: Moved that the president's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Ronald Bourke

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Mark would like to highlight the substantial work done by Donna and Sam.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Donna emailed the report after the meeting concluded.

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

Davide Esmonde joined the meeting.

Rebecca Bleney provided a written report.

Motion: Moved that the membership secretary's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Rebecca Bleney

Second: Michael D'Arcy

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3.4 Rating Officer's Report

Gail Young provided a written report.

Motion: Moved that the rating officer's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Gail Young

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Email from Garvin Gray

Donna McGettigan joined the meeting.

17 February 2025 – Email received from Garvin Gray about appealing the decision to only part pay his Queensland Championship arbiter payment and pay \$1000 not \$1250.

Sam and Michael updated the meeting on the item to date. It was noted that Garvin was requested by return email to put the reasons for his appeal in writing (echoing an earlier request made on 12 November 2024), and that there had been no further correspondence at the time of the meeting.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 Gardiner Chess' Application for ACF's FSP.

Motion: That the CAQ endorse Gardiner Chess' application to apply for the ACF's FSP for the 2025 Gold Coast Open.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Seconder: Mark Stokes

Abstain: Michael D'Arcy, David Esmonde, Iago Roche-Maxwell

CARRIED

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Council Plans for 2025

- Michael D'Arcy (President): Focusing on diplomatic approach, bridging different chess communities
- Sam Buckley (Secretary): Improving online presence, documentation, procedures
- Ronnie Burke (VP): First time in org role, running scrap metal business
- Mark Stokes (Regional Liaison): Supporting regional clubs, \$500 subsidy motion pending

6.2 Social Media Update

- Shaun Curtis has the highest access.

Action: Sam to see if she can get Shaun on a zoom call to walk him through how to add a council member as an admin.

6.3 Clarification of Procedure for Reimbursement of Titled Player Tournament Entry Fees

- There is a subsidy form that needs to be completed. Alternative is to invoice CAQ with supporting documents.
- Another form for Grand Masters – guarantee of prize money. Donna shared some details she's been collating.
- Classically rated ACF weekend tournament – Roland Schmaltz

6.4 Non-Tendered Tournaments for 2025

Queensland Teams and QLD Junior Blitz – Shaun Curtis requesting to run these – emailed to Michael D'Arcy.

David Esmonde has a direct complaint about the 2024 CAQ Teams has not been QJ Rated and trophies have not been finalised yet. This came from Neo Jigando. Logan City Chess Club students are still waiting for trophies. Phil Bennet has also been asking about it and got no response. It was also noted that the entry fee was much higher than in the past.

Action: Michael to contact Shaun and say their request for the QLD Teams will not be considered until these have been rectified by Monday 3 March 2025.

General Business

Grand Prix 2025

- Mark Stokes – wondering about the Gold Cup on 14 to 16 March at Churchie.
- If we're having a Grand Prix in 2025 this should be included. Gail is the Grand Prix Coordinator.

UQ Chess Club

- UQ Chess Club Not paid their affiliation fee.

Vega Licenses

- Michael is QLD's Vega representative/rep.
- National Arbiters Committee enables him to run classes in QLD.
- Has to go through him and get forwarded to Bill Gletsos.
- Bill creates them in the club's name.

Action: Michael will follow up with UQ Chess Club.

Social Media – Instagram Account

Action: Iago to create Instagram and send login details to Sam. Setup using CAQ email address.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting set for Sunday 9 March 2025 at 4pm

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm.