



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

Affiliated with the Australian Chess Federation Inc
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

To be held over Zoom on Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 7.30 PM

Present: Michael D'Arcy, Ronald Bourke, Sam Buckley, Mark Stokes, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Gail Young, Doug Williams, Matt Gilpin and David Esmonde

Apologies: Donna McGettigan, Rebecca Bleney

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

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

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 25 February 2025 Council Meeting.

Move that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Seconded: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Social Media Access

Sam contacted Shaun via text message and has heard nothing back.

2.2 Updates to Office of Fair Trading

Sam advised that the annual return has been submitted to the office of Fair Trading and that the changes to the constitution have been prepped. Just need a signature by a JP and then they will be sent in.

2.3 Instagram Account Creation

secretary@caq.org.au – Iago will use this email address and have the Instagram account created in the next 2 days.

2.4 Contact with Shaun regarding QLD Teams

- Trophies were dropped off at the tin cup.
- Tournament was QLD Junior rated.
- Further complaints - no response from Shaun

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Michael read his written report.

- Bryan Yang earned a provisional title at recent Zonal. Big Congratulations and CM title has been confirmed.
- Cyclone – few delays from this including national arbiter's training in Brisbane. Working out when this can happen again.
- Spent a lot of time around QLD teams so tender not finalized yet.
- Still operating social media on Facebook. Iago sending bits to post.
- Visiting tournaments where he can – QLD Reserves and Ling Long Cup.
- Congrats to tournament organisers.
- 2024 Correspondence about Garvin Gray – heaps of time spent on this.
- Cairns – in contact with them. They have some great sponsorship for Great Barrier Reef tournament. Unsure if they can add the QLD Open into that. Will have confirmation via email by end of week hopefully.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconder: Gail Young

CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report has been provided.

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary's report has been presented.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

3.4 Rating Officer's Report

Rating officer's report has been presented.

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

Mover: Gail Young

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE (Added to General Business for Discussion)

- 4.1 Andrew Fitzpatrick – Notification of Ban from FNQ Inter-School Events
- 4.2 Garvin Gray – Written response to his appeal on arbiter payment
- 4.3 Mark Stokes – Reduction in Fees for QLD Women's and Girls Championship

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

- 5.1 2025 QLD Women's and Girls Championship

Email Motion: That Matt Gilpin run the Qld Women's and Girls' Championships on Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th of April 2025 at Sommerville House with 6 Rounds 60 + 30, FIDE rated Open Division, separate one-day rapid events for U8 (Saturday) and U10 (Sunday) QJ rated only.

Motion: Moved that the above email motion be ratified.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Seconded: Doug Williams

CARRIED

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 CAQ Approval of Tournaments Before FIDE Registration

This was a previous motion moved by the 2024 CAQ Council.

Previous Motion: That all future events held in Qld which are FIDE Rated be approved by CAQ Council before being registered for FIDE rating.

This is not supported by Bill Gletsos. This cannot and will not be enforced.

Motion: Moved that this above motion be rescinded.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

6.2 Inclusion of FMs in Reimbursement of Entry Fees

7 January 2024 Motion: That the CAQ reimburses the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters, Women International Masters and Fide Masters (rated over 2200 ACF or FIDE on the current rating list) to CAQ Inc affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organizers for any CAQ approved classically rated Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2024.

Leave this as it is for now.

6.3 Recommendations from AGM

Motion 8.1: That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc COUNCIL that it supports CAQ Inc Affiliated Clubs and approved Individual Organisers with a \$500 subsidy to run regional weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments OR with a \$300 subsidy to run weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments in South-East Queensland.

That this subsidy be paid once the Tournament Entry Form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and an application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

For the purposes of this motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich and Gold Coast will be considered South-East Queensland Events and be entitled to a \$300 CAQ Inc subsidy and all other CAQ Inc approved Open Weekend Chess Tournaments be considered Regional events and be entitled to a \$500 CAQ Inc subsidy.

It is also noted that no CAQ Inc affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser can claim no more than three CAQ tournament subsidies between January 1 2025 and December 31 2025.

Motion: That we ratify 8.1 Motion from the AGM with the alteration of no more than 3 subsidies per year.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Mark Stokes

Abstain: Gail Young

CARRIED

Motion 8.2: That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc Council that it subsidise the CAQ Inc affiliated Club Or approved Individual Organiser that organises and runs the 2025 CAQ Inc Queensland Open with an extra \$500 subsidy, on top of any other subsidy they are entitled to, and that this subsidy be paid once the 2025 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

Motion: That we ratify motion 8.2 above from the AGM.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Gail Young

CARRIED

Motion 8.3: That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc Council that it continues its policy to reimburse the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters and Women International Masters to CAQ Inc affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organizers for any CAQ approved classically rated Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2025.

Motion: That we ratify motion 8.3 above from the AGM.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Mark Stokes

CARRIED

6.4 Ban from FNQ Inter-School Events

It has been noted that Mateo Kazal has been banned from FNQ Inter-School Events and that Newman CC have been asked to get students to pull their heads in.

Action Item: That Michael inform Andrew Fitzpatrick that he is delegated along with the interschool coordinator that they need to give Mateo the chance to respond under the Act under natural justice.

6.5 Reduction in Fees for QLD Women's and Girls Championship

Motion: That the 2025 CAQ Inc Council clearly demonstrate its complete support of the FIDE, ACF and QJ rated QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 Under 18 Division on Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13 by reducing the entry fee from the current \$100 fee to a \$75 entry fee and the \$40 to \$35 and that the CAQ Inc cover any financial loss this tournament may make.

Mover: Mark Stokes

Seconded: Gail Young

Against: Matt Gilpin

CARRIED

6.6 Garvin Gray Appeal Response

Garvin has responded and appealed the decision to reduce his arbiter payment by \$250.

This is a commercial dispute.

Garvin still to date has not provided his bank details or his receipts.

Motion: That the committee resolves to affirm the decision by 2024 CAQ Council on 24 October 2024 but has elected to make an *ex-gratia* payment the sum of \$300. Such payment is without admission and without prejudice and pleaded in any court or tribunal in relation to any issues raised in correspondence dated 7/11/2024, 12/11/2024, 26/11/2024, 15/1/2025, 2/2/2025, 17/2/2025, 18/3/2025 and 24/3/2025.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Doug Williams

Abstain: Sam Buckley, Gail Young, David Esmonde

CARRIED

Action Item: Michael to send email to Garvin Gray

6.7 Changes to use of CAQ Website for contact CAQ Committee

Sam showed the new CAQ website, advised how people can contact the CAQ Council, how the calendar functions, our subscriber list and the affiliated clubs list.

6.8 David advised that Neo hasn't received his engraved trophy. 9 people across the QLD Teams and QLD Juniors have not received their trophies

Michael has tried to get those 2 tournaments allocated. Until he gets his correspondence responded to, he is not recommending any tournaments to anyone until a response has been received.

6.9 Doug raised that we should acknowledge one of the young up and coming chess players in the state – Lachlan Wang. His father died on 6 March 2025. Their family is

a great supporter of the CAQ. Perhaps we should offer condolences to the wang family.

Action Item: *Michael to write letter offering condolences.*

6.10 Garvin Gray told Lee Walley he couldn't be arbiter and play at the 2024 Mackay Open and took over arbiter duties.

Action Item: *Michael D'Arcy to get the information and pass on to Ronald about arbiters playing in tournaments.*

Note: Tuesday Nights 8pm for future meetings.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is set for 20 May 2025 at 8pm

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.51pm.