



CHESSE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

To be held over Zoom on Tuesday 20 May 2025 at 8.00 PM

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

Apologies: Doug Williams

Meeting opened at 8.02pm

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

- 1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 25 March 2025 Council Meeting with the amendment of 6.10. Garvin Gray spoke to Ross Macdonald not Lee Whalley and was not comfortable playing with a playing arbiter.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Ronald Bourke

Abstain: Donna McGettigan

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 2.1 Social Media Access

Still no further action

- 2.2 Updates to Office of Fair Trading

Getting JP witnessed next week

- 2.3 Reduction in Fees for the QLD Women's and Girls

All taken care of.

- 2.4 Ban from FNQ Inter-School Events

With natural justice in mind Michael wrote to Andrew Fitzpatrick and copied in the Interschool Coordinator that natural justice needs to be extended by Gardiner Chess. It has already been handled. The school has banned the player from any further tournaments.

2.5 Garvin Gray Appeal

This matter has been paid and closed.

2.6 Death of Lachlan Wang's Father

Got a nice response back from Jimmy Wang's wife for the letter of condolence sent by Michael.

2.7 Arbiters Playing in Tournaments

FIDE and ACF – no ban on playing arbiters subject to no norms available. For a standard tournament there is no issue.

We do have a by-law that says we can't do it.

All CAQ approved ACF Grand Prix tournaments in Queensland should have a non-playing adult as chief arbiter, and the chief arbiter listed on the entry form. If this condition is not satisfied, no events from that club will be accepted by the CAQ for the next ACF Grand Prix. Exemptions may be granted by the Tournament Officer. Note that any FIDE rated event requires a registered, non-playing arbiter.

Michael will look at all by laws by 23 August 2025

2.8 Trophy/Medal Distribution

Michael inherited recently all of the perpetual trophies from the 2024 QLD Junior Championships Perpetual Trophies.

All have been handed out except one – Neil Fu (under 16) getting dropped off tomorrow.

Churchie International - 2024 Purdy Medal presented to Jack Rodgers.
Brisbane Club – Patrick Byrom needs his medal presented there.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Michael has covered this in the items attended to in the business arising from previous minutes.

The biggest news from ACF is the Northern Territory is very recently affiliated.

They have been given state/territory affiliate status.

Chris Is based up there and has been doing a lot of work to get that off the ground.

Michael has been busy tidying up outstanding tasks and ticking off a lengthy list of jobs and issues.

Popping into as many tournaments as possible when he can.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Mark Stokes

CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Donna has sent through a comprehensive list of reports.

Current amount in bank \$103,602.34

Donna to forward to Michael the emails from Qld Champs 2024 about unclaimed prize money.

Disabling previous online banking. We are not using NAB Connect that gives us audit trail so we need to disable this. NAB advised we need to vote on this.

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

Mover: Donna McGettigan

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary's report has been presented. Issues presented.

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

Mover: Rebecca Bleney

Second: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

3.4 Rating Officer's Report

Gail has been unwell. Gave a verbal report.

Has sent 30 off to Bill for rating.

Another 3 or 4 next week.

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 with requests regarding Interschools

4.2 Garvin Gray providing bank details and receipts

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 NIL

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 GST on Interschools for License Fee Charges

In the contract for the Interschool – 7.5% of the gross income including GST.

Motion: The we amend the CAQ Interschool State Championships Contract to remove GST from the amount required to pay the license fee in the current contract with Gardiner Chess from Term 3 2024. Therefore the 7.5% payable is based on the GST exclusive income.

Mover: Donna McGettigan

Second: Michael D'Arcy

Abstain: Iago Roche-Maxwell

CARRIED

6.2 50% Discount Request on License Fee for Gardiner Chess on Gold Coast Interschools

Motion: That for 2025 the interschool levies on the Gold Coast events only be reduced by 50% to 3.75% for Gardiner Chess.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Mark Stokes

Abstain: Iago Roche-Maxwell

CARRIED

6.3 Cookes using "QLD" in the name of their Rapids

This was raised to David Esmonde by Andrew Fitzpatrick. We need to be careful appearing to give kudos to any club or tournament.

They may have just not changed the name everywhere. Could be Million Life Championships.

Action: Michael to speak with Steven

6.4 DDO - CAQ and ACF Fees Question

Sam asking to clarify if CAQ and ACF Fees are waived for the 2024 Byron Capital Darling Downs Open incorporating the QLD Champs.

No fees are payable

6.5 CAQ Guarantee Against Loss

Discussion was had regarding guarantee against loss or contribution to appearance fees.

Motion: That the CAQ guarantee any GM or WGM a guarantee against won prize money of up to \$500, \$250 for IM or WIM for any ACF Classically rated event held in Queensland with prize money of at least \$1000 for 1st and with at least \$2500 in total prize money (including rating groups), provided that the event is advertised on the CAQ website and the player does not withdraw from the event.

Mover: Mark Stokes

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

6.6 High Res Logo Available

Take original logo, open in Adobe and save as .eps.

Motion: That we close the everyday online banking with NAB and keep NAB Connect.

Mover: Donna McGettigan

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

Online Membership List

Add to next Agenda

CAQ Insurance

Sam to send clubs request for information for insurance renewal.

UQ have just paid their affiliation fee.

Wendy Terry Memorial

Gail advised that she set the Wendy Terry Memorial on the weekend of a Brisbane One Day event not realizing this. Gail is requesting a guarantee against loss.

Consider an email motion after Monday.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is set for 22 July 2025 at 8pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.59pm.