



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held over Zoom on Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 8.00 PM

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

Apologies: Donna McGettigan, Gail Young

Meeting opened at 8.08pm

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

- 1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 20 May 2025 Council Meeting with spelling errors corrected.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconder: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 2.1 Social Media Access

We now have full access to the CAQ's FB Pages. Sam has full access to add and remove people. Iago and Michael can add content.

- 2.2 Updates to Office of Fair Trading

Updates carried in the CAQ Resumed AGM meeting on 4 Marcy 2025 have been submitted to Fair Trading and Accepted.

Action Item: Sam to replace the Constitution on website.

- 2.3 Arbiters Playing in Tournaments

By-Laws relating to playing arbiters specifically apply to Grand Prix Tournament events, none of which are currently being run under the auspices of the CAQ. In tournaments where necessity requires a playing arbiter, good policy suggests an Organiser should advise the CAQ and seek guidance

Rules concerning non-playing arbiters are not strictly necessary unless there are Norms available at the event.

2.4 GST on Interschools for License Fee Charges Contract Change

The Treasurer was not available to confirm completion.

2.5 50% Discount Request on License Fee for Gardiner Chess on Gold Coast Interschools

The Treasurer was not available to confirm completion.

2.6 Cookies Using QLD in the name of their Rapids

Chess Mates are using "Interschool"

Cookies are using "QLD"

The CAQ doesn't have ownership of these words so it can't really control their use.
Michael and Sam couldn't find any email with issue.

2.7 CAQ Directory

Password protected page – for tournament organisers only

Sam showed directory page completed with search capability.

The Committee asked:

- Can we list by surname?
- Can DOB be viewed in this format - 6/06/2017?

Action Item: Sam to make this available to Affiliated Club Presidents and those who have submitted tournaments in the last 2 years. Sam to start list and send to Michael for additions.

2.8 CAQ Insurance Renewal

Renewal emails have been sent out to affiliated clubs.

Action Item: Let Michael know if we don't hear back from some clubs.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Michael presented his president's report.

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

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconder: Doug Williams

CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Not 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: Rebecca Bleney

Seconders: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

3.4 Rating Officer's Report

Not provided.

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

4.1 2025 Queensland Teams Championship Date Confirmation

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 2025 Queensland Teams Championship Date Confirmation

Motion: That the 2025 Queensland Teams Championship has been allocated to Shaun Curtis and Cookies Chess to be held on Saturday 8 November 2025.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconders: David Esmonde

CARRIED

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Tournaments and Calendar (David Esmonde)

The Peninsula Open was a terrific success with 92 players.

With 12 or 14 days of the Peninsula open, the Juniors and the Gold Coast Open, had 240, 240 and 92 players which is some terrific numbers.

Sam has been doing most of the calendar stuff.

We've got the Linglong Cup coming up in late August.

2 rapids are on this weekend both on Saturday – Suncoast and Strategic Minds at Churchie.

Cairns – Barrier Reef Open

The Arianne Caolli was broken up due to a scheduling issue. They were promised the Surfers Paradise Bowls Club and then they reneged on the Saturday night. They couldn't find another reasonably priced venue so were forced to change the format of the tournament.

David Esmonde left the meeting.

6.2 Ted Carter – on 7 News “Grand Master Ted Carter” (google search - ted carter "grandmaster" chess workshop)

IM Brodie McClymont and Toowoomba local coach Ben Peach complained to Michael D'Arcy.

Doug advised the CAQ can lodge a complaint to the Department of Fair Trading for false advertising.

Action Item: *Michael to contact Brodie and Ben and ask them to put it in writing so he can put in complaint with the Department of Fair Trading*

6.3 CAQ Contribute \$500 Per GM/WGM/IM/WIM for Contribution to Appearance Fees to Classical ACF Rated Weekend Tournaments organised by affiliated clubs to encourage more top ranked players to participate in QLD tournaments to benefit the state. This is to be capped at 3 players per tournament and one tournament per affiliated club per calendar year upon submission of application form after completion of the event. Each titled player must contract to complete the entire tournament.

Action Item: *Move this to an email motion.*

6.4 Zapier Account to Integrate Paid Memberships Pro with Xero for Auto Invoice Creation and Marked as Paid

Motion: That the CAQ purchases a Zapier account to automate the integration of our Paid Memberships Pro software and our accounting software Xero paid annually to automate invoices and their payments in Xero.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

6.5 Email question about sponsoring club NAs to attend FA seminar

There is an FA seminar in Churchie in September.

Minimum eligibility for a FA seminar participant is to be a NA. The number of FA's around the clubs is few. Current FA title holders are ineligible to attend

Motion: That the CAQ will cover the costs for one National Arbiter per affiliated club to attend the FIDE Arbiter Seminar in Brisbane on 27-29 September 2025.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconded: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

6.6 By-Laws Update

Michael has been working on the By-Laws and updating them. The current By-Laws are a hodge-podge of apparent one-off determinations viz: -

- Tournaments are missing.
- Old time controls.
- How to make changes for a tournament organiser but not complete.
- Some have tie breaks, some don't.
- Same lines are in there about 30 times when you only need them once.

Michael wants this to be his main body of work this year, to get these cohesive.

Tournament By-Laws and Administrative By-Laws

6.7 Suncoast January 2026 Tournament Request (Rebecca Bleney)

Australia Day long weekend – 2 day tournament

Recommend doing 7 round being a long weekend or someone else will likely put on big tournament on that weekend.

6.8 What benefits do affiliated clubs get compared to non-affiliated clubs? (Michael)

How can the CAQ maximize benefits to affiliated clubs.

Action Item: All Committee members think about this for the next meeting.

6.9 2025 QJETS Update

QJETS didn't happen in 2024. It's back in 2025.

A venue has been secured – Kings Pimpama at no cost to the CAQ or participants.

Second week of September school holidays

6.10 Tournament requests and changes (Sam Buckley)

Sam wants to create a permanent form on the website for all tournament organisers to submit tournaments for inclusion on the CAQ tournament calendar and for any changes for the same.

We need to set dates for each step in the calendar process.

Tenders for CAQ Titled Events should be first and then tournament submissions.

- Date to remind clubs
- Date to send out tournament requests
- Date for submissions to be in
- Date for calendar publication

Action Item: Sam to put something together and get Michael to check and prepare email motion.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Inter-School State Final Qualification

Motion: That the Brisbane Secondary North and South zones have a minimum of 3 teams qualifying through to the Queensland Inter-School State Finals, regardless of the numbers on the day. Gold Coast Secondary will also be increased to have 5 teams qualify for. This is valid for the 2025 calendar year.

Gardiner Chess (Licensee) and Shaun Curtis (Inter-School coordinator) support this.

Moved: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Ronnie Burke

Abstain: Iago Roche-Maxwell, Sam Buckley

CARRIED

Queensland Reserves and Queensland Championship

Motion: For the purposes of 2025 QLD Championship, the minimum FIDE rating for entry into the Byron Capital Darling Downs Open Premier Division/Queensland Championships is 1900. Where the winner of the Queensland Reserves has a rating below 1900 FIDE, that player shall be afforded free entry into the Byron Capital Darling Downs Open Major Division. These rules apply notwithstanding any by-laws to the contrary.

Moved: Michael D'Arcy

Second: Doug Williams

Abstain: Sam Buckley

CARRIED

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is set for Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 7pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 11.06pm.