



# CHESSE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Held over Zoom on Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 7.00 PM**

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

**Apologies:** Mark Stokes, Doug Williams

**Meeting opened at 7.10pm**

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

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 22 July 2025 Council Meeting.

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

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Matt Gilpin

**Abstain:** Donna McGettigan

**CARRIED**

### ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CAQ Insurance Renewal Paid

Paid and we have certificate.

2.2 Updated Constitution Added to Website

The updated constitution has been added to the website.

2.3 ~~Arbiters Playing in Tournaments~~

Added in error.

2.4 CAQ Directory – Rebecca still adding members into the new platform (big job)

Suggest waiting till 1 January 2026 to release to tournament organisers.

## ITEM 3 – REPORTS

### 3.2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report has been presented.

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

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Sam Buckley

**CARRIED**

*Gail joined the meeting.*

*Donna left the meeting.*

### 3.1 President's Report

Michael presented his verbal president's report.

- A couple of big tournaments
- Congrats to Ron Burke and the Mackay Club for their tournament
- Gold Coast Club had a successful Arianne Caoili weekend. Michael played in the blitz tournament
- Been up in Cairns last 5 days to help the club run their own first tournament. A large collection who were playing in their first classic tournament. Jacek Stopa won 6 out of 6.
- Almost finished Cairns National Arbiter training over video call.
- Was pleased to be able to visit the Far North Queensland interschool tournament. Primary and secondary together.

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

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Ronnie Bourke

**CARRIED**

### 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

**Second:** Michael D'Arcy

**CARRIED**

**Action:** *The Secretary to start sending reminders about new CAQ membership platform when sending minutes to clubs.*

### 3.4 Rating Officer's Report

- A lot of tournaments were rated 1 September 2025.
- September 1 – 25 normal tournaments and 29 rapid tournaments of which 14 were from Suncoast.
- 1 for this quarter run last weekend.

**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 Henry Slater-Jones Sponsorship Request
- 4.2 Andrew Fitzpatrick Dates Awareness for 2026

### ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

- 5.1 NIL

### ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 2025 QJETS Update

- Michael presented a budget for QJETS from Shaun Curtis hosting at Kings Pimpama as a free of charge venue.
- 4 different groups of players who get invited. In term 3 holidays is the actual event.
- 3 very strong players coaching.
- Kings is not prepared to let people into their school without someone overseeing for the day.
- Shaun Curtis will be the King's host, with a committee of Shaun, Michael D'Arcy, Jack Rodgers and Doug Williams overseeing the program.
- Junior Elite Training Squad.
- Giving the opportunity to 36 of our top emerging juniors.
- All payments will be after the events conclusion.
- Potential coaches at this stage include IM Mihaljo Radovanovic, Jacek Stopa GM from Poland, Max Illingworth has pulled out. Alex Wohl
- All finances run through the CAQ. Bank accounts. CAQ basically puts in the guarantee against loss.
- Move to Try Booking instead of Bank Details.
- QJETS Try Booking Setup.

*Shaun Curtis joined the meeting.*

*Shaun Curtis left the meeting.*

**Motion:** Move that the budget be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Rebecca Bleney

**CARRIED**

**Action:** *Michael, Donna and Sam to work on Try Booking Setup.*

## 6.2 Henry Slater-Jones Sponsorship Request

- This is Oceanic FIDE event with 14 tournaments involved.
- Asian Chess Federation are responsible for this.

**Action:** *David to ask Henry some questions about this sponsorship package then move to email.*

## 6.3 Andrew Fitzpatrick Dates Awareness for 2026

That we grant Gardiner Chess 8 – 12 July 2026.

## 6.4 Process for posting tournaments on the CAQ website

- Blitz/Rapid – leave them off the 2026 calendar for now

**Action:** *For now, call for classical tournaments only to be submitted by end of September. Use form on website for data collection.*

## 6.5 Benefits for Affiliated Clubs

Some discussion was had regarding what benefits there are for Affiliated Clubs.

- CAQ Advertising Calendar
- Insurance
- Vega License for Free
- Voting Rights

## OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.6 Suncoast Primary Teams Competition

- Rebecca Bleney addressed the meeting to note that there had been some irregularities at the recent Suncoast interschool tournament in the Primary division. Just noted for the record at this stage, as the Interschool Licensee (Andrew FitzPatrick) and Interschool Coordinator (Shaun Curtis) need to discuss the matter first.

**Action:** *Licensee and Interschool Coordinator to get together and come up with a plan.*

## **6.7 Byron Capital Darling Downs Open Incorporating the QLD Championship**

- Will the CAQ put some funds towards this competition.
- Come back with more details and take it to email.
- There's a perpetual trophy for QLD champion. Need to find it.
- Only QLD players need to be CAQ members.

## **6.8 Change of Motion**

**Motion:** Item 6.10 of the 25 March 2025 minutes be changed to "A question was raised as to whether arbiters are allowed to play in the tournaments they are arbiting."

**Moved:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Rebecca Bleney

**CARRIED**

## **ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is set for Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 7pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.06 pm.