



CHES ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

To be held at the Qld Contract Bridge Club,
67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba,
on Saturday December 14 at 3pm

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 3.10pm.

Present: Mark Stokes (chairman), Patrick Byrom, Jim Rogers, Tony McRoberts, Sam Long, Tyson Walker, Matt Gilpin, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Allan Menham, Michael D'Arcy, Gail Young.

ITEM 1 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

That the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Moved Allan Menham, seconded Jim Rogers:

Passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising.

ITEM 3 - REPORTS

3.1 Receiving reports from the 2013 Council

3.1.1 President's Report

Mark Stokes' President's report focused mostly on the success of the year, both in the tournaments held, and in the improved financial position of the CAQ. Notable thanks in his report went to Gardiner Chess for running the Australian School Teams Chess Finals and the Australian Juniors (which returned a profit of \$6,000 to the CAQ) on behalf of the CAQ, and to Patrick Byrom for his many years of hard work for the CAQ as secretary.

That the President's report be accepted

Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Michael D'Arcy

Passed unanimously

3.1.2 Membership Secretary's Report

The CAQ had 460 members at the end of 2013. For comparison, there were 486 members in 2012, and 421 in 2011.

That the Membership Secretary's report be accepted

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Jim Rogers

Passed unanimously

3.1.3 Ratings Officer's Report

The report showed that there were 58 rated tournaments in the year (52 normal, 6 rapid). This is a significant increase from the 44 rated tournaments a year for the three years of 2010, 2011, and 2012. While it is less than the 67 rated tournaments of 2008, it shows that the CAQ is recovering from the significant drop that occurred over the last three years.

That the Ratings Officer's report be accepted

Moved by Patrick Byrom, seconded by Jim Rogers

Passed unanimously

3.2 Receiving statements of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association

The income statement showed the CAQ had a surplus of just over \$18,000 in the 2013 financial year. The balance sheet showed that at the end of the financial year, the CAQ had almost \$62,000 in assets (over \$60,000 was cash at bank) and no liabilities.

That the financial statements be accepted

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Gail Young

Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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3.3 Receiving the auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 September 2013

The auditor's report did not express any concerns with the transparency or accounting practices of the CAQ. This report can be found on the CAQ website.

That the auditor's be accepted

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Gail Young

Passed unanimously

ITEM 4 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4.1 Declaration of vacancies for all Council positions, and election of interim chairman

That Patrick Byrom be the interim chairman

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Mark Stokes

Passed unanimously

4.2 Determination of voting rights

Associate Members	1 vote	Delegate – J. Rogers
Brisbane	3 votes	Delegate – P. Byrom
Bundaberg	1 vote	Delegate – A. Menham
Gladstone	2 votes	Delegate – A. Menham
Gold Coast	3 votes	Delegate – A. Fitzpatrick
Mackay	1 vote	Delegate – M. Stokes
Maryborough Monarchs	1 vote	Delegate – M. Stokes
QWCL	1 vote	Delegate – G. Young
Redcliffe	2 votes	Delegates – Tony McRoberts
Suncoast	1 vote	Delegates – M. D'Arcy
Townsville	1 vote	Delegate – M. Stokes

17 votes in total

4.3 Appointment of scrutineers

This was not required.

4.4 Election of Council officers for 2014

The following positions had only one nomination so they were not voted on.

President:	Mark Stokes
Treasurer:	Jim Rogers
Membership Secretary:	Gail Young
Regional Liaison Officer:	Alan Menham
Publicity Officer:	Michael D'Arcy
Development Officer:	Alexandra Jule

Positions voted on

Vice President: John Surrige and Andrew Fitzpatrick

John Surrige: 2 votes (2 of Mark Stokes' 3 available votes)

Andrew Fitzpatrick: 15 votes (all remaining votes)

Andrew Fitzpatrick elected as new Vice President

Secretary: Sam Long

Nominated by Mark Stokes, seconded by Gail Young, unanimous approval

Sam Long elected as new Secretary

Ratings Officer: Matt Gilpin

Nominated by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, unanimous approval

Matt Gilpin elected as new Ratings Officer

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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Junior Chess Coordinator: Tyson Walker

Nominated by Gail Young, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, unanimous approval
Tyson Walker elected as new Junior Chess Coordinator

Tournament Officer: no nominations

4.5 Confirmation of Council appointees for 2014

The following positions were appointed by unanimous decisions

Webmaster: Tyson Walker
Interschool Director: Andrew Fitzpatrick (through Gardiner Chess)
Newsletter Editor: Michael D'Arcy

ITEM 5 - APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

That Lawler Hacketts be appointed for the 2014 financial year
Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Michael D'Arcy

Passed unanimously

ITEM 6 - SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 That the following section be added to the CAQ Constitution:

20.13 The Association may hold meetings, or permit delegates to take part in its meetings, by using any technology that reasonably allows its delegates to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Jim Rogers

- Put forward by Allan Menham as he says he may not be able to make all the council meetings in person in the future, but would still like to be apart of it.
- Mark Stokes points out the hassle it can cause when there is bad reception, and states that he would like the proxy voting system to be better emphasized and used as intended.
- Allan states that motions may change during the meeting. Mark replies that he would be happy for a phone call to be made in that situation, and Gail says the proxy should have a reasonable understanding of the views of the people they are representing, and should know how to vote on any changes to a motion.

Allan Menham withdraws the motion before it is voted on.

6.2 That the CAQ pay 50% of the Australian Grand Prix fees, not including late fees, for events held by affiliated clubs and affiliated members in 2014.

Moved by Patrick Byrom, seconded by Mark Stokes

Passed unanimously

6.3 That the CAQ run a Qld Participation Grand Prix in 2014 with total prize money of \$2,000.

Moved by Patrick Byrom, seconded by Mark Stokes

Passed unanimously

6.4 That this AGM recommend the 2014 CAQ Council to adopt the following policy:

That once a Chess Club OR individual Organiser has their 2014 Chess Open Weekender entry form placed on the CAQ website as an Upcoming Tournament, then that Chess Club OR Individual Organiser be sent a cheque from the CAQ for \$300 on a no strings attached basis if the advertised tournament is to be held in Regional Queensland OR that a cheque from the CAQ for \$150 be sent to the Chess Club OR Individual Organiser on a no strings attached basis if the advertised tournament is to be held in South-East Queensland, with the proviso that if the Chess Tournament is for some reason not held, that the amount be refunded to the CAQ.

For the purposes of the above motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast tournaments will be considered South-East Queensland tournaments and be entitled to a \$150 cheque, and all other Queensland weekend tournaments will be considered Regional Queensland Events and be entitled to a \$300 cheque from the CAQ.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Allan Menham

Passed unanimously (Patrick Byrom abstains)

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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- 6.5 That the CAQ INC award free 2015 CAQ Membership to the CAQ members who increase their ACF rating by the most points between December 2013 and December 2014 in the following rating groups: 2000 and over, 1600-1999, 1200-1599, 800,1199 and Under 800. Players who are unrated in the December 2013 ACF rating list will not be included in this – only players with a published ACF rating in December 2013 will be eligible for the prize.
Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Patrick Byrom
Passed unanimously
- 6.6 That the CAQ INC award Stan Long Hong Life Membership of the CAQ INC for his years of distinguished service to chess in the Mackay region of Queensland.
Moved by Mark Stokes
Withdrawn by Mark Stokes due to the death of Stan Long Hong
- 6.7 That the CAQ reimburse reasonable travel and accommodation costs for the President to attend the Stan Long Hong Memorial tournament on 22/23 February 2014 in view of the importance of the memorial tournament.
Moved by Allan Menham
- Put forward by Allan Menham as he says having the CAQ president attend regional events can be a big boost for regional Qld chess
 - Mark Stokes happy for the accommodation part to be removed from the motion
- Allan Menham withdraws the motion before it is voted on** (to be brought up again at next council meeting)
- 6.8 That the Arbiter for any two day weekend tournament be encouraged to place progressive results for each round of the two day tournament on chesschat to enable interested chess persons to follow the tournament.
Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Jim Rogers
- Patrick Byrom points out that the CAQ would be officially promoting one private website over many others
 - Andrew Fitzpatrick suggests the wording be changed from 'on chesschat' to 'online'
 - Wording to change to 'published on a website'
- 6.8.1 Amended motion:
That the Arbiter for any two day weekend tournament be encouraged to publish on a website the progressive results for each round of the two day tournament to enable interested chess persons to follow the tournament.
Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously
- 6.9 That the Qld Championships and Qld Minor be on a combined weekend, with the Qld Minor champion qualifying to the following year's Qld Championships.
Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
- The change would save costs by only having it run at the same time and place
 - Patrick Byrom points out that the Minor is before the Championship so that the winner can play in both in the same year. The change would mean the winner of the Minor would have to wait a year to play in the championship, and couldn't play in the Minor in that following year
 - Andrew Fitzpatrick says the larger combined tournament would improve the chances of attracting sponsors, and the juniors in the minor would have a chance to see the games of the top players at the same time.
 - While not specifically voted on, there was a general agreement with Mark Stokes' idea to rename the Qld Minor Championship as the Qld Reserve Championship.
- Motion Passes 13 – 4** (Patrick Byrom and Gail Young vote against it)

ITEM 7 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 That the CAQ award Lifetime Membership to Patrick Byrom for his many years of service to the CAQ.
Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Andrew Fitzpatrick
Passed unanimously (Patrick Byrom abstains)

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4:50pm.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____