



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Held at 3 Didsbury St, East Brisbane,
at 5pm on Saturday, December 21, 2013

The chairman declared the meeting open at 5:15pm

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Sam Long, Michael D'Arcy, Matt Gilpin, Andrew Fitzpatrick,
Tyson Walker, Jim Rogers, Gail Young, and Allan Menham (via phone)

Apologies: Alexandra Jule

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

That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Jim Rogers
Passed unanimously

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

No business arising since the previous meeting.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report showed the CAQ has about \$58,000 in cash at bank.

That the treasurer's report be accepted
Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Associations Incorporation Form

Received the Annual Return of Association form from the State Government which is to be filled out and mailed back to the Office of Fair Trading with payment of \$46.60. New postal address to be decided at meeting (currently mailed to Patrick's address).

Unanimous approval for cheque for \$46.60 to be written, and for the new postal address to be Jim Rogers' address.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 **Adjusting CAQ website for Bundaberg Chess Club meeting time**

“Could the CAQ website be altered to show that the Bundaberg Chess Club meets on Monday nights by arrangement. Contact 0417073094 to arrange. Wednesday night stays as is.”

- Tyson Walker to update the details on the CAQ website

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously

ITEM 6 – SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 **Travel expenses for Allan Menham to attend AGM**

That the CAQ provides Allan Menham \$100 to cover the travelling costs for attending the AGM earlier this December.

- The CAQ administration by-laws allow council members to claim 20 cents per kilometre to attend council meetings. While this does not specifically cover the AGM, it was used as a justification for the reimbursement.

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously (Allan Menham abstained)

6.2 **Loan to QWCL to run the 2014 Wendy Terry Memorial tournament**

That the CAQ loan the QWCL \$2,500 to run the 2014 Wendy Terry Memorial in April 2014. The loan would be repaid after the QWCL's \$3,500 term deposit matures in May 2014.

- The loan is not expected to be made until mid April (for the tournament on the 26-27 April) and the amount of the loan may be significantly less, depending on how much money in entry fees is received by then.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously (Gail Young abstained)

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.3 Purchase of laptop and printer for running tournaments

That the CAQ purchase a laptop and printer (and any other necessary computer equipment) for tournament organisers to use when running a tournament.

- Michael D'Arcy mentioned a number of problems that have occurred in the past in running tournaments without a printer available to print the rounds and score tables.
- Andrew Fitzpatrick says the CAQ won't require a high performance laptop, and the budget for the laptop and printer should be between \$500 and \$700
- Tyson Walker points out the need to see if the chess software will work on the laptop's pre-loaded operating system.
- Andrew Fitzpatrick to buy the laptop for the CAQ, subject to the approval of the council members
- Expected to be stored in Brisbane until more permanent decisions of storage are made.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
Passed unanimously

6.4 CAQ subsidy for weekend open chess tournaments

That CAQ encourage the holding of open weekender chess tournaments in 2014 by contributing to the costs of running these tournaments as follows: once a CAQ affiliated club or a CAQ approved individual organiser has their 2014 chess open weekender entry form placed on the CAQ website as an upcoming tournament, then that club or organiser be sent a cheque for \$300 if the advertised tournament is to be held in Regional Queensland or \$150 if the advertised tournament is to be held in South - East Queensland, with the proviso that if the tournament for some reason is not held, the full amount be refunded promptly to the CAQ.

For the purposes of this motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast tournaments will be considered South - East Queensland tournaments and all other tournaments will be considered Regional Queensland tournaments.

- At the suggestion of Jim Rogers, the wording 'no strings attached' was removed from the original motion that was brought up at the AGM.
- The estimated cost for the CAQ is about \$2,500 for the 2014 calendar year.
- The aim of this proposal is to encourage more tournaments, and for the money to go into prizes and advertising.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Andrew Fitzpatrick
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.5 Travel costs for CAQ President to attend the Stan Long Hong Memorial Tournament

That the CAQ reimburse reasonable travel and accommodation costs for the President (Mark Stokes) to attend the Stan Long Hong Memorial Tournament in Mackay on 22/23 February 2014 in view of the importance of the memorial tournament.

- As Mark previously said at the AGM, he is happy for the part of 'accommodation costs' to be removed from the motion, as he intends to stay with a chess player at Mackay
- Allan Menham suggests it stays even though Mark doesn't intend to claim accommodation costs, just in case the trip doesn't go to plan.

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Jim Rogers
Passed unanimously (Mark Stokes abstained)

6.6 Use of social media by CAQ

That the CAQ creates a social media presence (eg. Facebook)

- Andrew Fitzpatrick points out that most young people use Facebook, and that it is a good way to keep in contact with them
- Michael D'Arcy says the CAQ could put up calendars and advertise events through a Facebook page
- Tyson Walker says it would be easier for people to contact the CAQ through Facebook than through the CAQ's current website
- Andrew suggests Tyson and Michael create and maintain the Facebook page (they agree)

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
Passed unanimously

6.7 Qld Inter-school finals be ACF rated

That the QLD Inter-School Finals be ACF rated without all players needing to be members. That CAQ not charge for the rating fee, whilst Gardiner Chess pays the ACF rating fee.

- Andrew says that the proposal will lead to more young people obtaining a rating, and that may motivate them to play more often and join clubs
- If they need to be members of the CAQ, the CAQ can make them 'Limited Junior' members of Gardiner Chess with no membership fee charged (limited junior members do not count towards clubs' voting rights at the CAQ AGM)

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Gail Young
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.8 Coaching squads for juniors rated 700-1500

That CAQ creates development squads for players rated 700-1500 and conducts coaching/training sessions once a term. There would be a fee charged to participants, however the CAQ would use the money generated from Interschool chess to underwrite the costs. This would be a weekend of combined playing (with analysis) and coaching. This could even had the added advantage of having a tournament like a “Young Masters” or something similar to give higher rated (1500+) good match practice and help them improve.

- Gardiner Chess is trying to do this now, but the CAQ’s involvement would help extend its reach
- Still need to look into costs, fees, and venues
- Andrew Fitzpatrick to look into this further and report back to the council at the next meeting

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tyson Walker
Passed unanimously (approval to the concept,)

6.9 Combining Qld Women’s Championship with Qld Championship

That the CAQ combines the Qld Women’s Championship with the Qld Championship, and the Qld Girl’s Championship be combined with the Qld Junior’s Championship. Otherwise, that the CAQ finds a way to attract more women to these events to avoid them being frequently cancelled.

- Andrew points out that it will allow the title to be awarded every year
- The best woman in the open will get the title (players can only get one prize)
- To be trialled for one year (2014) to see if it is a success

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Sam Long
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.10 Collection of CAQ annual membership fees

That the CAQ reviews how it collects the annual membership fees from tournament players. Gardiner Chess' new accounting system may make it difficult for them to continue collecting the fees as it has in the past.

- Andrew says Gardiner Chess' new payment system means they are unable to collect the annual CAQ membership fee through their website or via EFTPOS
- The CAQ does not intend to change its policy of requiring tournament organisers to be responsible for the collection of CAQ membership fees
- Gardiner Chess can collect the CAQ membership fees in cash and direct deposit the money into the CAQ bank account (Andrew agrees to this idea)

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick

Andrew Fitzpatrick withdraws the motion before it is voted on.

6.11 FIDE arbiters seminar

That the CAQ organise a FIDE arbiters seminar. Gary Bekker is willing to run the seminar.

- Plan for the seminar to be held around March or April next year (2014)
- Expected cost is \$150 per person (minimum 5 people required for Gary to run the event)
- CAQ to give in principle support of 50% subsidy of cost for CAQ members (depends on numbers attending and costs)
- Andrew and Michael say that the CAQ's subsidy would be an investment in Qld chess, as the state would have more qualified arbiters, especially for FIDE rated events
- Tyson Walker says he should be able to provide a venue for the seminar

Moved by Michael D'Arcy, seconded by Andrew Fitzpatrick

Passed unanimously

6.12 Email software for contacting CAQ members

That the CAQ uses Mailchimp's free email software to send out newsletters and other information to its members.

- The free version will meet all the CAQ's emailing needs
- Michael D'Arcy to trial the software for his CAQ newsletters

Moved by Sam Long, seconded by Gail Young

Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.13 Confirmation of 2014 weekend tournament dates

That the council confirms the dates of the weekend tournaments for 2014 (list was provided at AGM)

- Change in date for the Qld Women's and Qld Girl's championships
- Qld Veterans to be moved to Sunday October 12, 2014
- Qld Juniors changed to July 8-11
- Qld Reserves changed to same date as Qld Championship

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
Passed unanimously

ITEM 7 – GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Affiliated Clubs

Southside Junior and The Gap are no longer affiliated clubs as the CAQ has not received their club affiliation fees or had any contact with them about the non-payment.

- Mark Stokes to call The Gap chess club about their membership
- Matt Gilpin (coach at Southside Junior) says Southside Junior do not intend to renew their membership
- Jim Rogers to check if Suncoast has paid its affiliation fees

7.2 Interschool Tournaments

That the CAQ directs regional clubs to follow the Interschool Director's instructions with regards to teams taking part in events.

- Brought up by Andrew Fitzpatrick as some teams in the Brisbane area would rather be in the Sunshine Coast area (due to travel issues) but the organisers of the Sunshine Coast school's chess don't want to allow them in (even though they will be granted an extra team to qualify to the Qld school's championship)
- Andrew Fitzpatrick already has the authority of the CAQ to enforce the changes

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick
Withdrawn by Andrew Fitzpatrick as no vote required.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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7.3 Grant to Gladstone for Qld Open

That the CAQ provides Gladstone Chess Club with the \$300 subsidy (approved in 6.4 of this meeting) in addition to the \$500 already promised by the CAQ.

- Allan states that the \$500 should be seen as a separate subsidy from the \$300, as it is for whoever hosts the Qld Open so that they can have larger cash prizes
- The council agrees that \$500 should be seen as separate, and that the club can also receive the \$300

Moved by Allan Menham, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously

7.4 Gardiner Chess annual sponsorship for regional players

Gardiner Chess has been donating \$2,000 a year to the CAQ to help regional qualifiers play in the Qld Championship. Due to a lack of regional players playing in the tournament, they would like to know how much was actually spent on supporting the regional players, so that they can consider adjusting their donation accordingly.

Jim Rogers to look into the expenditure and provide Gardiner Chess with the details.

7.5 Australian Schools Team Chess running costs over budget

That the CAQ reimburse Gardiner Chess up to \$600 for the additional costs of running the Australian Schools Team Chess on the Gold Coast earlier this year.

- The CAQ had previously agreed to pay Gardiner Chess \$3,000 to run the Australian Schools Team Chess.
- It is now expected to have cost about \$3,600 to run the event.
- The council has taken into consideration the fact that Gardiner Chess ran the 2013 Australian Juniors on behalf of the CAQ, and returned a profit of \$6,000 to the CAQ from the event.
- The \$600 difference may be reduced as Gardiner Chess intends to ask Somerset College if it will reduce the venue hire bill

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Gail Young
Passed unanimously (Andrew Fitzpatrick abstained)

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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7.6 Arbiters' contact details on the CAQ website

That the names of all Arbiters in Queensland (with their permission) be placed on the CAQ website for general information, this to cover IA's FA's NA's.

Moved by Allan Menham

Not voted on (to be brought up at the next council meeting)

7.7 CAQ Newsletter

Michael D'Arcy plans to send out a new newsletter in early January

7.8 Suncoast CAQ Membership Fees

Suncoast chess club owes a fair amount in membership fees

Gail Young to contact them about the money owing.

ITEM 8 – NEXT MEETING

To be held at;

The Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts
59-69 Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point
At 5pm, on Sunday February 2, 2014

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:00pm

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____