



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Held at The Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts,
59-69 Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point
at 11am on Sunday, November 9, 2014

The chairman declared the meeting open at 11:28am.

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Sam Long, Michael D'Arcy, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Tyson Walker, Gail Young, Jim Rogers, Matt Gilpin, Andrew Davies, 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 Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
Passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

No new business.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report showed the CAQ has about \$55,000 in the bank, with only a few hundred dollars worth of cheques to be written.

The CAQ made a loss during the 2013-2014 financial year (1st Oct 2013 – 30th Sep 2014) – full details to be presented at the December 2014 AGM.

The independent auditor's report for the financial year ending 30th September 2014 has been completed.

That the treasurer's report be accepted.
Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Andrew Fitzpatrick.
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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3.2 Membership report

The CAQ currently has 423 members (membership based on calendar year).
Most affiliated clubs still have not paid their club affiliation fees (\$60 per club due by 1st Oct 2014) – to be followed up before the AGM.

That the membership report be accepted
Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Tyson Walker.
Passed unanimously

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

The CAQ received two reports from Patrick Byrom (arbiter for Qld Championships) regarding the actions of Brodie McClymont at the event, and the unapproved withdrawal from the event by Alex Wohl.

The CAQ has also received an email from Brodie McClymont apologising for his behaviour at the event, as well as detailing the circumstances which contributed to the incident. An email was also received from Ms Connie Pizzato on Brodie's behalf.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

The CAQ Council voted by email to temporarily ban Brodie from all ACF rated chess events between the date of the Qld Championships (4th October 2014) and the date of the November CAQ Council meeting (9th November 2014).

No vote was required at the meeting.

ITEM 6 – SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 Disciplinary action regarding Qld Championship incident

That the CAQ decide on an appropriate response to the behaviour and actions of Brodie McClymont at the Qld Championship. The CAQ already voted by an email decision to temporarily ban Brodie from all events between the Qld Championship and the November 9 CAQ meeting.

The CAQ has identified this as two separate issues, the first being the unapproved withdrawal from an event, and the second being inappropriate behaviour at the event.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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Issue 1 – unauthorised withdrawal

That the CAQ impose a six month ban, wholly suspended for 12 months. This means the six month ban would only be enforced if the player had another unapproved withdrawal within 12 months of the offence (so until the 4th October 2015). This is the standard CAQ response for the first time a player has an unapproved withdrawal.

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mark Stokes
Passed unanimously

Issue 2 – inappropriate behaviour

In deciding on an appropriate response to the behaviour of the player at the Qld Championships, the CAQ has taken into account that this is the player's first offense, the player has expressed regret and remorse for his actions, and there were a number of external factors affecting the player's mental state at the time of the event.

Motion 1 – that the CAQ impose an 18 month ban from the date of the incident (4th Oct 2014), suspended after the end of the 2014 calendar year (31st Dec 2014).

Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Gail Young
4 votes in favour, 6 votes against
Motion does not carry

Motion 2 – that the CAQ impose an 18 month ban from the date of the incident (4th Oct 2014), suspended after six months (4th April 2015).

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Andrew Davies
6 votes in favour, 4 votes against
Motion carries – Brodie McClymont is banned from all ACF rated events in Australia until April 4, 2015. ACF to be informed of the CAQ's decision.

6.2 Unapproved withdrawal from Qld Championship

That the CAQ decide on an appropriate response to the unapproved withdrawal from the Qld Championship by Alex Wohl.

That the CAQ impose a six month ban, wholly suspended for 12 months. This means the six month ban would only be enforced if the player had another unapproved withdrawal within 12 months of the offence (so until the 4th October 2015).

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick, seconded by Allan Menham
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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Jim Rogers had to leave the meeting after Item 6.2 was voted on.

6.3 Request for CAQ financial subsidy for Qld player to attend the Australian Masters

That the CAQ consider a request from Moulthun Ly for any financial assistance to participate in the Australian Masters chess tournament.

Motion 1 – that the CAQ provide a 50% subsidy to Moulthun Ly for the \$500 entry fee to the Australian Masters (a \$250 subsidy)

Moved by Andrew Davies, seconded by Allan Menham

4 votes in favour, 4 votes against, 1 abstaining

Motion does not carry

Motion 2 – that the CAQ provide a \$100 subsidy to Moulthen Ly to play in the Australian Masters

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D’Arcy

7 votes in favour, 1 vote against, 1 abstaining

Motion carries

The main point of discussion was what the CAQ’s role should be in providing financial subsidies for individual players to attend events. It was agreed that players could continue to request financial support to attend events, and that each request would be individually considered.

6.4 Change of Queensland Grand Prix points for events in different regions

That the CAQ revises the Grand Prix points allocated to events based on area. This revision would be to increase the points given to tournaments in certain areas to encourage more players to attend the region’s tournaments.

Not voted on or discussed – to be brought up again at a future meeting or at the December AGM

ITEM 7 – GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Request to reimburse QWCL for Qld Veterans and Disabled tournament financial loss

That the CAQ approve a request to reimburse the QWCL for the \$215 loss it made from running the Qld Veterans and Disabled tournament

Not voted on, but approved by Mark Stokes

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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7.2 Reimbursement of IM entry fee to QWCL

That the CAQ reimburse QWCL the \$80 entry fee for IM Moulthun Ly who played in their event.

Not voted on, but approved by Mark Stokes

7.3 2015 Qld Open

That the CAQ discuss where the 2015 Qld Open may be held.

Discussed but not voted on – the CAQ will ask for expressions of interest later this year for running the 2015 Qld Open.

7.4 Use of other websites to advertise the CAQ

That the CAQ consider putting its details on other free local websites to advertise its presence (such as startlocal.com.au)

Discussed but not voted on - the CAQ already uses Facebook and Chesschat, and it does not intend to use more websites for the time being.

ITEM 8 – NEXT MEETING

To be held at;

The Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts,

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On the 13th December 2014, starting immediately after the AGM finishes.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 1:20pm.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____