



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 5pm on Sunday, April 6, 2014

The chairman declared the meeting open at 5:15pm

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Sam Long, Michael D'Arcy, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Alexandra Jule, Tyson Walker, Jim Rogers, Andrew Davies, and Allan Menham (via phone)

Apologies: Matt Gilpin, Gail Young

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

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

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report showed the CAQ has about \$54,000 in the bank and no liabilities.

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

3.2 President's Report

The list of ACF Grand Prix events is online, and Queensland had 9 out of the 24 events.

President's report was not voted on.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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3.3 Membership Report

The membership report showed the CAQ had 208 members at the time of the meeting. This is expected to continue to rise as the year continues.

The membership report was not voted on.

3.4 Webmaster's report

The CAQ's Facebook page is going well, and is being updated regularly.

The webmaster's report was not voted on.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

There had been no correspondence since the previous meeting.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 Reimbursement to Gardiner Chess for Australian Schools Teams Chess

Since the last meeting, the CAQ council agreed via email to reimburse Gardiner Chess for the additional costs of running the Australian Schools Teams Chess

The CAQ had previously agreed (in 2013) to pay Gardiner Chess \$3,000 to run the event, and the final cost was \$3,116.04.

Moved by Jim Rogers, seconded by Sam Long
Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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ITEM 6 – SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 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 have 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.

(The conceptual idea has had the approval of the CAQ council at the December 2013 and February 2014 meetings, Andrew Fitzpatrick to provide further planning details at April 2014 meeting).

- The new rating bracket for the coaching squad is for those rated 800-1500
- The coaching squads would be held four times a year (in the holidays), with two on the Gold Coast, and two in Brisbane
- The plan is to offer the coaches \$160 per day (two day event on a weekend)
- May require CAQ subsidy for room hire and small prizes (eg. chess books)
- If there are 8 kids paying \$40 each for the two days, this would at least cover the cost of the coaches.
- Expected to start at the end of term 2.
- Andrew Davies to see if QUT may be available as a venue for the Brisbane coaching squads.

Moved by Andrew Fitzpatrick

The main focus now has been finding suitable and affordable venues to run the coaching squads. Schools are likely to be the most suitable venues for coaching squads.

The concept still has the unanimous approval of the CAQ council.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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ITEM 7 – GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 FIDE arbiters seminar

Update on the proposed FIDE arbiters seminar approved at December 2013 and February 2014 meetings.

- Michael D’Arcy has been having difficulty in contacting Garry Bekker about running the seminar.
- The CAQ will consider asking someone from interstate to run the seminar, but first the CAQ will look into the costs before making any decisions regarding this.
- No date has been set for the seminar

7.2 Arbiters’ contact details on the CAQ website

Update on the proposal to list arbiters’ contact details on the CAQ website.

- Due to a lack of responses to an email Michael sent out regarding this, the proposal has been put on hold for the time being.
- It is expected to be updated after the FIDE arbiters seminar is conducted (no date has been set for the seminar)

7.3 Qld Championship and Qld Reserve

Update on the planning of the tournaments

- The CAQ is yet to find an organiser, an arbiter, and a venue for the combined tournaments.
- The championship is expected to have up to 30 players, while the Reserve may have up to 50 players.
- This issue will be addressed in greater detail at the next meeting.

7.4 Mackay Chess Club intends to run a FIDE rated event

The club has informed the CAQ that it is trying to organise a FIDE rated event for later in the year.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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7.5 Proposal to immediately pay the whole year's tournament subsidies to the respective recipients

That the CAQ immediately pays the various clubs the tournament subsidies for running an event in Queensland (\$150 to \$300), and the 50% of ACF GP fees. If the recipients cancel the tournament for any reason, they would then have to give the money back to the CAQ.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Sam Long
Passed unanimously

ITEM 8 – NEXT MEETING

To be held at;

3 Didsbury St, East Brisbane,
At 10am, on Sunday May 11, 2014

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6:20pm

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____