



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, February 2, 2014

The chairman declared the meeting open at 5:27pm

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

Passed unanimously

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Wendy Terry Memorial is now a class 3 ACF GP event

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report showed the CAQ has about \$57,000 in the bank, with about \$2,500 of cheques written by the CAQ not yet cashed by the recipients. The report also stated that the CAQ has made a loss of about \$4,000 in the first four months of the financial year (1-10-2013 to 31-01-2014). The financial position is expected to improve as more membership fees come through in the coming months.

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

As at the 2nd of February, 2014, the CAQ only had about 50 paid members. This is expected to increase to about 80 on the weekend of the Tin Cup (Feb 8-9) and should steadily increase as the year goes on.

That the membership secretary's report be accepted
Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Michael D'Arcy
Passed unanimously

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 The Gold Coast Chess Club is planning to become an affiliated member club of the CAQ.
- 4.2 The Q-Sport renewal forms were sent to (former secretary) Patrick Byrom, who will pass them on Jim Rogers at the Brisbane Chess Club meeting. The CAQ will consider not renewing the membership if there are any costs involved (not voted on).
- 4.3 A CAQ junior member has requested that the CAQ provide more tournament entry details on the CAQ website. It was agreed that the CAQ should provide direct links from the tournament calendar to Gardiner Chess' entry pages for events run by Gardiner Chess (not voted on).

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 Purchase of laptop and printer for running tournaments

That the CAQ not go ahead with the (previously approved) plan to purchase a laptop and printer for the time being.

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

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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ITEM 6 – SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 CAQ subsidies for the 2014 Qld Open at Gladstone

That the CAQ consider the requests of the Gladstone Chess Club for further subsidies to cover other intended expenses (such as the cost of having GM Ian Rogers provide coaching at the event).

(The CAQ council already decided at the December 2013 meeting that the Gladstone Chess Club would be eligible for both the \$500 subsidy for running the Qld Open, as well as another \$300 for running an event in Regional Qld).

- Gail Young says that the \$800 subsidy already offered should be all the CAQ provides.
- Allan Menham expressed opposition to the suggestion in Gladstone's email that Qld Open is always given to regional clubs.
- There was no support for any of the points in their '10 point plan for CAQ assistance' except for point number 10 which is that the CAQ continue to provide free advertising for the event on their website and at other tournaments. (The 10 point plan included ideas that the CAQ have a General Meeting after the tournament in Gladstone, and that the CAQ purchase '2014 Qld Open' pens for all CAQ members, as well as an additional 100 pens for the Gladstone Chess Club).

That the CAQ provide no further assistance to the Gladstone Chess Club for the 2014 Qld Open other than the \$800 already promised and continued free advertising for the event.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Samuel Long

Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.2 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 had the approval of the CAQ council at the December 2013 meeting, Andrew Fitzpatrick to provide further planning details at February 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, seconded by Mark Stokes

Unanimous approval to the idea, further discussion required as to the cost.

6.3 Confirmation of 2014 Qld Championship dates

That the council confirms the dates of the Qld Championship, as well as the number of rounds and time controls for the rounds.

The Qld Championship will run from 2nd Oct to 6th Oct, while the Qld Reserves will run from the 4th Oct to 6th Oct.

No venue confirmed yet.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Sam Long

Passed unanimously

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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6.4 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.

- Michael D'Arcy suggests it wait until after the FIDE arbiters' seminar (see 7.4)
- Allan Menham says those attending will still have to arbite a certain number of tournaments before being qualified anyway
- Michael says he will put an add in the CAQ newsletter for any arbiters to reply if they want their details on the website

Moved by Allan Menham

Withdrawn by Allan Menham before voted on

6.5 Andrew Davies to become the new Sponsorship Officer

That Andrew Davies be appointed as the CAQ's sponsorship officer

The role to include;

- Finding sponsors and raising money to cover hall hire for events
- Finding free venues, etc

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Gail Young

Passed unanimously

ITEM 7 – GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Affiliated Clubs

The Gap chess club intends to continue to be a CAQ affiliated member

Mark Stokes to ask the club again about the forms and payment not yet received

7.2 Use of social media by CAQ

Update on the progress of the CAQ's use of Facebook

The CAQ's Facebook page has been created. The page had 67 'likes' at the time of the meeting.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____



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7.3 Email software for contacting CAQ members

Update on the use of Mailchimp for emailing newsletters

Michael D'Arcy has created the Mailchimp account for the newsletters. To be tested early this month.

7.4 FIDE arbiters seminar

Update on the proposed FIDE arbiters seminar approved at December 2013 meeting

- The venue has been arranged
- Main challenge is finding a suitable date for Garry Bekker
- Michael expects about 10 people to attend
- The cost is still unknown
- The CAQ still intends to subsidise the costs to some extent

7.5 Leo Wilkinson Memorial Tournament

The event will be brought forward by a week to the weekend of the 27th and 28th of September.

7.6 Australian Schools Team Chess running costs over budget

It was approved at the December 2013 meeting that the CAQ would reimburse Gardiner Chess for the costs of the event going over budget. Gardiner Chess has not yet been able to sort out the hall hire costs as the school had only just restarted for the year.

To be brought up at the next meeting.

ITEM 8 – NEXT MEETING

To be 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 closed at 7:00pm

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____