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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held at 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane
at 5:00pm on Sunday, 11 February 2018

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:15pm.

Present: Mark Stokes (President and Chair), Andrew Fitzpatrick (Vice President), Scott Dullaway (Secretary), Jim Rogers (Treasurer), Gail Young (Membership Secretary & Ratings Officer), Allan Menham (via phone).

Apologies: Heather Richards.

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

The chair provided a recap of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22 October 2017 and also from the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting of 22 October 2017 be accepted.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Scott Dullaway

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

In relation to Item 6.8 of the previous minutes about the disciplinary conduct issue of a member, due to the lapse of time since the event and the self imposed seclusion of the member from tournaments during the period, no further action will be taken.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's report

The President thanked the Council for volunteering to continue on as CAQ Council Members, or in Shaun's case for agreeing to come on for the first time.

The President also welcomed Tyson back as the CAQ Newsletter Editor, and thanked Michael D'Arcy for all his work in this role. Jim Rogers has kindly continued on in his role as CAQ Treasurer for yet another year but has indicated that he will step down from this important role at the end of the year.

Last year was a really good year for Chess in Queensland, with CAQ Membership reaching 699, a fantastic set of weekend tournaments which saw Queenslanders win 13 of the 20 ACF Grand Prix prizes, including the first prize of \$800 won by Stephen Solomon, a wonderful Inter-Schools series, a fantastic Australian

Open and U1600, a very competitive Qld Juniors which saw Hughston Parle win the U18 Open Title for the first time, a great Veterans Event and Womens and Girls Championships and perhaps the strongest ever Queensland Chess Championship, with Grandmasters Max Illingworth and David Smerdon in the field, a well contested Qld Blitz Chess Championship won by Dusan Stojic and the biggest ever Teams of 6 Qld Teams Chess Championship won by Bullwinkle on countback at the Gold Coast. It was a big year!

This Year promises to be yet another action packed year with a marvellous FIDE OPEN on the Australia Day long week-end already held and a resounding success, jointly won by GM Moulthun Ly and IM Brodie McClymont, and the combined Qld Reserves/ U1750 FIDE rated Tin Cup just around the corner on Feb 24 and Feb 25. Andrew has already put a 2018 Calendar of Events up on the CAQ Website and it shows what a busy year we have ahead. Queensland is indeed the envy of the other States of Australia.

Ian Little, the ACF Grand Prix Co-Ordinator, has resigned his position but has agreed to keep going in this role until a replacement is found. If you can think of anyone who might like to do this, please let the President know.

The President concluded his report by wishing everyone all the very best in their roles for 2018 on the CAQ Council and thanked everyone for volunteering to help Queensland Chess in 2018.

Motion: That the Chair's Report be accepted.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

3.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the cash held at 10 February 2018 totalled \$70,282,24, comprising \$12,855.00 in the NAB operating cheque account and \$57,427.24 in the ING Direct Investment account. In addition, there is also a small amount held in the PayPal account.

There is an estimated deficit for the 2018 financial year to date (1 October 2017 to 10 February 2018) of \$1,258.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted and the accounts to pay approved.

Moved by: Jim Rogers **Seconded by:** Mark Stokes

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

The Membership Secretary reported that the membership as at 31 December 2017 was 699 members.

Of the membership, 37% are cadets (under 12 years of age) and a further 17.33% are juniors (under 18 but at least 12 years old), which collectively for under 18s consisting of 54.33% of the membership.

Also, a chess club exclusively for cadets and juniors has joined CAQ in 2018, being Sunnybank Chess Club, which is managed by Ross Lam.

Motion: That the Membership Report be accepted.

Moved by: Gail Young **Seconded by:** Mark Stokes

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

Ratings Period 1 March 2018

2017 Redcliffe Spring Swiss
2017 Norm Braybrooke Classic
2017 Redcliffe Championship
2018 FIDE Open (Vega)(QWCL)

4 Tournaments rated.

Motion: That the Ratings Officer Report be accepted.

Moved by: Gail Young **Seconded by:** Mark Stokes
Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

Mark reported that Redcliffe Chess Club's application for a grant from Queensland's Gambling Community Benefit Fund was successful and the Club was awarded \$6,400 to purchase chess sets, clocks and DGT Boards. Bundaberg chess club has also been successful in the past.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

Nil.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of AGM Recommendations or non-approval

Motion: That CAQ approve the recommendation of the AGM, which was passed as the following motion at the AGM:

Motion: That this 2017 CAQ AGM recommends that the CAQ support the 2018 FIDE Open at the Hinterland Hotel in Nerang from January 25-28 by guaranteeing Grandmasters or Women Grandmasters who enter this event and complete the event with a \$500 guarantee against prizemoney. If a Grandmaster or Womens Grandmaster wins \$500 or more in prizemoney, then no CAQ payment would be added.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded Shaun Curtis. Abstained: Three. Passed by majority.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick
Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.2 CAQ Memberships

In relation to registration for Australian and Queensland Championships, a discussion was held as to whether the usual CAQ Membership should be divided into three categories:

1. CAQ Member (ACQR) – Australian Citizen (Qld Resident)
2. CAQ Member (ACIR) – Australian Citizen (Interstate Resident)
3. CAQ Member (INAC) – International (Non Australian Citizen)

Categories 1 and 2 would require documentation to be provided once, for initial registration, but not required for renewal of registration.

Anyone would be entitled to register for Category 3 without providing any documentation, so the default category.

There was a discussion that there had been mistakes in the recent past, including both 2015 and 2016, where players had entered, and subsequently competed in CAQ's Junior State Championships with one winning the title for the State Championships when they were too old for the division they won. The records, including the names of ineligible title holders on perpetual trophies, were corrected when the mistakes were discovered.

It was discussed that there needs to be more vigilance by both organisers and arbiters to prevent these issues. They must ensure entrants, particularly in Queensland's State Junior Championships, satisfy the residency and age requirements to compete in any of the State Championships.

6.3 Reimbursement to Gardiner Chess

A chess book was presented at the FIDE Open to Tiffany Tran who won the Under 8 Girls at the Australian Junior Chess Championships.

Motion: That CAQ reimburse Gardiner Chess for the cost of the chess book presented to Tiffany Tran.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young.

Abstained: Two members abstained

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.4 Disciplinary Conduct Issue

As discussed in the business arising from the previous minutes about the disciplinary conduct issue of a member, that due to the lapse of time since the event and the self imposed seclusion of the member from tournaments during the period, no further action will be taken.

6.5 2019 Australian Open

Discussed the \$7000 offer from BBC Painting to a Qld organizer who wins the bid for the 2019 Australian OPEN.

It was noted that there was a discussion about the 2019 Australian Open potentially being held in Queensland. Currently no bid has been lodged by any State.

6.6 2018 Queensland Reserves and Tin Cup details.

The combined 2018 Queensland Reserves and Tin Cup will be FIDE rated. Where players are 2200 or higher the time control must be 90mins+30sec, however if all players are rated under 2200 then the tournaments can be FIDE rated using the time control of 60mins+30sec.

Ratings fees will be covered by CAQ as it is an official CAQ event. Dusan Stojic will be the chief arbiter, and Sebastian Jule and Doug Williams will be Deputy Assistant Arbiters.

6.7 2018 Queensland Open

Bundaberg is the sole applicant for hosting the 2018 Queensland Open.

Motion: That CAQ award the holding of the 2018 Queensland Open for the CAQ to the Bundaberg Chess Club.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Shaun Curtis

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.8 2018 FIDE Open – Paying Second Assistant Arbiter

The FIDE Open had 88 players and it was necessary to use a third arbiter because of the amount of work involved for such a large number of players. As it turned out, both Doug Williams and Max Kershaw were required for the large number of players. Discuss CAQ paying for a second assistant arbiter.

Motion: That CAQ pay the assistant arbiter, Doug Williams, the same payment as that provided to Max Kershaw who had also been an assistant arbiter.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Allan Menham
Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.9 Queensland Women's Chess League

Discussed reimbursing the following for payment to QWCL:

Motion: That CAQ reimburse QWCL \$1,425 for the following:

FIDE Open: \$900

\$200 CAQ subsidy

\$100 GP registration (50%)

\$600 Entry fees for 3 IM & 2 GM & 1 WIM

2018 March Open: \$262.50

\$200 CAQ subsidy

\$62.50 GP registration (50%)

2018 Wendy Terry Memorial: \$262.50

\$200 CAQ subsidy

\$62.50 GP registration (50%)

Total requested: \$1425.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Jim Rogers

Abstained: One member abstained

Passed: By General Vote

6.10 CAQ Junior Facebook Page

Discussion about the newly created CAQ Junior Facebook Page.

The Administrator initially was just Shaun Curtis. It was decided it would be prudent to have multiple Administrators, so Mark Stokes and Andrew Fitzpatrick will be added as Administrators.

The page has been shared by numerous chess clubs including Sunnybank, Excessive Epicness, Cookies, Chess Mates, Nudgee, Gardiner, Gregory Terrace, and Chess People.

Discussed whether it would assist if CAQ established a Queensland Junior Chess League, like the former Australian Junior Chess League, as a subcommittee of the CAQ Council. It was decided it was not necessary as the CAQ Council is able to currently successfully manage the requirements for Queensland's Juniors.

6.11 Vega delegate for CAQ

Discussed appointing Michael D'Arcy as the Vega delegate for CAQ – in order to provide a single point of contact for those seeking licences (one per club) and guidance. It will assist Bill Gletos who wants one contact for each State.

Motion: That CAQ appoint Michael D'Arcy as the Vega delegate for CAQ.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.12 CAQ Purchase of new DGT Systems of Chess Sets and Boards

Discussion held about CAQ purchasing digital e-boards and organising training for suitable persons to be able to provide broadcasting for major events. The digital boards would be available for all major events (category 3 and above).

If the CAQ purchases new DGT Systems of Chess Sets and Boards at this time, they can be combined with the Redcliffe Chess Clubs purchase as bulk discounts apply for orders of a minimum of 5 sets, and significant bulk discounts apply if 15 sets can be purchased in the one order.

Andrew Fitzpatrick will look into costings and circulate it by email, so a motion can then be moved and circulated by email without having to wait for the next meeting.

6.13 2018 Cairns Open

Discuss about CAQ supporting the organization, and also covering any shortfall of running a Cairns Open in 2018.

The Council agree to guarantee a loss up to \$500 provided any profit from the Open over \$500 goes to CAQ.

Motion: CAQ agrees to support the running cost of the 2018 Cairns Open, to cover any shortfall up to a maximum of \$500.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Allan Menham

Abstained: One member abstained

Passed: By General Vote

6.14 CAQ Inter-school chess license

Signing of Inter-School contract.

Motion: CAQ agrees to vary the Chess Association of Queensland Inter-School State Championships Contract executed by the CAQ on 7 February 2018, by varying clause 4.03 as follows:

- to delete the words “excluding GST”, and inserting the words “including GST” in its place; and
- in subclause (a), to include the Gold Coast as an additional region for which the Licensee is not required to pay the 7.5% of gross income to the Licensor.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young

Abstained: Two members abstained

Passed: By General Vote

6.15 Position of ACF Grand Prix Co-Ordinator vacant

Gail Young is seeking further information before deciding on the position. Ian Little is the contact.

6.16 Congratulations to Gail Young for winning the ACF MEDAL for Chess Administration

The whole CAQ Council congratulated Gail Young for winning the ACF MEDAL for Chess Administration, and also congratulated Gail for organizing a fantastic FIDE OPEN. The award was also mentioned in the ACF Newsletter.

6.17 DGT Clocks

There is an opportunity for CAQ and clubs to purchase DGT Clocks through the ACF at massively discounted price from the retail price. A condition of purchase is that the clocks cannot be resold.

The prices are approximately \$39 for the DGT XL and approximately \$44 for the DGT 3000 clock.

The Council decided to purchase 20 DGT 3000 clocks which together with the DGT boards to be purchased by the CAQ will be used for QLD Title events and other appropriate tournaments.

6.18 2018 Queensland Juniors Chess Championships – Classical, Problem-solving & Rapid

The 2018 Queensland Junior Chess Championships will be held in Brisbane.

The 2018 Queensland Problem-Solving Junior Chess Championships, and the 2018 Queensland Junior Lightning/Blitz Championships with the 3mins+2sec time control will be shifted to a new date from the Monday on Junior Championships week, so as not to conflict with the Gold Coast Open.

The Beginners and the Reserves divisions will not be held in 2018.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded for every age group in the Open divisions for each of the Junior Championships.

For the Girls divisions for each of the Junior Championships, whether trophies are awarded just for 1st for each of the age divisions, or also awarded for 2nd and 3rd for all or some of the age groups will be at the organiser's discretion based on the number of girl entrants in each age group.

Additionally, there will be an inaugural Junior Chess Teams Championships held at the end of the year.

6.19 2018 Gold Coast Open

Financial assistance is being sought to hold the Open.

The Premier Division will run over four and a half days and have IM Norms available.

The Premier Division will use the FIDE time controls of 90 mins + 30 sec. The Major Division will use the FIDE time controls of 60 mins + 30 sec, as will the Minor Division.

David Esmond will broadcast the top boards, and Ian Rogers will provide live commentary.

It will be held at Arundall Hills.

A budget with a request to CAQ for what assistance is being sought by the organisers will need to be provided for CAQ to consider.

6.20 Other business.

Inaugural 2018 State of Origin style Brisbane v Gold Coast Junior Chess Championships

A new Championships is being devised for 2018. It will be a Juniors Championship which will bring a State of Origin flavor to Junior Chess.

It will consist of 5 players representing each region in the Open division for each age division from Under 8 through to Under 18, and 5 girls for each region in a single Girls division.

Each player will play two games in reverse singles format, so one game as white and one as black against the same opponent.

2018 CAQ Brisbane Open

It was discussed that the chess calendar for Queensland is currently missing a Brisbane Open.

Interest will be sought to see if an organizer would be interested in hosting the inaugural Brisbane Open for the CAQ.

Bundaberg Chess Club

It was noted that the Bundaberg Chess Club has recently elected a new Executive.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held at 4pm on Sunday 22 April 2018, at the Lord Stanley in East Brisbane.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm.