



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

**Held at the Lord Stanley Hotel, 994 Stanley St East, East Brisbane, QLD 4169
on Sunday, 26 May 2019.**

Council Members Present: Mark Stokes (President and Chair), Andrew Fitzpatrick (Vice President), Scott Dullaway (Secretary), Bryan Moss (Treasurer), Gail Young (Membership Secretary & Ratings Officer), Shaun Curtis (Junior Chess Coordinator), Hughston Parle (Publicity Officer), Martin Carter (Regional Liaison Officer) (via phone), and Heather Richards (Development Officer) (via phone).

Guests: David Esmonde (Appointee – Webmaster) and Elliot Soo-Burrowes.

Meeting Opened at 4.15pm

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

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting of 24 March 2019 be accepted.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Hughston Parle

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The items are listed as individual items in Item 6.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's report

The President submitted a written report.

The report noted that Andrew has recently been the chief organizer for Chess at the Sports Accord Festival on the Gold Coast and it was attended by the FIDE President as well as the ACF President. Gardiner Chess' Inter-School Chess Events are once again going really well and wonderful numbers are being recorded. Gail has once again had many tournaments sent into the ACF for Rating and looked after our Membership Records and CAQ Grand Prix Points. Our Treasurer Bryan Moss is attending to renewing our Public Liability Insurance to ensure we have CAQ Clubs, players and arbiters covered by the next policy. The CAQ wishes to also acknowledge the kind sponsorship of \$1000 from David Esmonde's Aunix and the kind sponsorship of \$1000 from John Buciu's BBC Painting for the recent FIDE Rated Queensland Open won by IM Alex Wohl. The wonderful live telecast of the top 8 boards by David for all seven rounds was

another highlight of this event. You can replay all these great games at <http://livechess.aunz.net>.

Motion: That the Chair's Report be accepted.

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

3.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer submitted a written report.

The balance of the CAQ's accounts are \$62,738 (vs \$62,684) as at the date of our previous meeting. The Treasurer will stop and cancel the outstanding cheque to Hikaru Oka, 2017 GP, \$100. The President, Vice President and Treasurer will renew the term deposit that has matured.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved by: Bryan Moss **Seconded by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick
Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

The Membership Secretary submitted a written report.

There are currently 480 members. Most are on three year memberships.

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

The Ratings Officer submitted a written report.

Eleven tournaments had been submitted to the ACF for rating.

Motion: That the Membership Secretary's and Ratings Officer's Reports be accepted.

Moved by: Bryan Moss **Seconded by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick
Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence of 1 May 2019 finalizing disciplinary action from 2019 FIDE Open.

The correspondence was noted.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 Nil.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Policies and Procedures on Child Protection

It was discussed that complaints go to Child Protection Services. This is the existing CAQ general policy that individuals should report if there is a risk of harm to a child to Child Protection Services, so no action is required.

6.2 Office of Fair Trading

It was discussed that the previous Treasurer had managed all notifications to the Office of Fair Trading,

which included advising Fair Trading of the current Officers and their contact details. Jim Rogers had retained all login details and submission information for the Office of Fair Trading and it had not been passed on to the Secretary or new Treasurer.

Bryan will follow up Jim for the login details so an update can be provided to Fair Trading.

6.3 CAQ Tournament By-Laws

Deferred to next meeting.

6.4 2020 Australian Junior Chess Championships

The venue is TSS, The Southport School.

6.5 CAQ Consideration for Establishing a local 2019 Queensland Juniors Elite Training Squad (Q-JETS) for Qld Juniors – Discussion

Discussed establishing for Queensland Juniors a Queensland Juniors Elite Training Squad (Q-JETS) like what NSW has established for NSW Juniors to complement the ACF's JETS.

For 2019 it would run in the September/October school holidays. CAQ would look to secure high profile coaches including GM Ian Rogers, GM Moulthun Ly, GM David Smerdon, IM Alex Wohl and IM Stephen Solomon.

There was a unanimous consensus of all of the members in favour of establishing Q-JETS commencing in 2019.

6.6 2019 Queensland Junior Blitz Championships – Decision on Tenders

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6.7 2019 Brisbane v Gold Coast Junior Match

The Council considered the Tenders and decided to award the tender to Cookies Chess for 2019.

The Council also decided to notify the unsuccessful tenders to advise that for future Council submissions the Council would like to see more detailed submissions, including suggested dates so that the venue to be used would be known, definitively pinning down who would be the arbiters and advising of their qualifications, and clarification if an addition to trophies for each placegetter whether there is any prize money on offer as well.

Motion: That the Tender for the 2019 Queensland Junior Blitz Championships and the 2019 Brisbane v Gold Coast Junior Match be awarded to Cookies Chess.

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

Abstained: Three abstentions

Passed: By General Vote

6.8 2019 South Qld Junior Chess Championships for Classical, Problem-Solving and Blitz

In relation to the South Qld Junior Chess Championships for Classical, Problem-Solving and Blitz, it was discussed that regional Championships did not award State Titles, so do not require authorisation from CAQ.

It was discussed that if a club wanted to host their own local Junior Chess Championships, such as the discussed annual South Queensland Junior Chess Championships, the club could hold their own local championships and didn't need approval of the CAQ as long as it wasn't a Titled State Championship.

6.9 Update of FIDE, Oceania Confederation, Australian Chess Federation

Mark informed the Council that CAQ now have six votes at ACF Conferences.

The ACF had asked CAQ to hold the Sports Accord Festival on the Gold Coast, which Andrew Fitzpatrick

co-ordinated with very short notice.

Alana Chibnall has been appointed by the ACF as the ACF's Junior Chess Co-ordinator.

The ACF has appointed a subcommittee to look into whether FIDE Academies should be approved and established in Australia.

It was discussed that if a club wanted to host their own local Junior Chess Championships, such as the discussed annual South Queensland Junior Chess Championships, the club could hold their own local championships and didn't need approval of the CAQ as long as it wasn't a Titled State Championship.

6.10 2019 CAQ Calendar (including on website)

David Esmonde has been given approval to access Google Calendar.

The Bundaberg Open is being held from 30 November to 1 December 2019.

The Cairns Open is being held from 24 to 25 August 2019.

6.11 2019 Queensland Championships

Hughston is looking at potentially organizing the Championships at Gregory Terrace. It will consist of the Championships and also an Under 1600 Reserves. It is tentatively scheduled for the weekend including 3 to 7 October 2019.

Hughston will look to arrange a meeting of himself, Mark and Andrew with Gregory Terrace to see if it can be used as the venue.

6.12 2019 Queensland Open – Discussion of complaint

The complaint was discussed.

The Council discussed the importance of the organisers and arbiters ensuring tournaments have a high quality playing venue so that players are not distracted by issues such as direct Sun, small tables with inadequate space to put your gamesheets, water and pens, the venues must have airconditioning and cold water available in the playing area, and the organisers and arbiters must ensure the draws are error-free so that the players are correctly allocated their opponent and board and they must quickly respond to complaints raised and not just perpetuate issues through the later rounds of a tournament.

Mark received the complaint and will respond to the complainant with an apology on behalf of the CAQ.

6.13 Fundraising & Sponsorships for individuals from Queensland Government

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

6.14 Funding model for assisting Regional Chess

Options were discussed including providing some funding to the regions and leave it to those regions, in zones, to decide how to use the funding.

Andrew will redo the proposal for an over-all scheme for discussion at the next meeting.

6.15 CAQ needs a disaster recovery plan - where all the CAQ data and passwords need to be stored in several locations securely in case something happens to key personnel.

The CAQ need to certify data protection is in place for audits. The CAQ is required to develop a plan.

David Esmonde will investigate the development of a plan.

Motion: That David Esmonde be appointed to develop a Data Management Plan for the CAQ which complies with the *Privacy Act 1988*, the *Privacy Regulations 2013*, and the

Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017.

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

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.16 AuNix is seeking permission to mail out to the CAQ membership some questions seeking feedback on the live streaming of games, and to be able to include a special offer.

Motion: That access and permission be granted to AuNix to contact CAQ members for the purpose of surveying the membership about live chess broadcasts conducted by AuNix for the CAQ with a link David Esmonde be appointed to develop a Data Management Plan for the CAQ which complies with the *Privacy Act 1988*, the *Privacy Regulations 2013*, and the *Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017*.

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

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.17 Queensland Juniors Webpage

The CAQ will register a website for junior chess at qldjuniochess.org.au. David Esmode will register the webpage and set it up.

6.18 General Council Member.

The CAQ discussed appointing a general committee member.

Motion: That Elliott Soo-Burrowes be appointed as a general committee member for the CAQ Council.

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

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.19 Change to rating requirements for the Queensland Championships.

Motion: The rating requirements for the Queensland Chess Championships are a minimum of 1600 ACF or 1700 FIDE to be eligible to play in the Championships.

Moved by: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Bryan Moss

Passed: Unanimously by General Vote

6.20 CAQ Affiliation Fees.

The proposal to increase CAQ affiliation fees from \$60 to \$80 from October 2019 was deferred to the next CAQ Council meeting.

6.21 ZOOM Conference

To assist members to attend Council meetings, the next Council meeting will use ZOOM Conference.

6.22 Brisbane Chess Club – Dispute between players of game result.

The CAQ discussed the issue that had arisen between two players competing at the Brisbane Chess Club over the result of the game.

The Council determined that the process managed by the arbiter at the Club concluded the appeal process for the matter, and there is no basis for the CAQ to accept an appeal or take any action following the arbiter's decision.

ITEM 7 – NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 28th July at 4pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:15pm.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman): _____