**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

 Held at 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane

at 5:00pm on Sunday, 20 August 2017

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:27pm.

Present: Mark Stokes (Chair), Scott Dullaway, Michael D’Arcy, Gail Young, Jim Rogers, Allan Menham (via phone), and Heather Richards (via phone).

Apologies: Andrew FitzPatrick.

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

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

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

 **3.1 Chair’s report**

The Chair gave a report covering recent developments in Queensland chess.

Highlights included:

* Since the last CAQ Council Meeting there have been seven successful chess tournaments supported by the CAQ.
* The inaugural CAQ Junior Championships for both Problem-Solving and also Blitz was held. There were 133 players at the CAQ Junior Championships.
* Tournaments included the 2017 Queensland Reserves, Gold Coast Open, Chess People Open, Mackay Open, and the North Queensland Open.
* It was also noted that all of the divisions of the ACF Grand Prix were being led by Queensland chess players.
* Upcoming tournaments include the Bundaberg Open, the Nell Van de Graaff Classic (who passed away in August), the Class 5 Leo Wilkinson Memorial, the Marcus Porter Memorial, the Queensland Championships, and the 2018 FIDE Open Class 5 which will be held in January 2018.

**Motion:** That the Chair’s Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Michael D’Arcy

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **3.2 Treasurer’s report**

The Treasurer informed the Council that there had been a surplus of approximately $22k this year so far, and there is approximately $65k in the bank account. However, these will reduce by about $3,000 when the ACF and Junior levy are paid.

The Treasurer also advised that the financial year ends on 30 September.

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

**Moved by:** Jim Rogers **Seconded by:** Gail Young

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **3.3 Membership report**

The Membership Secretary reported that there are currently 585 members.

**Motion:** That the Membership Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Gail Young **Seconded by:** Michael D’Arcy

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**3.4 Ratings Officer Report**

The Ratings Officer reported that 13 tournaments had been rated in the last ACF Ratings.

**Motion:** That the Ratings Officer Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Gail Young **Seconded by:** Michael D’Arcy

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS**

**The Council ratified the following Motions of 6 May 2017:**

**Motion:** That the closing date for the extension of the CAQ Inter-school chess licence be extended by two weeks to 14 August 2017.

**Moved by**: Michael D’Arcy **Seconded by:** Mark Stokes

**Abstained**: A member abstained

**Passed:** By General Vote

**ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 2017 CAQ Queensland Junior Chess Championships**

The 2017 CAQ Queensland Junior Chess Championships were held in the first week of the Queensland School Holidays.

There were 133 junior players competing at the Championships.

The arbiters Dusan Stojic and Shaun Curtis did a great job.

The venue, the Arundel Hills Country Club, is owned by chess enthusiasts. It is an excellent venue.

Hughston Parle is the new Under 18 Junior Champion for Queensland.

There was a discussion about the new Problem-Solving and Blitz Championships. They are an excellent concept.

One issue which arose is that the Gold Coast Open was held the weekend prior to the Championships, which impacted on the Under 14 to Under 18 Juniors who needed a day off on the Monday when the Problem-Solving and Blitz were held, before competing in the Under 14 to Under 18 Championships which commenced on the Tuesday.

 **6.2 2017 Oceania Junior & Youth Chess Championships & 2017 CAQ Blitz Chess Championships**

It is not known whether the Oceania Junior and Youth Championships will commence in Brisbane in 2017 as Oceania have not identified a Chief Organiser yet. Oceania approached Mark Stokes, Scott Dullaway and Andrew Fitzpatrick but they are not available to perform the role of Chief Organiser this year.

Accordingly, the date for the CAQ Blitz will remain unchanged unless the Oceania Juniors occurs in December 2017.

 **6.3 CAQ Website Update**

Generally up to date, though needs the ratings updated.

The site also needs the Nell Van de Graaff flyers uploaded.

 **6.4 2018 Queensland Open**

Needs to be advertised for 2018 to seek interest.

Bundaberg and Mackay are interested.

 **6.5 2017 Queensland Championships**

The venue for the 2017 Queensland Championships is Emmanuel College at St Lucia.

The Championships have been registered for FIDE ratings.

Car parking is available, as will be tea and coffee, and meals are also available.

Open to players with an ACF rating of 1700+ or FIDE 1800+. If a chess competitor has an ACF rating of 1600+ then they can put a case why they should be allowed, typically rapidly rising juniors.

Arbiters will be Michael D’Arcy and Shaun Curtis.

 **6.6 2017 Queensland Reserves**

Big round of thanks was given to Martin Harmon and Matt Gilpin for taking on the organisation of the 2017 Queensland Reserves at short notice and holding such a successful event.

There were 45 players at the Queensland Reserves.

The Council need to work out a date for 2018, possibly February 2018.

 **At 6.19pm Heather Richards joined the meeting.**

 **6.7 Submission of financial figures to the Australian Chess Federation (ACF), with request for reimbursement $5000 from the ACF (ACF’s guarantee against CAQ losses).**

This topic will be discussed at the next ACF meeting.

The budget is to be sent to the ACF Treasurer. The new ACF Treasurer wants to see the original budget and the final figures. CAQ expect to receive the full $5,000.

 **6.8 Joe Tarnawski’s 90th birthday**

Mark Stoke’s wife deputized for Mark at the event at the Ashgrove Golf Club. There were about 50 people.

A CAQ silver tray was presented to Joe which was well received..

 **6.9 Tender process for the CAQ Inter-School Chess**

After considerable discussion of the proposals, it was determined that the Secretary, Michael D’Arcy, would draft a summary analyzing the tenders received, and that the Council members would then be in the best informed position to vote.

The analysis will be circulated on Saturday 26 August 2017, and Council members were requested to vote by Monday 28 August 2017.

 **6.10 Disciplinary Conduct Issue**

The issue raised in relation to a chess competitor accessing his phone during his game and also of using bad language in front of junior players at the 2017 Gold Coast Open was discussed.

The Secretary of the CAQ will send a letter to the member requesting that an explanation as to his behavior be provided.

The issue will then be considered further by the CAQ.

 **6.11 Other business.**

Nil.

**ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING**

To be held at: 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane, on Sunday 22 October 2017, at 5:00pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_