



# CHESSE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Held at the offices of Money Box Financial Planning, Level 1, 449 Gympie Road, Kedron, on Sunday, 9 February 2020, at 4:00 PM**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 4:21 PM.

Present: Mark Stokes, Bryan Moss, Gail Young, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Andrew FitzPatrick, David Esmonde, Shaun Curtis, Hughston Parle, Michael D'Arcy, Martin Carter (by phone).

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

Moved by Michael D'Arcy, seconded by Eliot Soo-Burrowes, that the minutes of the Council meeting on 8 December 2019 be accepted. Passed unanimously.

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

Nil.

### ITEM 3 – REPORTS

#### 3.1 President's report

The Chairman presented a written report, which focused on the recent exploits of Queensland players in the Australian Championships, Reserves and Junior Championships, as well as Queensland successes in the 2019 ACF Grand Prix.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Gail Young, that the President's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### 3.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the CAQ is in a healthy financial position, with its account balances totaling \$83,729, compared with \$62,800 in November 2019. It was noted that while this balance indicates the financial success of the Australian Junior Chess Championships at The Southport School, several cheques from that event had not yet been banked.

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### 3.3 Membership Secretary's report

#### 3.4 Ratings Officer's report

Gail Young presented reports for 3.3 and 3.4. At the time of the meeting, the CAQ had 454 members, which is very strong for this time of the year, and with the three-year membership continuing to prove popular. All tournament files from the Australian Junior Championships have been submitted for rating.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the Membership Secretary's and Rating Officer's reports be accepted. Passed unanimously.

### ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

- 5.1 **That the CAQ Council confirms the appointment of Michael D’Arcy as CAQ Vega Advisor. Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Hughston Parle.**
- 5.2 **That the CAQ Council confirms the appointment of Gail Young as CAQ Grand Prix Coordinator. Moved by Michael D’Arcy, seconded by Hughston Parle.**
- 5.3 **That the CAQ Council confirms the appointment of Andrew FitzPatrick as CAQ Inter-School Coordinator. Moved by Michael D’Arcy, seconded by Hughston Parle.**

5.3 was amended to replace Andrew FitzPatrick with Shaun Curtis as CAQ Inter-School Coordinator. Shaun Curtis accepted his appointment.

Moved by Michael D’Arcy, seconded by Hughston Parle, that the ratification of the email decisions in Item 5, complete with the amendment of 5.3, be accepted. Passed unanimously.

## ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1 **CAQ Vote of thanks to all involved in running The Southport School 2020 Australian Junior Chess Championships.**

The list included the Gardiner Chess staff, co-organisers Andrew FitzPatrick and Shaun Curtis in particular; Chief Arbiter IA Michael D’Arcy, Deputy Chief Arbiter IA Kerry Stead, and arbiters Craig Duxbury, Hughston Parle, Tom Maguire and Sophie Watkins; the Canteen helpers IM Aleks Wohl, Sharyn Watkins, Karen Chau, the Lin family and the Moss family; the IT team of David Esmonde and David Vella of Aunix Internet for the awesome 16 board live internet coverage; IM Stephen Solomon for setting and then marking 102 Problem Solving papers, the official photographer Claire Liu (<http://clarityliu.shootproof.com/gallery>); FM “Fun Master” Mike Klein from Chess Kid; and The Southport School for a world-class airconditioned venue.

The vote of thanks was moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Bryan Moss, and was unanimously approved.

- 6.2 **ACF Olympiad appeal. Discussion of a CAQ donation to the appeal.**

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D’Arcy, that the CAQ would donate \$1000 to the Australian Olympiad Appeal. Passed unanimously.

- 6.3 **ACF news update.**

The Chairman advised that there would be no ACF Grand Prix for 2020, and that the ACF has made some budgetary adjustments coming into effect on September 1, 2020, including the provision of \$5000 against loss for the Australian Schools National Finals.

- 6.4 **CAQ Officeholders – discussion of default email accounts.**

The IT Officer advised that the generic CAQ email addresses (i.e.: [president@caq.org.au](mailto:president@caq.org.au)) have been linked to the relevant office holders’ personal email accounts. In order for email chains to remain accessible for subsequent members of the CAQ Council, a CC to the generic email keeps a record.

- 6.5 ~~Motion moved~~ **Application by Hughston Parle: That the affiliation fee for the Brisbane Junior Chess League be waived for 2020.**

The application was presented in appropriate time and method according to the CAQ By-Laws and was unanimously approved.

- 6.6 **Queensland Veterans Championship. Discussion of whether this event’s name should be changed to Seniors.**

It was noted that "Seniors" is the standard tournament name both nationally and internationally. The Council agreed (unanimously) to adjust the By-Laws to replace Veterans with Seniors.

**6.7 CAQ calendar of events for 2020: discussion of when events are placed on the website, changes to the calendar, etc.**

**6.8 Tournament advertisements via CAQ platforms – discussion.**

The Council agreed to exercise care in ensuring that only CAQ-approved events (i.e. ACF-rated tournaments) were promoted on the CAQ online platforms.

**6.9 Queensland Junior Rating List. Discussion of the posting of the rating list, including dates of birth, on external websites.**

The posting of dates of birth on external websites is problematic. Further advise on this matter is currently being sought.

**6.10 CAQ Inter-school Championships. Discussion of rules and regulation amendments. Discussion of the establishment of an Inter-school Chess Tournament Sub-Committee.**

**6.11 Motion by Andrew FitzPatrick: That the Inter-school chess rules be added to the CAQ by-laws.**

(6.10 and 6.11 were discussed together) After some discussion, the Council agreed that the Inter-School rules need to be checked and tidied up before their inclusion in the CAQ By-Laws is voted on. The matter was deferred to an email decision.

**6.12 Discussion of 2020 Queensland Open.**

At the time of this meeting, no bids to host the 2020 Queensland Open had reached the Council. The Council agreed to extend the tender process to close of business on 1 March 2020.

**6.13 2020 Oceania Seniors Championship – discussion.**

The Council discussed the possibility of Queensland hosting the 2020 Oceania Seniors Championship. It was noted that Aurel-John Buciu of BBC Painting has committed to the donation of \$3000 to support this event.

**6.14 Discussion of the allocation of tournaments for the Labour Day long weekend.**

The Council discussed various tournament options for the Labour Day long weekend, as well as the importance of ensuring that higher-level events are prioritised for long weekends.

**6.15 CAQ By-Laws update.**

The Council agreed that the CAQ By-Laws need to be adjusted to reflect several approved changes from past Council meetings. Matters to be adjusted shall be sent to the Secretary for incorporation into the By-Laws, and the matter will be revisited at the next Council meeting.

**6.16 Gambling Community Benefit Fund.**

It was advised that the deadline for grant applications is February 29, 2020.

**6.17 Australian Junior Championships Data Update.**

The IT Officer reported that over the course of the Australian Junior Championships, the tournament website went through 35 GIGS of data, with a peak day of 2550 unique viewers. Excellent to see such positive interest in the official site, no doubt owing to the live boards and tournament photography.

The next Council meeting will be held on 15 March 2020 at 4 PM, at the offices of Money Box Financial Planning, Level 1, 449 Gympie Road, Kedron.