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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 17 May 2020, at 4:00 PM

Present: Mark C. Stokes (Chairman), Andrew FitzPatrick, Gail Young, David Esmonde, Bryan Moss, Shaun Curtis (*joined the meeting at approximately 4:10 PM*), Hughston Parle, Martin Carter, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Michael D'Arcy

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 4:05pm.

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

Mark Stokes moved, and Bryan Moss seconded, that the minutes from the previous Council meeting be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's report

The Chairman tabled a report that summarised recent developments in Queensland chess, given the restrictions resulting from COVID-19. It was also noted that Hughston Parle has assumed the position as CAQ Representative at ACF Council meetings.

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D'Arcy seconded, that the Chairman's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a total balance of \$66,703. This is down from the \$72,932 figure tabled at the previous meeting, and reflects recent expenses paid. The cleaning fees from the 2020 Australian Junior Championships are still to be paid and the final figure is being negotiated.

Bryan Moss moved, and Mark Stokes seconded, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

The Membership and Ratings reports were presented together. The CAQ currently has 533 members. New clubs have been affiliated from Noosa and the University of Queensland.

Four tournaments have been classically rated, to date, in 2020.

Gail Young moved, and Eliot Soo-Burrowes seconded, that the reports from the Membership Secretary and Ratings Officer be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the ACF would not be endorsing (funding or rating) any online chess events.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

Nil.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Queensland Junior Rating List: Discussion of continued and unwarranted posting of players' dates of birth.

The Queensland Junior Rating list is now being sent out with generic dates – the month and year remain.

6.2 Discussion of development of CAQ's online chess platforms, with focus on anti-cheating measures.

The IT Officer reported that a lot of time has been spent investigating online chess platforms. The Gold Coast Chess Club has been running online events, the Redcliffe Chess Club is running weekly online six round Swiss tournaments, and an interclub match has been contested between Clubs Redcliffe and Bullwinkle.

The IT Officer discussed the product LiChess, which provides real-time analysis of a player's performance in relation to computer preferences in each position.

Aunix Livechess is ready to go with online Swiss tournaments.

6.3 Creation of an online tournament code of conduct that will cover CAQ clubs. This code of conduct would be added to the CAQ By-Laws to cover online tournaments run by CAQ affiliated clubs.

It was decided that online tournament codes of conduct will be the responsibility of each online tournament organiser. Moreover, the CAQ is mirroring the ACF policy of not submitting any online tournaments for rating. Online tournaments are not covered by the CAQ's insurance.

6.4 ACF news update: Frank Low to retire from ACF Newsletter Editor position once a replacement is found.

The ACF newsletter has called for expressions of interest to be directed to the ACF.

6.5 Motion moved by Gail Young: *That the whole of 2020 interschool fees be waived for Gardiner Chess.*

The Council supported the motion in principle, but noted that the decision should not be made for the full year (at once) given that conditions surrounding COVID-19 have been changing quite quickly.

Gail Young moved a revised motion: *That the 2020 Interschool fees for Term 2 be waived for Gardiner Chess, and that the situation is assessed for Term 3 at the next Council meeting.*

Michael D'Arcy seconded the revised motion, which was passed 7-0 with three abstentions.

6.6 Discussion of COVID19 and its threats to tournament safety and numbers.

It was noted that Open tournaments planned for the coming months have been cancelled. At the moment, there is very little to update around a possible return to regular tournament conditions.

6.7 Update of CAQ By-Laws, including the addition of the Inter-School rules.

The By-Laws have been updated to reflect the most recent motions and decisions, and the Inter-School rules have been added to the Tournament By-Laws as an appendix. The updated By-Laws have been posted on the CAQ website.

6.8 Other business.

Nil.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting has been scheduled for 5 July 2020, at 4pm, and will be held over Zoom.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5:10pm.