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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 6 September 2020, at 4:00 PM

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

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

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D'Arcy 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 outlined the degree to which Queensland has been able to return to over-the-board chess, with COVID Safe plans in place. Club and weekend tournaments were discussed. The Chairman also thanked various people for their support and hard work in a difficult time.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the President's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a total balance of \$63,062. The CAQ's Public Liability Insurance is up to date, and at the time of this meeting there were no outstanding payments.

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

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

The Ratings Officer/Membership Secretary reported that CAQ had 552 members at the time of this meeting, slightly down from the same time last year as a result of COVID-19. In the rating period for 1 September, four (4) tournaments were classically rated. More will follow as clubs and weekend tournaments resume.

Gail Young moved, and Michael D'Arcy seconded, that the join Membership Secretary/Ratings Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

NIL.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

NIL.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion of upcoming events, COVID safe plans, etc.

COVID-19 Safe Plans are required and are being checked for all events. Upcoming weekend tournaments include the Nell Van Der Graaff Classic, Leo Wilkinson Memorial, and Wendy Terry Memorial. Tournament organisers have been looking to new venues to comply with space requirements.

6.2 Update on QJETS for 2020.

QJETS is looking doubtful for 2020 – recent COVID-19 outbreaks have presented complications. Organisers will keep the Council updated on this topic.

6.3 Update on 2020 CAQ Interschool Championships, including the selection of schools for State Finals.

The State Finals are confirmed to be held in two separate venues (one each for Primary and Secondary Open) at St Joseph's Gregory Terrace. A venue is still being sought for the Girls finals. A full list of qualifying teams is pending, but numbers are expected to be significantly reduced from previous years – there was no primary competition in Cairns this year, for example.

6.4 Update on Australian Schools Finals, including the possibility of the tournament being held online.

The online option is being promoted by Hughston Parle and Gary Wastell. Peter Tsai likely to be the Chief Arbiter, with a supervisor required to monitor the conduct of players in each state. Likely dates are 5-6 December. More information to follow.

6.5 Update on 2020 Queensland Junior Championships – venue, dates for December, etc.

Planned to be run in December. Venue requirements will be subject to the number of interested players. A lot of options still in play at the moment, subject to COVID-19 conditions. Likely dates are 7-10 December.

6.6 Update on 2020 Queensland Championship and Queensland U1600 Championship – venue, dates for December, etc.

The Queensland Championship is intended to be run in December, although securing a venue presents challenges – it is unclear if a venue will be available for twelve consecutive days (Juniors followed by Championship). More information pending – this event is very much still in the planning phase, with COVID-19 developments a prominent influence. The event is likely to start on 12 December.

6.7 Other business.

Eliot Soo-Burrowes asked the IT Officer that as information is saved to a server, what cyber security and insurance measures had been adopted. Discussion around the CAQ's existing Disaster plan.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING – 1 November 2020, at 4pm (via Zoom)