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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 7 March 2021, at 4:00 PM

Present: Mark C Stokes (Chairman), Gail Young, Michael D'Arcy, Bryan Moss, Andrew FitzPatrick, Martin Carter, Hughston Parle, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, David Esmonde, Shaun Curtis (joined meeting at 4:14pm)

The Chairman declared the meeting open 4:07pm.

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

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D'Arcy seconded, that the minutes of 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 President delivered a report summarizing the first events of the 2021 Queensland chess year, as well as upcoming events and announcements.

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 a total balance of \$70,465 at 7 March 2021, compared with the \$68,540 amount at the time of the previous meeting. It was also noted that the CAQ is currently up to date with invoiced expenses.

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

The Membership Secretary reported that as of 7 March 2021, the CAQ had 596 financial members.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Martin Carter, that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

The Ratings Officer reported that 12 classical tournaments had been rated for the 1 March ACF rating list. Three of these tournaments were played in 2021, while the other nine were played in the final months of 2020.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Martin Carter, that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

It was mentioned that the ACF had decided to form a subcommittee to consider the proposal of the Noosa Chess Club to hold the 2021 Australian Seniors Championship. This subcommittee would include Mark Stokes,

Hughston Parle, David Esmonde, as well as the full ACF Council Executive.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 That the CAQ Council support the Noosa Chess Club bid for the Australian Senior Championships. Moved by Andrew FitzPatrick, seconded by Gail Young, passed unanimously.

This moved motion was noted, and unanimously endorsed by the Council.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Championship and U1600 Chess Championship.

A subcommittee of Hughston Parle, David Esmonde, Mark Stokes, Andrew FitzPatrick, and Eliot Soo-Burrowes was formed to initiate discussion and planning for the 2021 Queensland Championship and U1600 Championship.

6.2 Update on ACF Budget and the reimbursement of Queensland officials at the 2020 ASTC.

Hughston Parle reported that the ACF had passed budgetary measures approving the reimbursement of arbiters from the 2020 Australian Schools Teams Championship. The CAQ would be eligible for \$250 reimbursement once it was proven that our arbiters have invoiced the CAQ for at least this amount. It was noted that Gardiner Chess had issued a \$250 invoice to cover Martin Harmon's arbiting, so reimbursement is expected from the ACF shortly.

6.3 Vega training – when can this plausibly be done, and by whom? Who is available and has time to run Vega training?

It was noted that as Michael D'Arcy is the CAQ Vega consultant, he is best placed to lead Vega training across the state. Zoom was suggested as an ideal delivery forum, as well as the possible creation of instruction videos. For prospective Zoom sessions, Michael will provide dates when he is available to run sessions, following which a general invitation will be issued.

Recent ACF correspondence detailing the end of Swiss Perfect tournament submissions had alluded to possible ACF approval to continue running Swiss Perfect events. It was clarified that approval would only be granted in special circumstances, and also that such approval would need to be sought prior to the commencement of the tournament.

The importance of running the latest version of Vega was emphasised.

6.4 FIDE ID requirements should be placed on all entry forms for FIDE rated events.

The importance of this rule was reiterated. Australian players may compete in events without a FIDE ID number, as the Australian FIDE ratings officer can create a player ID for them. International players, however, must have a FIDE ID number before they are granted approval to play in Australian FIDE rated events. This instruction should be included on the entry forms of all tournaments that are FIDE rated.

6.5 Proposal that the organisers of CAQ title events be required to lodge a report to the CAQ within a month of the event detailing things that went well, things that did not, and areas for improvement.

This proposal was positively received and was approved for future practice. Tournament reports shall be sent to the Tournament Officer and the Secretary.

6.7 2022 FIDE Open.

Gail Young sought approval to hold a FIDE Open on the 2022 Labour Day weekend, so that a suitable venue could be booked early while it is still available, and so the tournament could become an annual event. It was noted that the ACF is already calling for 2022 events, and this proposal was unanimously accepted.

6.8 Online/Hybrid Tournament Update.

David Esmonde provided an update of online and hybrid chess tournaments. Although the ACF is currently unwilling to accept online or hybrid tournaments for rating, FIDE has recently approved them. Over the weekends of 20-21 and 27-28 March, Australia will be hosting the first digital Zonal tournament. The Zonal is being run by Peter Tsai, David Esmonde, and Leonid Sandler. FIDE and the international chess community will be watching the Zonal very closely, as a prototype for future events.

David praised the far-sightedness of the CAQ Council over a period of years – Queensland sets a national standard with respect to DGT boards at tournaments, and possessing this equipment (and having the personnel able to operate such equipment) has led to the digital Zonal being a possibility here.

It is possible that FIDE will investigate a new qualification, that of FIDE Technical Arbiter, to ensure that the skills required for online tournament supervision are captured. Something for Queensland to watch. The question of online security is being considered by FIDE as well.

6.9 Gold Coast Chess Club 2021 Challenger: Complaint Received.

It was noted that the Tournament Officer and the Secretary have received a complaint in relation to the GCCC 2021 Challenger. The complaint is in relation to a change in tournament time control, of which the player in question alleges was not communicated to him. It was noted that such a change in tournament conditions during an event could represent a breach of contract, particularly if the change was not properly communicated. A search of the GCCC website and GCCC ChessChat thread show post updates of various tournament conditions (prior and during the event), but no mention of a time control change could be found anywhere. The complainant requested that, owing to the non-communicated time control change, the CAQ not accept the event for rating. The Tournament Officer advised that talks were still in progress with both parties, with more information to be presented to the Council when available.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5:30pm.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING – 16 May 2021, at 4pm, via Zoom.