



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

Affiliated with the Australian Chess
Federation Inc ABN 95 728 873 325

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at Mount Gravatt Bowls Club on Sunday 8 December 2024 at 10:00 AM

Attendance: Michael D'Arcy, David Esmonde, Mark Stokes, Shaun Curtis, Tony Powell, Steven Cooke, Martin Carter, Max Condon, Patrick Byrom, Garvin Gray, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Gail Young, Phil Bennett, Tyson Walker, Alain Pardoan, Tony Weller, Dusan Stojic, Elena Jule, Allan Fossey (arrived late) and Ronald Bourke (arrived late).

Meeting opened at 10.13 am

ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Donna McGettigan, Rebecca Bleney, Joseph Curtain, Matt Gilpin, Peter Xing, Doug McClure

ITEM 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL

Motion: That the minutes of the 2023 CAQ AGM be accepted.

Mover: Pat Byrom

Second: Mark Stokes

Abstain: Shaun Curtis

Carried

ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

4.1 Reports

President's Report

- Been a very busy year in the south east and regionally
- Lots of events growing interschools
- Some minor incidents that can be improved upon
- Members growing steadily
- With new website being developed ***
- National level with QLD in
- Australian juniors next month
- Big year internationally
- Smerdon, Renjith and others representing Australia doing quite well. ***

Motion: That the president's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Second: Steven Cooke

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

- Donna pre-submitted her treasurer's report.
- Shaun read some of the details from this treasurer's report.

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Second: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

Motion: Mark Stokes acknowledges that there has been a massive amount of volunteer hours put in by Donna to get these Xero books up to date.

Mover: Mark Stokes

Second: Elena Jule

CARRIED

Membership Secretary's Report

- Membership reports were pre-submitted by Rebecca.
- Shaun presented the reports to the meeting.

Motion: That the membership secretary's report be accepted.

Mover: Gail Young

Second: Patrick Byrom

CARRIED

Proxies:

- Sam – Toowoomba
- Tony Weller – Redcliffe
- Mark – Mackay
- Michael Darcy – Suncoast
- Associates – nil
- Brisbane –
- Bundaberg –
- Logan
- Gold Coast –
- Suncoast -

Allan Fossey joined the meeting

Motion: Thanks to Rebecca for the work she's done getting membership records up to date.

Mover: Mark Stokes

Second: Steven Cooke

CARRIED

Ratings Officer's Report

- Gail presented her reports.
- Gail read out numbers and noted increase in rapid tournaments each quarter. Could be potential for further growth in 2025.

Motion: That the rating officer's reports be accepted.

Mover: Gail Young

Seconder: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

Publicity Officer's Report

- Steven presented his report.

Ronald Bourke joined the meeting.

- Really successful year with lots of tournaments.
- Steven usually uses social media.
- The calendar got published a little later this year than usual which caused difficulties.
- The 2025 dates are more solid and ready so will be better for players.
- Have had some social media posts reach 2 – 3000 people.
- We have 1237 Facebook followers.
- Nearly 30,000 views on the CAQ Facebook pages for the year.
- To promote tournaments it's good to get emails early, organisers have been giving Steven blurbs to post on social media. Boosting posts is a way to get more people to tournaments – Facebook advertising.

Motion: That the publicity officer's report be accepted.

Mover: Steven Cooke

Seconder: Dusan Stojic

CARRIED

Regional Liaison Officer's Report

- Shaun presented the report produced by Joseph Curtain

Max Condon (iPhone) joined the meeting.

Motion: That the regional liaison officer's report be accepted.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconder: Michael D'Arcy

CARRIED

Archivist's Report

- The Archivist role is vacant, and as such there is no report.

Inter-school Report

- Shaun presented the interschool report from Andrew Fitzpatrick.
- Michael D'Arcy wants to be clear that the homeschool rules item was not about him. It was a different Michael Bouchard.
- Recommendations to be discussed at the first council meeting.

Motion: That the interschool report be accepted.

Mover: Garvin Gray

Seconded: Pat Byrom

CARRIED

4.2 Receiving statements of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association.

- Shaun presented the reports prepared by Donna McGettigan

Motion: That the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association be accepted.

Mover: Patrick Byrom

Seconded: Steven Cooke

CARRIED

4.3 Receiving the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 September 2024.

- As per the Treasurer's report, an auditor has been appointed to do the audit, but it is not completed in time for this AGM.

Garvin addressed the meeting.

- We need to stick with the constitution as it stands for this meeting.
- The meeting will be continued after the auditor's report is received.

ALL POSITIONS ARE DECLARED VACANT

ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.1 Declaration of vacancies for all Council positions and election of interim chairman.

Motion: That Garvin Gray be appointed as interim chairperson.

Mover: Patrick Byrom

Seconded: Steve Cooke

CARRIED

5.2 Determination of voting rights

- Subject to attendees, the delegate votes shall be distributed as per the table below:

CLUB	Delegate Votes
Associate	0
Brisbane	5
Bundaberg	1
Cairns	0
Gold Coast	5
Logan	1
Mackay	1
QWCL	1
Redcliffe	4
Springfield Ipswich	1
Suncoast	5
The Gap	0
Toowoomba	3
Townsville	0
UQ Chess Club	0
Total	27

5.3 Appointment of scrutineers

NIL

5.4 Election of Council officers for 2025 Nominees

- **President** – Michael D’Arcy
- **Vice-President** – Shaun Curtis and Ronald Bourke
- **Treasurer** – Donna McGettigan
- **Secretary** – Sam Buckley
- **Membership Secretary** – Rebecca Bleney
- **Ratings Officer** – Gail Young
- **Tournament Officer** – ~~Shaun Curtis~~, David Esmonde and ~~Dusan Stojic~~
- **Regional Liaison Officer** – Mark Stokes and ~~Steven Cooke~~
- **Junior Chess Coordinator** – Michael D’Arcy and Peter Xing
- **Development Officer** – Doug Williams
- **Publicity Officer** – Steven Cooke and Iago Roche-Maxwell
- **Women’s Officer** – Matt Gilpin

President:

Michael D’Arcy has been elected unopposed and is now chairing the rest of the meeting.

Vice President:

Ronald Bourke addressed the meeting.

Shaun addressed the meeting.

Votes for Shaun: 0

Votes for Ronald: 27

Abstained: 0

Ronald Bourke has been appointed as Vice President

Tournament Officer:

Dusan Stojic and Shaun Curtis have withdrawn their nominations.

David Esmonde has been appointed Tournament Officer unopposed.

Regional Liaison Officer:

Steven Cooke withdrew his nomination.

Mark Stokes has been appointed Regional Liaison Officer unopposed.

Junior Chess Coordinator:

Michael D'Arcy addressed the meeting.

Votes for Michael: 27

Votes for Peter: 0

Michael D'Arcy has been appointed Junior Chess Coordinator.

Publicity Officer:

- Iago addressed the meeting.
- Steve addressed the meeting.

Votes for Steven: 7

Votes for Iago: 15

Abstained: 5

Iago Roche-Maxwell has been appointed as Publicity Officer

Motion: That we thank Steven Cooke for his work in the publicity space.

Mover: David Esmonde

Seconder: Michael darcy

CARRIED

The remaining positions were elected unopposed.

5.5 Confirmation of Council appointees for 2024

Interschool Chess Coordinator:

- Tony Powell would like to step down.
- Shaun Curtis has nominated from the floor for Interschool Chess Coordinator.

Motion: That Shaun Curtis be appointed as Interschool Chess Coordinator

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconder: Steve Cooke

CARRIED

Webmaster:

Motion: That David Esmonde and Pat Byrom be appointed as Webmaster

Mover: Michael D’Arcy

Seconder: Tyson Walker

CARRIED

CAQ GP Coordinator:

There is some discussion on the viability of the role.

Motion: That Gail Young be appointed as CAQ GP Coordinator

Mover: Michael D’Arcy

Seconder: David Esmonde

CARRIED

CAQ Archivist:

Motion: That Allan Fossey be appointed as CAQ Archivist

Mover: Allan Fossey

Seconder: Pat Byrom

CARRIED

CAQ Vega Advisor:

Motion: That Michael D’Arcy be appointed as Vega Advisor

Mover: Sam Buckley

Seconder: David Esmonde

Abstain: Michael D’Arcy

CARRIED

ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion: That Allen Audit and Advisory be appointed as Auditor

Mover: Sam Buckley

Seconder: Gail Young

CARRIED

ITEM 7 – SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 That item 19.8 of the CAQ Constitution be amended to read: Not less than seven days' notice shall be given by the Secretary to members of the Council of any ordinary or special meetings of the Council. Such a notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

MOVED: SAM BUCKLEY

- 7.2 That item 20.2.2 of the Constitution be amended to read: If applicable, the receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year; or, an auditor's statement as prescribed by the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

MOVED: SAM BUCKLEY

- 7.3 That item 25.10 of the CAQ Constitution be amended to read: If applicable, all such statements shall be examined by the auditor, who shall present his report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.

MOVED: SAM BUCKLEY

- 7.4 That item 20.3.2 of the CAQ Constitution be amended to read: or the requisition in writing signed by the Presidents of at least six Affiliated Clubs, at least three of such signatories being the Presidents of metropolitan clubs and at least three being the Presidents of regional clubs, or on the requisition in writing signed by at least thirty or one-third, whichever is higher, of the associate members other than limited junior or cadet members of the Association. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat; or

MOVED: SAM BUCKLEY

- 7.5 That the CAQ Constitution be amended by the deletion of Clause 24 (Common Seal).

MOVED: SAM BUCKLEY

Tyson Walker left the meeting at 12.12pm.

All items of special business to be addressed at a special general meeting along with the auditor report on Zoom.

4 weeks' notice of the meeting required.

ITEM 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 **That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc COUNCIL that it supports CAQ Inc Affiliated Clubs and approved Individual Organisers with a \$500 subsidy to run regional weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments OR with a \$300 subsidy to run weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments in South-East Queensland.**

That this subsidy be paid once the Tournament Entry Form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and an application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

For the purposes of this motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich and Gold Coast will be considered South-East Queensland Events and be entitled to a \$300 CAQ Inc subsidy and all other CAQ Inc approved Open Weekend Chess Tournaments be considered Regional events and be entitled to a \$500 CAQ Inc subsidy.

It is also noted that no CAQ Inc affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser can claim more than two CAQ tournament subsidies between January 1 2025 and December 31 2025.

MOVED: MARK C STOKES

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Mover: Mark Stokes

Secunder: Tony Weller

CARRIED

- 8.2 **That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc Council that it subsidise the CAQ Inc affiliated Club Or approved Individual Organiser that organises and runs the 2025 CAQ Inc Queensland Open with an extra \$500 subsidy, on top of any other subsidy they are entitled to, and that this subsidy be paid once the 2025 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.**

MOVED: MARK C STOKES

- 8.3 **Motion:** That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc Council that it subsidise the CAQ Inc affiliated Club Or approved Individual Organiser that organises and runs the 2025 CAQ Inc Queensland Open with an extra \$500 subsidy, on top of any other subsidy they are entitled to, and that this subsidy be paid once the 2025 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

Mover: Mark Stokes

Seconder: Tony Weller

CARRIED

- 8.4 **That this 2024 CAQ Inc AGM recommends to the 2025 CAQ Inc Council that it continues its policy to reimburse the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters and Women International Masters to CAQ Inc affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organizers for any CAQ approved classically rated Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2025.**

MOVED: MARK C STOKES

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Mover: Mark Stokes

Seconder: Tony Weller

CARRIED

Michael would like to thank very much the 2024 Committee for all of their work. Some have been serving for many years. Thank you to everyone who nominated for a position in 2025. Congratulations to those who got a position for 2025. Safe travels.

Motion: That we adjourn the present AGM with the adjourned meeting to cover the receipt of auditor's report for 2024 and the constitutional changes from today's AGM.

Mover: Michael D'Arcy

Seconder: Garvin Gray

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12.23pm.