



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held over Zoom on Sunday 24 March 2024 at 4 PM

Attendance: Shaun Curtis, Garvin Gray, Sam Buckley, Joseph Curtain, Rebecca Bleney, Donna McGettigan, Gail Young, Dusan Stojic, Elena Jule and Eliot Soo-Burrowes

Apologies: Steven Cooke

The chair opened the meeting at 4:14pm

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

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 7 January 2024 council meeting

Motion 240324/1: That the minutes of the 7 January 2024 council meeting be accepted.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconder: Sam Buckley

Abstain: Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Dusan Stojic

Carried

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Tournament Calendar

- Dusan has provided a draft calendar.
- Differentiated between CAQ titled events, CAQ endorsed events next priority and then all other events.
- Brisbane chess club wants to run some rapids and a blitz. Have QLD Blitz Championship and arranged for Sunday 17 November QLD seniors also listed for that weekend. (Gail advised the Seniors can be changed – new 23 to 24 November)
- New event – Melbourne International open
- Suggestion: Add a key to the tournament calendar for definitions

- 2.2 Progress of Setting up caq.org.au Emails for Committee Members
- Shaun had some issues, Dusan, Joe, Elena still needed to get setup.
 - Shaun trying to setup a Zoom with David or Pat.
- 2.3 Progress of RevSport Cancellation
- Shaun advised he's been speaking with RevSport. Met with Doug yesterday afternoon. Looking to finalise this in the next week. Meeting with Rev Tuesday morning 10am online. This should be the final stage. They want a document signed by the exec.
- 2.3 Bank Account Access Changes – Removal and Additions
- Donna, Shaun and Garvin are set up. The NAB lady is back on Monday. Donna to speak to Lisa after she's back at work.
- 2.4 Membership Forms Received in 2023 – Anyone know which email address?
- Bec is now getting email enquiries through Bec's email address. Coming straight to Bec now.
- 2.5 Photos of Committee Members
- No photo of Bec. Please send a photo to Sam or let me know you don't want your photo via my mobile.
- 2.6 Position Descriptions
- Please send through some dot points to the secretary email.
 - Send sports community examples to relevant people.
 - Be good to have a short role for the website and a more detailed for the CAQ that's not public.
- 2.7 Discussion with Michael Darcy about Recording Vega Tutorials for the Website
- Shaun spoke to Michael about this. He is happy to do some videos.
- 2.8 Original 2023 Minutes Sent From Hughston to Shaun
- Shaun spoke to Hughston about this. He's not sure and basically wiped his hands of it.
- 2.9 \$1000 gift voucher for David McKinnon
- Bank Transfer – Shaun to speak to Andrew re bank details.
 - Donna will arrange the bank transfer.

3.0 Constitution and By-Law Changes made at AGM.

- AGM changes are binding for the constitution and can be submitted.
- Sometimes a time limit on how long you have to get them submitted.
- Someone to pay and get reimbursed.
- By Law Changes can just be changed and updated to the website.

3.1 Update of website and membership system online

- Be good to get software talking to each other – membership software and Xero.
- Sam waited till we had bank signatories before doing the site.
- Sam to submit a request for an email vote with times, what's involved and what a normal one would cost.

3.2 All CAQ clubs being provided an Orion license with costs incurred via the ACF being reimbursed

- This was passed at the AGM. Orion is the official team program to submit ACF ratings.
- Garvin and Andrew Fitzpatrick asking for Orion license.
- Michael Darcy is the guy to ask about this.
- Contact Michael directly to get Orion license.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

- Been busy with the start of year. Bank accounts have put a wait on some things. We are now up to date with some important payments.
- Some major events are coming up.
- Continuing to push and promote chess.
- New clubs wanting to affiliate – Hughenden, Cairns.
- The ACF meeting was a delight.
- Discussion about creating an Australian speed chess championship which would be a weekend including a blitz and rapid tournament.
- Shaun would like to submit a bid for QLD to host this. This would be subject to discussion.
- 2026 is possibly having a world class chess event in Australia, on the Gold Coast.
- Top players in the world played Fischer Random. They are looking at doing a tour

across multiple continents with Australia being one of them.

- Already been discussed with the Organiser – their model is high end luxury resort, make it very luxurious. Some venues have been suggested by the Gold Coast already.
- Very early stages at this point.
- With the speed chess championship, the winner of that event would qualify for the world blitz and rapid. More details to come from the ACF.
- Interschools all done this term.

Motion 240324/2: That the President's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Sam Buckley

Carried

3.2 Treasurer's Report

- Been working for 1.5 weeks trying to sort out the terrible Xero records.
- Have connected Stripe into Xero for transactions to feed in automatically.
- Older transactions have had to be done manually.
- Receivables have nearly \$5500 outstanding mainly from schools
- Churchie was one already sent off.
- Gail has sent a lot of rating fees that need to be invoiced.
- Gail will now send these to Donna for sending through Xero.
- Automated reminders can be sent out from Xero.
- Made some recent payments. ACF all up to date. QJETS have all been paid.
- David McKinnon and Grand Prix winners to pay.
- Reconciling: When you click on a transaction you can only see a description and payment amount and date. You can't see who it went to, bank details or authoriser. The platform we use doesn't enable that. NAB connect enables that information to be shown.
- Donna is working to get this platform enabled for CAQ. There is no cost.
- This has hindered a lot of reconciliation.
- The only fee would be if there are batch payment uploads. 25 cents per transaction. Old platform 20 cents per transaction.
- The chart of accounts needs a review.

Motion 240324/3: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Eliot Soo-Burrowes

Carried

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

- Rebecca sent a written report.
- Is getting closer to getting the list up to date.
- Direct deposits are a nightmare to match up.

Motion 240324/4: That the Membership Secretary's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Rebecca Bleney

Seconded: Sam Buckley

Carried

3.4 Rating Officer's Report

- Gail has provided a written report.
- Nothing to add verbally. I don't really have anything to do with FIDE
- FIDE must be CAQ rated.
- Shaun advised everyone on the March 1 list everyone under 2000 got a 400 point boost on the FIDE rating list.

Motion 240324/5: That the Rating Officer's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Gail Young

Seconded: Shaun Curtis

Carried

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

These items are all included in General Business.

- 4.1 Peter Xing has expressed his interest in the Interschool Chess Coordinator Position
- 4.2 Request from Robert Church
- 4.3 Peter Xing has enquired about if there's more chess clocks for sale
- 4.4 Gold Coast Interschool Levy from Andrew Fitzpatrick
- 4.5 Lakshmi enquiring about cubs near Wishart
- 4.6 Withdrawals From FIDE Rated Wendy Terry Memorial 2024

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

NIL

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Interschool Chess Coordinator Position – Tony Powell and Peter Xing (Sam)

There were not enough votes for Tony Powell for the decision to be made via email. Peter Xing has also expressed an interest in the position.

Motion 240324/6: That Tony Powell's nomination be accepted as Interschool Chess Coordinator for 2024

Moved: Rebecca Bleney

Seconded: Joseph Curtain

Motion 240324/7: That Peter Xing's nomination be accepted as Interschool Chess Coordinator

MOTION FAILED

Action: Sam to advise Peter of his non-acceptance into the position.

Motion 240324/8: That Tony Powell be accepted as Interschool Chess Coordinator for 2024

Moved: Rebecca Bleney

Seconded: Joseph Curtain

Abstain: Sam Buckley, Donna McGettigan, Gail Young, Shaun Curtis

Against: Garvin Gray

In Favour: Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Dusan Stojic, Elena Jule

CARRIED

Action: Sam to advise Tony of his acceptance into the position.

6.2 Problem with the Constitution and the SGM

28 days in advance

Shall clearly state the reason for convening the meeting and the

Constitution 20.3.1 and 20.3.2

Agenda Items:

- RevSport
- New membership system
- Answer financial questions from report

Send to clubs and give them the option of SGM or general discussion up to 10 items.

Action: Sam to send out email giving clubs the option of SGM or General Open Discussion.

Joseph Curtain left the meeting.

6.3 Financial Report Questions from AGM (Mark Stokes)

Leave to SGM or Open Meeting

6.4 Gold Coast Interschool Levy (Garvin)

It has been requested in some years in the past for it to be waived for the gold coast area.

The licensee pays a levy to CAQ.

The contract says the executive to vote on that.

Action: Shaun to send contract to Executive for voting.

6.5 Chess Clocks (Sam)

Peter Xing asked if there were chess clocks available to purchase still.

Shaun advised that businesses and private companies are not eligible for the discounted clocks.

Only available to affiliated clubs. All requests on a case by case basis.

Action: Sam to advise Peter of outcome.

6.6 Robert Church request (Sam)

We have no way to work out what that was to replace it.

Recommend a trophy shop for him to go to.

Happy for him to use the CAQ logo on the trophy.

Robert will need to organise it for himself.

We don't have the records to know what the event is etc.

Action: Sam to advise Robert of the outcome of his request.

6.7 Clubs Local to Wishart (Sam) Mt Gravatt or Carindale

- Top Chess

- King and Queens
- Gardiner Chess

Action: Advise parents of local clubs to her.

6.8 Bad Debts written off by Auditor (at the end of last year) (Donna)

Payment received from a school that was written off by a bad debt by the auditor.
Are bad debts normally written off? If yes do they get approved at a council meeting?

Action: Donna contact auditor about bad debts.

Motion 240324/9: That no debts are written off without approval by the Executive.

Moved: Donna McGettigan

Seconded: Shaun Curtis

CARRIED

6.9 Toowoomba Grammar School – write off \$20 debt (Donna)

There's a \$20 discrepancy. Donna requested this be waived as it's not worth chasing.

Motion 240324/10: That the \$20 discrepancy in the Toowoomba Grammar School debt be written off.

Moved: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Garvin Gray

CARRIED

Action: Donna to write off \$20 debt for Toowoomba Grammar School.

6.10 Churchie – their response to money owed (Donna)

With invoices legitimately owed to the CAQ goes back to rating fees to 2021 and inter state finals the last couple of years.

Donna thinks we should enforce this.

6.11 NAB Online Banking – details that can be seen online (Donna)

NAB Connect needs to be put in place for transparency and for full viewing of payments made, etc.

Action: Donna to sort this out with NAB.

Eliot Soo-Burrowes left the meeting.

6.12 2023 Qld Championship Perpetual Trophy asked by Yi Liu (Garvin)

The trophy was with Dusan. A week ago, Dusan dropped it off to the trophy centre.

Action: Dusan should be able to pick it up from the trophy centre.

6.13 Communications with Dusan Stojic as 2023 CAQ Tournament Officer (Garvin)

Garvin didn't receive any replies from Dusan about securing a venue in 2023.

Dusan apologised for missing the email. If missed, please call.

Garvin was after the contact for Acacia Ridge.

6.14 CAQ Rating Fees for classical, rapid and blitz events (Garvin)

Nothing on CAQ website.

Gail should have these.

There was a motion moved in February but never implemented.

Donna enquired about the intention of the fees and get some clarity around the fees as there are different sorts.

These fees were introduced prior to 2017.

Action: Shaun to find fees to give to Donna

Action: Move this to email motion

6.15 Extending reimbursement of arbiter seminars to include International Arbiter seminars and refreshers (Garvin)

Shaun advised that these reimbursements are voted on as they come up. We haven't reimbursed for online seminars in the past. We subsidise ones we host in QLD.

6.16 Proposed change to CAQ Council meetings (Sam)

Action: *Move to monthly*

6.17 Approval for payment of Trainee Arbiter Payment (Jason CHAN) for 2023 Gold Cup FIDE Open (Gail)

Was voted on last year.

Action: *Gail to circulate request and 2017 document*

6.18 Club Affiliation Application – Logan City Chess Club (Sam)

Only new clubs need to be approved.

6.19 Withdrawals From FIDE Rated Wendy Terry Memorial 2024 (David Esmonde)

David advised of 2 unapproved withdrawals

Shaun to get more information from David.

Action: Deferred to email decision

Other General Business

\$250 Subsidy For Titled Juniors Playing At Oz Juniors

Suggestion was to support our QLD juniors playing at the Australian juniors to provide a subsidy of \$250 if they won their respective state title. To be requested after the tournament.

Motion 240324/11: Moved that from 2023 onwards QLD junior champions who won their age group or shared first place are eligible for a \$250 subsidy if they choose to participate in the Australian Junior Championships.

Moved: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Sam Buckley

Against: Garvin Gray

In Favour: Gail Young, Rebecca Bleney, Dusan Stojic, Donna McGettigan, Elena Jule

CARRIED

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 14 April.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.08pm.