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**CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

 Held at 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane

at 5:00pm on Sunday, 22 October 2017

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:20pm.

Present: Mark Stokes (Chair), Andrew Fitzpatrick, Scott Dullaway, Jim Rogers, Allan Menham (via phone), and Heather Richards (via phone).

Apologies: Gail Young and Michael D’Arcy.

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Scott Dullaway

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

In relation to Item 6.10 of the previous minutes about the disciplinary conduct issue of a member, the Secretary of the CAQ will send a letter to the member requesting that an explanation as to his behavior be provided.

In relation to Item 6.10 of the previous minutes, the ACF Meeting scheduled for 22 October has been rescheduled for 29 October. Mark is hopeful of receiving the whole $5,000 not just the amount which had been in the projected budget.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

 **3.1 President’s report**

Since our last Council Meeting on Sunday August 20, we have seen an amazing number of well contested Chess Events supported by the CAQ.

On August 26 and August 27 Allan Menham and his Committee from Bundaberg Chess Club once again conducted a most successful Bundaberg Two Dayer. It attracted 35 players and was jointly won by IM’s Brodie McClymont and Stephen Solomon and FM Gene Nakauchi, all with 5/6, just ahead of WIM Heather Richards and Tony Zhong on 4.5. (The CAQ supported this event with a $300 Regional Subsidy plus reimbursement of the entry fees of the titled players, as well as paying 50% of the ACF Grand Prix Fee.)

On September 16 and 17, the Nell Van De Graaff Classic took place at the Arundel Hills Country Club and it was just an amazing event. It attracted a record breaking 112 players, had expert commentary provided by GM Ian Rogers from round 1, transmitted the top 5 boards live on the internet using DGT boards from Churchie and was very well run by Gardiner Chess. IM Stephen Solomon won again, this time outright first with 7/7, ahead of Tom Maguire on 6 and FM Gene Nakauchi, Yi Liu and Tony Weller, all on 5.5. IM Alex Wohl had to be content with =6th on 5 points! (The CAQ supported this event with a $150 South-East Qld Subsidy, reimbursement of titled player entry fees and paid 50% of the ACF Grand Prix fee.)

On September 23 and 24, Redcliffe Chess Club hosted The Leo Wilkinson Memorial, this time an ACF Grand Prix Class 5 Event, thanks to generous sponsorship from BBC Painting! This also attracted record breaking numbers, with 90 players participating. GM Max Illingworth from NSW took out the first prize of $1500 with a picket fence score of 6/6 and thoroughly enjoyed the event. For once IM Stephen Solomon had to be content with equal 2nd on 5/6 alongside IM Brodie McClymont, FM Gene Nakauchi and FM Dusan Stojic. (The CAQ supported this event with a $150 Tournament subsidy, reimbursed the entry fees of Titled Players and paid 50% of the ACF Grand Prix entry fees.)

From Thursday night September 28 to Monday afternoon October 2 the perhaps strongest ever Queensland Chess Championships were held in the spacious Riverview Room of Emmanuel College in the grounds of the University of Queensland! GM Max Illingworth won another Queensland event, with a score of 7.5/9, but the title of Queensland Chess Champion was awarded to Yi Liu with a score of 7/9. IM Stephen Solomon and WIM Heather Richards shared 3rd place with 6.5, IM Leonid Sandler was 5th with 6 and Grandmaster David Smerdon had to content with equal 6th place on 5.5 points alongside IM Paul Garbett. Gardiner Chess once again generously sponsored this event by subsidising the travel costs of players that travelled significant distances to take part. FA Michael D’Arcy organized and directed the event from start to finish in a most professional manner and he was ably assisted by both Shaun Curtis and Doug Williams. What a great event these Championships were!

On the week-end of October 7 and 8, the 2017 Queensland Womens and Girls Chess Championships were held at Churchie and attracted 13 entries. An age spread of 7 years old to 70 years old led to some amazing games. Youngest competitor Tiffany Tran, at just 7 years of age, played with the maturity of a veteran and will be a player to watch in future years. The tournament was a triumph for the Watkins sisters, who took out the trifecta! Sophie Watkins was 1st with 5.5/6, Rachel Watkins was 2nd with 5 and Bridgette Watkins was 3rd with 4.

On Friday October 13 The Qld Girls Schools Finals were held, with 105 girls in attendance! King’s Christian College won the Primary Schools section for the first time and Somerset College won a keenly contested Secondary Schools section.

On October 14 and 15 The Queensland Inter-Schools Finals were held at Churchie, with 18 Secondary Teams and a record 38 Primary Schools playing. Somerset College took out the honours in the Primary Open and Churchie won the Secondary Open. These winning teams will now represent Queensland in The Australian Schools Teams Championships in Sydney on December 2 and 3. Gardiner Chess has once again delivered a fantastic series of School events throughout the length and breadth of Queensland!

On Friday night the first night of The 2017 Marcus Porter Memorial was run by The Gap Chess Club. It will continue next Friday night and has been well supported with 32 players taking part.

We still have much to look forward to with The CAQ Qld Veterans on at Bracken Ridge on Saturday November 18 and Sunday November19, the CAQ AGM and CAQ Qld Blitz Championship on Saturday December 9 and the CAQ Teams of 6 Championship on Saturday December 16 and do not forget The FIDE OPEN on the Gold Coast between January 25 and 28 2018.

**Motion:** That the Chair’s Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Scott Dullaway

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **3.2 Treasurer’s report**

There is $66k in the CAQ bank account. The financial year surplus is $25k.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and the accounts to pay approved.

**Moved by:** Jim Rogers **Seconded by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

Following the provision of the Treasurer’s Report there was a discussion that funds could be used to purchase between 5 to 8 DGT Boards for CAQ events. It is possible to have two computers running with four boards each for uploading the boards to two live sites for boards 1 to 4, and boards 5 to 8. This issue will be considered further along with supporting regional shows and central Brisbane tournaments.

 **3.3 Membership Secretary’s report**

There is currently 653 CAQ members which exceeds the previous recent record of 2006 which had 594 members. Having the Australian Open and the Australian Junior Chess Championships in Brisbane in 2017 greatly contributed to players registering with the CAQ.

More support is required for Womens and Girls events, as females only constitute approximately 10% of the membership.

**Motion:** That the Membership Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Andrew FitzPatrick

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **3.4 Ratings Officer’s report**

There were nine tournaments rated in the September quarter.

There has already been 11 tournaments rated so far for the December quarter.

**Motion:** That the Ratings Officer Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** Andrew Fitzpatrick **Seconded by:** Mark Stokes

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Heather Richards tabled correspondence she had sent with Alana Chibnall to the Australian Chess Federation outlining:

* The benefit of establishing a regular online Women’s Chess Squad Training program.
* Having online friendly matches.
* The rationale for the ACF to provide assistance to improve the standard of womens and junior girls, and to assist with retention of female players.
* About networking and developing a voice for female players to keep women active in the game, and for the ACF to consider the creation of a Women’s Chess Co-ordinator position on the ACF to give women’s chess the focus it requires.

**ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS**

**The Council ratified the following Motion of 29 August 2017 (sent 27 August and passed on 29 August), which was:**

**Motion:** That Gardiner Chess be awarded the CAQ Inter-school chess licence for 2018 to 2022.

**Moved by**: Michael D’Arcy **Seconded by:** Gail Young

**Abstained:** Two members abstained

**Passed:** By General Vote

**Moved by**: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Jim Rogers

**Abstained:** One member abstained

**Passed:** By General Vote

**ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

 **6.1 2018 Oceania Youth Chess Championships**

The Oceania Chess Confederation has deferred any decision about the hosting of the Oceania Junior & Youth Championships in Brisbane until 2018.

The Oceania Confederation had decided it needed a local Chief Organiser to work with Peter Long, but has been unable to secure a local Chief Organiser for the Championships.

 **6.2 CAQ Website Update**

Being updated. For the ratings, the different divisions, such as the age groups for example the Top Ten Girls Under 12 years needs to be uploaded to the CAQ website.

Junior events will be uploaded in a calendar. Could be as a PDF as an option. Could put up as two separate pages. Will need to be setup in Gmail where the current calendar is located.

 **6.3 2017 Queensland Women’s and Girls’ Championships**

Reimbursement for loss was discussed.

 **Motion:** That the CAQ reimburse the QWCL for its loss, approximately $240.

 **Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Allan Menham

 **Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **6.4 2018 Queensland Open.**

There will be an extra $500 in sponsorship available in addition to the usual support level for local tournaments. Mackay and Bundaberg are both keen to run it. Andrew FitzPatrick will draft a document for putting on the website and email out to clubs inviting interest to host the Open.

 **6.5 2017 Queensland Championship.**

The Queensland Championships had a very good venue with Emmanuel College at The University of Queensland. Awaiting profit and loss. Gardiner chess provided $2,000 sponsorship for the Championships.

For 2018 there will be a clash with the Olympiads over the Queen’s Birthday weekend.

 **6.6 Submission of financial figures to the Australian Chess Federation (ACF), with request for reimbursement $5000 from the ACF (ACF’s guarantee against CAQ losses).**

The ACF postponed the meeting at which the request will be considered, until Sunday 29 October 2017.

 **6.7 CAQ Inter-school chess license.**

The licence has been awarded to Gardiner Chess. Paperwork is still to be finalized. The 2013 paperwork will be used as a proforma for the 2018-2021 licence.

Andrew will shortly send through the report on the 2017 events.

 **6.8 Disciplinary Conduct Issue**

 Michael to send request to member and provide update at the CAQ meeting following the AGM.

 **6.9 Zoning of Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba**

Andrew had been approached by co-ordinators of the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba about the zoning.

It was discussed that currently Cairns is extremely strong and ahead of other existing regions of Queensland.

Gardiner Chess will run an Open in 2018 at the Sunshine Coast.

**Motion:** That CAQ change the zoning of Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba to regional, rather than South-East Qld.

**Moved by**: Andrew Fitzpatrick **Seconded by:** Heather Richards.

 **Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **6.10 Other business.**

For the teams of 6, Andrew will consider whether he has capacity to organise it. The CAQ will pay for venue hire.

For the Qld Blitz, Michael D’Arcy will be the DOP. The AGM will be held about 1pm, followed by the Blitz.

Andrew will prepare the Notices for the AGM, and also the Blitz forms.

Council confirmed that memberships paid from the Nell Van De Graaff in September take effect immediately, but the following year is counted as Year one for the renewals for one or three year membership renewals.

In 2018, there are likely to be new CAQ Allegro events, and also One Day events.

The Queensland Reserves in 2018 may be held in February.

The AGM and Blitz will be held the weekend of 9 December 2017, with the next General Meeting likely to be held in February 2018.

 **ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING – Annual General Meeting 9 December 2017**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6:40pm.

Signed by Mark Stokes (Chairman):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_