**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

 Held at 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane

at 5:30pm on Sunday, 18 June 2017

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 5:43pm.

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Andrew FitzPatrick, Michael D’Arcy, Gail Young, Jim Rogers, Scott Dullaway, and Allan Menham (via phone).

Apologies: Heather Richards.

**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:** Gail Young

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

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

Nil.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

 **3.1 Chairman’s report**

The Chairman gave a report covering recent developments in Queensland chess - a copy of the report is attached.

Highlights included:

* The upcoming inaugural CAQ Junior Championships for both Problem-Solving and also Blitz.
* The upcoming Gold Coast Open, CAQ Grand Prix and ACF Grand Prix events.

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

**Moved by:** Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

 **3.2 Treasurer’s report**

The Treasurer informed the Council that there had been a surplus of approximately $16k, with the CAQ’s total cash at approximately $63k.

Internet banking had been set up with authorisation for internet signatories being Councillors Mark Stokes, Jim Rogers and Andrew Fitzpatrick, and requires two signatories for all approvals.

A transfer of all funds exceeding a $5,000 balance in the NAB cheque account had occurred to the ING Direct investment account.

**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

 **3.3 Membership report**

The Membership Secretary reported that there are currently 518 members.

Gladstone and University of Southern Queensland are still to affiliate. USQ has about 15 members.

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

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

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**3.4 Ratings Officer Report**

The Ratings Officer reported that 12 tournaments had been rated in the last ACF Ratings.

There was a discussion about training for Vega to come. Vega is FIDE and ACF approved. Vega can export files to webpages. WordPress has compatibility issues which need to be addressed.

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

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

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS**

**The Council ratified the following Motions of 6 May 2017:**

**Motion:** The CAQ add a new event and title, the CAQ Junior Blitz Chess Championship, with the winner/winners awarded the title of CAQ Junior Blitz Champion, to be held on Monday June 26, 2017 at the Gold Coast and run on behalf of the CAQ this year by Gardiner Chess.

**Moved by**: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**Motion:** The CAQ add a new event, the CAQ Junior Problem Solving Competition, to be held on Monday June 26, 2017 at the Gold Coast and run on behalf of the CAQ this year by Gardiner Chess.

**Moved by**: Mark Stokes **Seconded by:** Gail Young

**Passed:** Unanimously by General Vote

**ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 2017 CAQ Queensland Junior Chess Championships (See Attachment 5 / 6.1)**

The venue has been locked in as the Arundel Hills Country Club.

In addition to the Championships, there will be Reserves and Beginners events held as well. The events will be held in two different rooms. Doug Williams will be providing game analysis at the Championships. Dusan and Shaun are the appointed arbiters. Dusan is seeking FA accreditation as Chief Arbiter. There will be no live games but we will be using Churchie’s four DGT events.

The Under 18 Classical Chess Championships will be FIDE rated.

**Action arising:** Michael D’Arcy will update CAQ’s By-Laws to cover the new CAQ Junior Blitz and Problem-Solving Championships.

 **6.2 2017 Oceania Junior & Youth Chess Championships. Discuss impact on date for 2017 CAQ Blitz Chess Championships** **CAQ Website Update (See Attachment 6.3 )**

Churchie is running the Oceania Juniors up to Under 20 as provided for with FIDE Championships.

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 5 December to 13 December 2017, though is a possibility of starting on Saturday 9 December 2017. So will impact on the Qld Blitz which was to occur on Saturday 9 December 2017.

The Venue is Churchie.

Paul Spiller is organizing the Oceania Junior & Youth Championships.

 **6.3 CAQ Website Update (See Attachment 6.3 )**

 **Discuss having all 2017 Tournament Results up on the CAQ Website, and also having a link to history for pre-2017 Results and Ratings.**

 **Business arising from the April Minutes provided by Andrew Fitzpatrick in relation to the absence of updated ACF and Qld Junior Rating lists on the CAQ website:**

Tournament results are now all up to date, and 2016 is now up as well. Grand Prix information is up to date.

Ratings have also been updated. The Queensland Junior Ratings have been put up as a PDF. Gardiner Chess website has Queensland Juniors up as individual lines.

On the About Us Tab under Documents, you can now find the CAQ By-Laws and Insurance information. The Constitution is still to be inserted. Membership is up to date.

It was discussed that the Redcliffe results took a week to be updated, due to DOP being busy. The CAQ Facebook page is updated quicker.

The CAQ Website will be kept up to date with all Championships, and also tournaments. Michael, Heather and Andrew are working on it.

 **6.4 Provision of Date of Births for ACF Ratings. Discuss ACF requirements. (See Attachment 6.4)**

From 2017 Bill Gletsos requires dates of birth. Need to import them from the ACF Master List.

If results don’t include the dates of birth then they are returned as Gail has to provide the date of births. DOPs need to provide the information.

Discussed identity theft. Date of Births available for public scrutiny. Tournament rating requirements up to Bill Gletsos’s national directives. Important to have date of births.

**Action arising:** Gail Young to respond to Patrick Byrom and notify of national directive requirements.

 **6.5 Public Liability Insurance. Jim Rogers to provide update.**

Public Liabiilty Insurance renewed for $20M of cover for a cost of $650.

$100k of cover for property damage.

Third parties covered for personal injury but not participants. Will look into having participants and all affiliated clubs and events comprehensively covered for claims. Schools get provided necessary details for their events.

**Action arising:**  Mark Stokes and Jim Rogers will follow up for covering participants once Andrew FitzPatrick provides QBE’s details to Jim and Mark. Jim Rogers will follow up the insurers of the Bridge Association for their insurance arrangements as well.

 **6.6 2018 Queensland Open.**

Discuss - Have we invited CAQ Clubs/ Tournament Organizers to apply for the right to run the 2018 Qld Open, with $700 in subsidy provided to that CAQ Club or Tournament Organizer once the entry form is up on the CAQ Website?

Give about two months for applications so can decide by October 2017.

**Action arising:** The details for the 2018 Queensland Open will be put on the CAQ website and Newsletter inviting applications to host the Open.

 **6.7 2017 Queensland Championship. Discussion of chief organiser, venue, registration for FIDE rating, etc. Entry form and sponsorship**

Michael D’Arcy will check whether Emmanuel College at St Lucia is available to host the Championships. It will be attractive to students.

There will be a separate analysis room.

Entry Form will be ready by 1 August 2017.

**Action arising:** Michael D’Arcy to look into arrangements.

 **6.8 2017 Queensland Reserves Championship. Discussion of chief organiser, venue, registration for FIDE rating, etc. Entry form and sponsorship**

Looking at being run by Matt Gilpin and Martin at Nudgee College.

Entry Form will be ready by 1 August 2017.

**Action arising:** Entry form to be advertised by 1 August 2017.

 **6.9 Submission of financial figures to the Australian Chess Federation (ACF), with request for reimbursement $5000 from the ACF (ACF’s guarantee against CAQ losses) (See Attachment 6.9)**

Andrew FitzPatrick sent through Reports and figures for review for the Open & Juniors.

There was also a discussion about Churchie still saying that CAQ owe Churchie $8.5k from January 2017 for stage lights, hire of the halls, security expenses, and cleaning.

Will seek $5k from ACF is priority number 1.

Entire report required to be provided to ACF Council.

A UK Journal refers to issues from the January events. ACF hadn’t sought clarification from the Victorian event which had been held prior to the Australian Open.

The ACF By-Laws guarantee $5k against loss.

**Action arising:** Mark Stokes to provide the Australian Open Financial Report to the ACF and request $5k be paid to CAQ.

 **6.10 CAQ Inter-school chess license expiry. Discussion of application timeline and process.**

 **Business arising from the April Minutes provided by Andrew Fitzpatrick:**

1.1) Interschool regions that are not included in the licence agreement:

a.      Toowooomba – Run their own

b.      Suncoast – Licence fee paid directly to Suncoast Chess Club

c.       Gold Coast – Considered generally Gardiner Chess turf hence we don’t pay any licence fee this region. If another organisation took on the licence, they would need to pay for this region also.

1.2) Gross Income exceeding $5,000 relates to any sponsorship garnered for the tournament.

1.3) Please let me know what the council would like me to do to assist Michael in preparing documents (and then staying out of it!) given I have run the events for the past 7 years.

Discuss - Do we have a draft of the next application form/ guidelines for our new CAQ Inter-School Licence Agreement? The current agreement expires this year and was for a period of 5 years. Do we plan to open submissions for the next Inter-School Licence Agreement between July 1 and Sept 30 this year? Do we plan to make our decision on the next Inter-School Licence Agreement on October 31 2017?

 **Proposed Motion on Notice from Andrew Fitzpatrick for discussion (See Attachment 6.10):**

**Proposed Motion:** That CAQ write to Chess People instructing them to remove any wording that may cause confusion between tournaments, and to include ‘This is not an official Chess Association of Queensland sanctioned event’.

 **Motion not put.**

The end date for the licence will be 31 December 2022.

The regions in Queensland all feed into the Queensland division, this includes regions excluded from the licence.

Discussed that the licence terms for the excluded regions needs to be reviewed. Also discussed that can’t presume tenderers understand logistics and licences for the excluded regions, so excluded regions need to be stated in the tender document.

Discussed examples of where the successful tender may seek to run competing events in excluded areas.

Update required to By-Laws – sanctioned events from CAQ.

Discussed allowing successful tenderer to seek government grants then have a percentage required to be paid to CAQ. Put in the tender.

By-Laws to also address process to the Nationals, and notification of successful teams to the National body.

Michael D’Arcy will update the draft tender documents and circulate to Council. Once approved Michael will circulate to clubs. By-Laws to be updated prior to issuing the Tender documents. Can have inter-school events which are not part of the Licence. Council vote to be by emails.

By-Laws to list the CAQ event. CAQ could also get a trademark and licence it to the successful tenderer. This year over $6k of licence fees received. Only successful tenderer can advertise “CAQ Inter-School”.

There will be a customized medal for 2017.

**Action arising:** Michael D’Arcy to update CAQ By-Laws, tender documents. Obtaining a trademark will be investigated.

 **6.11 Joe Tarnawski’s 90th birthday (See Attachment 6.11)**

Discussed the emails about Joe Tanawki’s upcoming 90th birthday.

**Action arising:** Michael D’Arcy to write an honouray mention in the Newsletter.

 **6.12 Promotion of Chess in remote areas. Phone conference with Ralph Jackson. (See Attachment 6.12)**

Ralph Jackson phoned in for Item 6.12 for a discussion of the promotion of chess in remote areas of Queensland.

Ralph would like chess better promoted in the community. Ralph proposes this occur on a regional, then State, then National level.

Ralph needs to sound out CDEP to work with their scheme. Ralph is available up until October to give more thought to the issue and put a proposal to the CAQ.

Mark explained that Ralph will need to push the project. Ralph will get a group together. He was flying out straight after the phone call and returns on 2 July 2017. Ralph will contact Mark on 3 or 4 July. CDEP to be investigated. It is a program for unemployed people. Mark will circulate Ralph’s report to the Council when he receives it. Until then await further information from Ralph Jackson.

**Action arising:** Mark Stokes to circulate the report received from Ralph Jackson.

 **6.13 Other Business**

Nil.

**ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING**

To be held at: 3 Didsbury Street, East Brisbane, on Sunday 6 August, 2017, at 5:30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

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