



# CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 16 May 2021, at 4:00 PM**

Present: Mark C Stokes (Chairman), Gail Young, Andrew FitzPatrick, Bryan Moss, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, David Esmonde, Hughston Parle, Michael D'Arcy, Martin Carter (joined meeting at 4:09pm), Shaun Curtis (joined meeting at 4:13pm).

Mark Stokes attended the meeting via telephone from Cessnock, so asked Vice-President Andrew FitzPatrick to chair this meeting.

The meeting was declared open at 4:07pm.

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

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D'Arcy seconded, that the previous minutes be accepted. Passed unanimously.

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

NIL.

### **ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

#### **3.1 President's report**

The President congratulated Gail Young for a successful 122 player FIDE Gold Cup at Rothwell, and thanked BBC Painting for their support of the event. John Buciu and his Managing Director at BBC Painting were at the prizegiving to present Brodie McClymont with the inaugural Gold Cup.

The President thanked everyone for their ongoing efforts and flagged several upcoming events.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the President's Report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### **3.2 Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer reported a total balance of \$73,089 (compared with \$70,465 at the time of the most recent meeting). It was also reported that the cost of MYOB continues to increase, so the Treasurer is considering alternative options.

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### **3.3 Membership Secretary's report**

The Membership Secretary reported a total of 719 CAQ members as of 16 May 2021.

Gail Young moved, and Eliot Soo-Burrowes seconded, that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### **3.4 Ratings Officer's report**

At the time of the meeting, seven tournaments had been submitted for ACF classical rating. Owing to ongoing health problems, the Grand Prix has not yet been updated.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick, that the Ratings Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

### **3.5 Report from FIDE Hybrid Training Sessions**

The IT Officer submitted a report here, having recently attended the FIDE Online Hybrid Arbiter Training sessions (one of two Queensland officials to do so). David noted that the training sessions had reinforced several themes: that fair play is of prime importance, and that trust in arbiters needs to be maintained. Approved FIDE rated hybrid tournaments may count for a FA or IA norm.

## **ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Proposal for 2022 Queensland Teams Championship.**

The Meeting resolved to defer discussion of this matter until the next Council meeting.

### **4.2 Discussion of paid advertisements on the CAQ website.**

It was noted that the CAQ does not currently have a framework for selection criteria. A subcommittee consisting of David Esmonde, Hughston Parle and Bryan Moss was formed, and will report to the next meeting.

## **ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS**

Nil.

## **ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Championship and U1600 Chess Championship.**

The Tournament Officer advised of a *potential* venue (Mount Gravatt Bowls Club) but noted that this tournament is still very much in its planning stages.

### **6.2 Update on ACF Budget and the reimbursement of Queensland officials at the 2020 QSTC.**

An update was provided on the reimbursement of Queensland officials at the 2020 Australian Schools Teams Championships. A further update will be provided following the ACF Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

### **6.3 Vega training: update.**

Owing to the ACF decision to no longer accept Swiss Perfect files for ACF rating, the need for additional Vega training sessions was emphasised. To this end, Michael D'Arcy undertook to host two sessions, on 23 May (via Zoom) and 29 May (in person, after the conclusion of the first day of the Peninsula Open).

***(Note: Owing to illness, Michael was not able to run either session – the clubs will be advised when the sessions are rescheduled. The rescheduled sessions will be entered on the next Agenda under Business Arising from the Previous Minutes.)***

The Secretary left the meeting at this point (4:57pm), and the remaining minutes were taken by Hughston Parle.

### **6.4 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Junior Championship.**

Discussion on the 2021 Queensland Junior Chess Championships and questions were answered regarding the prize structure, entry fees, and early-bird entry.

### **6.5 Discussion of adding “are you an Australian citizen” to the CAQ membership form, partly on account of the increasing prevalence of FIDE rated events.**

The Council agreed to add the term 'Australian Citizen' to the CAQ Membership form.

### **6.6 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Seniors Championship.**

Discussion of the dates for the 2021 Queensland Seniors Championship. Aiming for 23-24 October.

#### **6.7 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Open (in Cairns, with Chief Arbiter FA Shaun Curtis).**

Flyer will be released by approximately 23 May. To date, numerous strong titled players have registered.

#### **6.8 2021 Gold Coast Open: Discussion of CAQ subsidies/support.**

As of 16 May 2021, six grandmasters have entered the tournament. Gardiner Chess has sought a subsidy from the CAQ. David Esmonde will be involved in broadcasting the event.

#### **6.9 2021 JETS: Discussion of CAQ support/benefits.**

Shaun Curtis moved the following motion: "That CAQ covers the expense of a Grandmaster coaching day at King's Christian College totaling a maximum cost of \$500". The motion was seconded by Bryan Moss and was passed unanimously.

#### **6.10 2021 Queensland JETS squad proposal.**

Shaun Curtis moved a motion that: "Hughston Parle and Shaun Curtis form a subcommittee to organise the 2021 QJETS". Seconded by Hughston Parle and passed unanimously.

#### **6.11 Other Business.**

- Discussion on the presentation of the Purdy Medal to GM David Smerdon
- Discussion on the application process for tournaments to acquire CAQ money.

### **ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING**

The next CAQ Council Meeting was scheduled for 27 June at 4pm, via Zoom.

**The meeting was declared closed at 5:49pm.**