



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 27 June 2021, at 4:00 PM

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Michael D'Arcy, Hughston Parle, David Esmonde, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Martin Carter, Shaun Curtis (joined the meeting at 4:15pm).

Apologies: Gail Young, Bryan Moss, Andrew FitzPatrick.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 4:06pm.

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

Moved by Mark Stokes and seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the minutes for the Council meeting of 16 May 2021 be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's report

The President delivered a report outlining recent developments and upcoming events in Queensland Chess, including the Gold Coast Open (*Note: the 2021 Gold Coast Open was ultimately cancelled on account of a COVID-19-induced lockdown*) and Queensland Junior Championships.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by David Esmonde, that the President's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Prior to the meeting, the Treasurer had reported a total balance of \$71,317 on 26 June 2021, as opposed to a total balance of \$73,089 at the time of the previous Council meeting. This was explained by the ACF belatedly issuing various charges from 2020, totaling \$4,873.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Eliot Soo-Burrowes, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

Prior to the meeting, the Membership Secretary had distributed a report that CAQ had 812 members at the time of the meeting.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Martin Carter, that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

Prior to the meeting, that Ratings Officer advised that twelve tournaments had been received for ACF rating on the 1 June list, as well as three to be rated on the 1 September list.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by David Esmonde, that the Ratings Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

Nil.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Championship and U1600 Chess Championship.

Enquiries had been made about the Mount Gravatt Bowls Club, but costs were more than expected. It was noted that the Tournament Officer was investigating further options, with more information pending.

6.2 CAQ Blue Card requirements.

It was noted that the Treasurer (absent from the current meeting) is currently working on the CAQ's Working with Children policy, with an update due at the next Council meeting. The Council agreed of the importance of this process.

6.3 Vega training: update.

Several requests for Vega training had been received, and a training session was arranged for 24 July 2021 at 7pm, after the conclusion of the third-round games at the Wendy Terry Memorial. Invitations would be sent to club representatives as well as other known interested parties.

It was noted that the New Zealand Chess website had a good Vega instruction guide by Bill Forster, and the Council agreed that this could be distributed.

The Secretary noted a practical difficulty in arranging Vega training – given that it is quite unlikely that officials of diverse levels of experience would have quite the same questions, standardized sessions risked losing some applicability. The Secretary reiterated the invitation for arbiters or club representatives to contact him directly with Vega questions.

6.4 CAQ membership form.

Adjustments to the CAQ membership have been finalized, and the current version has been posted to the CAQ website. The form now includes the question of whether the member is an Australian citizen/permanent resident/visitor, so as to avoid confusion when registering players for FIDE-rated events.

6.5 Discussion of 2021 Queensland Seniors Championship.

This event was moved to the weekend of 23-24 October to accommodate the Oceania Seniors. The Queensland Seniors Championship will be held at Bracken Ridge, and the entry form has been posted on the CAQ website.

6.6 Report from Subcommittee regarding criteria for paid advertisements on the CAQ website.

Owing to various circumstances, this subcommittee had not met by the time of this meeting – the report was deferred until the following Council meeting.

6.7 Discussion of 2022 Queensland Teams Championship.

It was noted that Kerry Corker had withdrawn his interest in organizing next year's event.

6.8 IT Report.

The IT Officer reported that Sophie Watkins had done extremely well with her DGT training to date. Given that Queensland is setting a national standard with respect to the digital coverage of over-the-board tournaments, the investment in further technical proficiency in this area was noted as being very important.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

The next CAQ Council meeting was scheduled for Sunday 29 August at 4pm, via Zoom.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4:58pm.