



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held over Zoom, on Sunday 31 October 2021, at 4:00 PM

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

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 4:04pm.

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

Mark Stokes moved and Eliot Soo-Burrowes seconded, that the minutes for the Council meeting of 29 August 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 summarising upcoming events and other current happenings in Queensland chess, such as Blue Card requirements and the draft constitution.

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 \$70,973 on 26 October 2021, as opposed to \$74,189 at the time of the previous Council meeting. The invoicing for the 2021 Queensland Interschool Championship has been completed. The Treasurer also flagged a potential replacement to the existing Paypal account, which is still linked to Ian Murray. Stripe has emerged as the leading replacement candidate at the time of writing, which would allow the CAQ to have a secure payment portal on its website.

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Shaun Curtis, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.3 Membership Secretary's report

The Membership Secretary reported that as of 31 October 2021, CAQ had 938 financial members.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.4 Ratings Officer's report

The Ratings Officer advised that as of 31 October 2021, twelve tournaments had been submitted for the 1 December 2021 ACF rating list.

Moved by Gail Young, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the Ratings Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.5 IT Officer's Report

The IT Officer delivered a report outlining the monthly storage space and data transfer used by the CAQ website.

Moved by David Esmonde, seconded by Gail Young, that the IT Officer's Report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

3.6 Regional Liaison Officer's report

The Regional Liaison Officer reported that not much was currently happening in the regions, largely on account of travel-related difficulties. The upcoming Bundaberg Open is now able to host 60 players.

Moved by Martin Carter, seconded by Michael D'Arcy, that the Regional Liaison Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Office of Fair Trading – CAQ has received the Annual Return form, to be completed following the 2021 AGM.

It was noted for the record that CAQ has received this document, which will be completed following the 2021 AGM.

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

NIL.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion of the new draft CAQ constitution.

It was agreed that there was insufficient time to have the draft constitution properly examined prior to the 2021 AGM. The Vice-President proposed that the Council take another couple of weeks to look through the document and raise any questions/concerns/potential revisions, which would be then be collectively sent back to Doug Williams. Following this process, the draft constitution would be sent to the affiliated Clubs.

6.2 Discussion of the provision of CAQ financial assistance to Queensland teams at the Australian Schools Teams Championships, following a request for support from Citipointe Christian College.

Mark Stokes moved the following motion: *“The Chess Association of Queensland will provide up to \$500 to schools qualifying (having won the relevant State Championship) to the Australian Schools Teams Championships, based upon an application and conditional on receipt of invoice for suitable billable items such as hotel accommodation, flights, extra coaching, etc. Such application must come directly from the school.”*

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to relevant four schools to ensure that all were aware of this decision.

6.3 Discussion of online events for Queensland Junior Rating.

Several concerns were raised in relation to this proposal, including the propensity for cheating and external influence, which had been prominent in online tournaments during 2020. Disconnection was also raised as a concern, as a general factor outside of organisational control. The Council was unanimous that online events should not be accepted for (Queensland Junior) rating.

Hughston Parle moved the following motion: *“The CAQ rejects the QJ and ACF rating of all online chess events at this time”*. The motion was seconded by Gail Young and was passed unanimously.

6.4 Discussion of a potential change to inter-school fees for 2022.

Martin Carter moved the following motion: *“That the fees for the 2022 Queensland Interschool Chess Championships be set at \$22.00 per player when invoiced to the school, and \$25.00 per player when payment is made directly to the organisers”*.

The motion was seconded by Bryan Moss, and was passed 7-0 (Andrew FitzPatrick, Shaun Curtis, and David Esmonde abstained).

6.5 Joey's Junior Chess Club affiliation application.

A question was raised as to how a junior club would not be run for profit. As junior members have no AGM vote, it is difficult for junior clubs to affiliate. It was noted that junior clubs will more often be a separate arm of an already-established club, and not an independent club in their own right.

The Joey's Junior Chess Club was not seen as a not-for-profit club. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Joey's Club conveying this decision, and invite the club to provide further information (if applicable) that would support their not-for-profit status.

6.6 2022 Calendar.

Andrew FitzPatrick reported that although a few events have not yet been submitted, the 2022 calendar is taking shape. A draft version of the calendar was circulated. There was a discussion about the potential for a regional FIDE-rated tournament, with the lack of long weekends the main barrier. The Australia Day weekend was raised as an option, when the public holiday is closer to the weekend.

6.7 2022 Events for Tender.

Tenders would be called for the following events: 2022 Queensland Reserves, 2022 Queensland Open, 2022 Queensland Junior Championships, and 2022 Queensland Junior Blitz. The CAQ Council will retain responsibility for the 2022 Queensland Championship.

6.8 Update on CAQ Blue Card requirements.

The Treasurer reported that some clubs had been really good in submitting their Blue Card information quickly, while some others had been a little lax. It was agreed that the clubs would need to be reminded again, as AGM voting capacity is conditional upon the submission of Blue Card information.

6.9 Discussion of potential actions to be taken against clubs with outstanding accounts not paid.

This point was raised in relation to rating fees. It was agreed that if a club (or tournament organiser) became six months in arrears, tournaments submitted after this month period would not be accepted for rating until the outstanding fees were paid.

6.10 Request that the \$135 donation from Joe Tarnawski be transferred to the Queensland Women's Chess League to assist with increased prize money in the Women's and Girls' Championship.

This was moved as a motion by Gail Young, which was seconded by Mark Stokes. Passed unanimously.

6.11 Discussion of Stripe.

- To be investigated as an alternative to PayPal which currently has a number of issues as far as the Treasurer is concerned
- To be used for membership payments
- To be used for tournament entry where events run by CAQ
- To be used to bill payments as necessary
- Other options such as square to be considered also

(Michael D'Arcy left the meeting at 6:10pm, Bryan Moss at 6:20pm, and Gail Young at 6:23pm. The remaining minutes were recorded by Andrew FitzPatrick.)

6.12 2021 AGM date.

The AGM was set for Sunday 12th December at 5pm, William Duncan State School. David Esmonde was appointed as the delegate for Associates.

6.13 2021 Queensland Blitz Championship.

David Esmonde to discuss with Churchie about possibility of QLD Blitz Championships being hosted at Churchie on the evening of one of the ASTC days (4th and 5th December). Should have answer within 48hrs.

6.14 Brisbane v Gold Coast Match: Potential Complaint.

Sub-committee created to discuss a potential complaint/issue from the Brisbane v Gold Coast Match. Michael D'Arcy and Eliot Soo-Burrowes added from the CAQ Council with another member to be sought. Doug Williams was added to the subcommittee.

- Motion: That the CAQ create a sub-committee to investigate incident that occurred at the Brisbane v Gold Coast match on Saturday 30th October. Moved by Shaun Curtis, Seconded by Hughston Parle. All remaining in favour.

6.15 Discussion of IT Officer position.

Discussion around the removal of the IT position and turning this to a paid contract to give CAQ flexibility and to be able to set out expectations from both sides.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

The next CAQ meeting will be the 2021 AGM, scheduled for 5pm on 12 December 2021 at William Duncan State School.

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