



# CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Held at William Duncan State School, Highland Park, on Sunday, 12 December 2021 at 5 PM**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 5:10pm.

Present: Mark C Stokes (Chairman), Shaun Curtis, Hughston Parle, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Tony Weller, Bryan Moss, David Esmonde, Andrew FitzPatrick, Michael D'Arcy, Mathew Smith, Marek Breeden, Mohammad Salahuddin, Shafiuddin Aanan, Aidan Brady, Tyson Walker, Jonathan Jones, Yi Liu.

**ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES:** Allan Fossey, Gail Young, Doug Williams, Martin Carter, Steven Cooke, Ed Cubilla.

### **ITEM 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the minutes of the 2020 CAQ AGM be accepted.  
Passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

### **ITEM 4 – REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Reports**

##### **4.1.1 President's Report**

The Chairman presented his final report, summarising key developments over the last decade as well as the last year specifically.

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

##### **4.1.2 Membership Secretary's Report**

##### **4.1.3 Ratings Officer's Report**

The Membership Secretary/Ratings Officer had submitted her joint report prior to the meeting, which was summarised at the AGM by the Chairman. It was reported that on 12 December 2021, CAQ financial members totaled 981. 28 tournaments were submitted for ACF rating on the 1 December list, and 63 for the whole of 2021.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick that the reports from the Membership Secretary/Ratings Officer be accepted. Passed unanimously.

##### **4.1.4 Publicity Officer's Report**

The Publicity Officer delivered a verbal report outlining the various publicity ventures throughout 2021, with particular emphasis on social media output.

Moved by Hughston Parle, seconded by Shaun Curtis that the Publicity Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

##### **4.1.5 IT Officer's Report**

The IT Officer presented a report outlining the cost breakdown of the website, the metrics of the website, and the

use of DGT boards throughout 2021. Content for the website was flagged as a key concern – when new (and good) content was posted, the website attracted more traffic.

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

#### **4.1.6 Regional Liaison Officer's Report**

The Regional Liaison Officer submitted a report prior to the meeting, which was summarized at the AGM by the Chairman. The RLO noted that, as in 2020, COVID has had a significant dampening effect on regional chess in 2021, with the Bundaberg Open the only regional weekend event. The Bundaberg Open also clashed with a new Gold Coast event, highlighting a key challenge facing regional chess. The RLO noted the difficulty in obtaining a long weekend for a FIDE rated regional event. 2022 is looking more promising, with events already scheduled for Mackay, Toowoomba, Townsville, and hopefully Cairns.

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

#### **4.1.7 Archivist's Report**

The Archivist had submitted a report prior to the meeting, which was summarized at the AGM by the Secretary. The Archivist outlined how Trove was used to trace old newspapers that contained chess columns. An Australian Chess History forum was created on ChessChat. Allan has found information on over 400 chess players and administrators, an account of every Australian Championship between 1885 and 2020, an account of the contribution of every Koshnitsky Medal recipient, as well as information on around 50 chess clubs.

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

### **4.2 Receiving statements of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association**

### **4.3 Receiving the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 September 2021**

The Treasurer reported a total income of \$47,325 for the financial year that ended 30 September 2021 and total assets of \$85,840. For the year ending 30 September 2021, the CAQ recorded a surplus of \$5,342. As of 30 September 2021, the Association had no mortgages, charges or securities affecting its property.

The Treasurer advised that CAQ had moved from MYOB to Xero, which will greatly simplify future invoicing processes.

The Auditor's report for 2021 was prepared by Bailiwick Accounting Services Pty Ltd. The report demonstrated that the accounts and finances of the CAQ are in order and that the Association is in a healthy financial position.

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the statements of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association, as well as the Auditor's report for the year ended 30 September 2021, be accepted. Passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **5.1 Declaration of vacancies for all Council positions and election of interim chairman**

The Chairman declared vacant all positions on the Council, and Mark Stokes was elected as Interim Chairman.

### **5.2 Determination of voting rights**

The Chairman advised the following voting rights:

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Michael D'Arcy      | 2 votes (2 Suncoast)                |
| Mark Stokes         | 3 votes (1 Bundaberg, 2 Townsville) |
| Bryan Moss          | 3 votes (Brisbane)                  |
| David Esmonde       | 1 vote (Associates)                 |
| Tony Weller         | 3 votes (Redcliffe)                 |
| Marek Breeden       | 3 votes (Gold Coast)                |
| Andrew FitzPatrick  | 3 votes (1 Mackay, 2 QWCL)          |
| Mohammad Salahuddin | 1 vote (1 Toowoomba)                |

Total: 19 votes

### 5.3 Appointment of scrutineers

Matt Smith and Tyson Walker were appointed as scrutineers (moved by Mark Stokes seconded by Tony Weller, and passed unanimously). Moreover, a secret ballot was requested, and was granted owing to sufficient agreement. (Ballots had been prepared in case of this eventuality.)

### 5.4 Election of Council officers for 2022

#### Nominees

**President:** (Election – candidates by alphabetical order)  
Shaun Curtis  
Hughston Parle  
Doug Williams

Shaun Curtis and Hughston Parle withdrew their nominations for the office of President, so Doug Williams was elected unopposed.

**Vice President:** (Election – candidates by alphabetical order)  
Andrew FitzPatrick  
Hughston Parle

Hughston Parle withdrew his nomination for the office of Vice President, and Andrew FitzPatrick was elected unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Bryan Moss

Bryan Moss was elected unopposed.

**Secretary:** (Election – candidates by alphabetical order)  
Jonathan Jones  
Yi Liu  
Hughston Parle

Jonathan Jones and Hughston Parle withdrew their nominations for the office of Secretary, so Yi Liu was elected unopposed.

**Membership Secretary:** David Esmonde  
**Ratings Officer:** Gail Young  
**Tournament Officer:** Andrew FitzPatrick  
**Regional Liaison Officer:** Martin Carter

David Esmonde, Gail Young, Andrew FitzPatrick and Martin Carter were elected unopposed for the offices of Membership Secretary, Ratings Officer, Tournament Officer, and Regional Liaison Officer, respectively.

**Junior Chess Coordinator:** (Election – candidates by alphabetical order)  
Steven Cooke  
Shaun Curtis

Shaun Curtis was elected as Junior Chess Coordinator for 2022 by 19 votes to zero. This election was conducted by secret ballot.

**Development Officer:** Eliot Soo-Burrowes

Eliot Soo-Burrowes was elected unopposed.

**Publicity Officer:** Hughston Parle

Hughston Parle was elected unopposed.

### 5.5 Confirmation of Council appointees for 2022

## **Interschool Chess Coordinator**

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D’Arcy seconded that Shaun Curtis be appointed as the Interschool Chess Coordinator for 2022. Passed unanimously.

## **CAQ GP Coordinator**

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D’Arcy seconded that Gail Young be appointed as the CAQ Grand Prix Coordinator for 2022. Passed unanimously.

## **CAQ Archivist**

Allan Fossey had advised prior the meeting that he would not be seeking reappointment for 2022, as he has worked through all available material for the time being. After a short discussion, the AGM agreed to leave the Archivist position vacant.

## **ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Eliot Soo-Burrowes that Bailiwick Group would be appointed as auditor for the 2022 financial year. Passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 7 – SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 That this 2021 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2022 CAQ COUNCIL that it continues to support CAQ Affiliated Clubs and approved individual Tournament Organisers with a \$400 subsidy to run regional weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments OR with a \$200 subsidy to run weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments in South-East Queensland and that this subsidy be paid once the Tournament Entry Form is placed on the CAQ Website and an application is then made to the CAQ Treasurer.**

**For the purposes of this motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich and Gold Coast will be considered South-East Queensland Events and be entitled to a \$200 CAQ subsidy and all other CAQ approved Open Weekend Chess Tournaments will be considered Regional events and entitled to a \$400 CAQ subsidy.**

**It is also noted that no CAQ affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser can claim more than three CAQ tournament subsidies between January 1 2022 and December 31 2022.**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

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

- 7.2 That this 2021 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2022 CAQ COUNCIL that it subsidise the CAQ affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser that organises and runs the 2022 Queensland Open with an extra \$500 subsidy, on top of any other subsidy they are entitled to, and that this subsidy be paid once the 2022 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Website and application is then made to the CAQ Treasurer.**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

The motion was seconded by Bryan Moss and was passed unanimously.

- 7.3 That this 2021 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2022 CAQ COUNCIL that it continues its policy to reimburse the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters and Women International Masters to CAQ affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organisers for any CAQ approved Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2022.**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

Mark Stokes modified his motion to read “for any CAQ approved *classically rated* Open Chess Tournaments” [additional text in bold italics]. This amended motion was seconded by Bryan Moss, and was passed 13-0 with six abstentions.

- 7.4 That this 2021 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2022 CAQ COUNCIL that the CAQ Council run the 2022 Queensland Participation Grand Prix, with total prize money in 2022 of \$2000, with all prize money to be won by CAQ Members only. There must be at least six SE Qld weekend tournaments and three rural tournaments included in 2022 otherwise it will be cancelled for 2022.**

**MOVED: GAIL YOUNG**

The motion was seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick and was passed unanimously.

- 7.5 That this 2021 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2022 CAQ COUNCIL that the 2022 CAQ Council allocates the CAQ 2022 Grand Prix prize money in the following way:**  
**1ST PLACE: \$250**  
**Best U2000 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U1800 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U1600 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U1400 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U1200 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U1000 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U800 ACF: \$175**  
**Best U600 ACF: \$175**  
**Best Female Under 1800 ACF: \$175**  
**Best Unrated: 12 months CAQ Membership / a Chess Book**

**MOVED: GAIL YOUNG**

The motion was seconded by Andrew FitzPatrick and was passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Discussion of new CAQ constitution. Doug Williams has spent time drafting a new constitution. Following some feedback from CAQ Council members, a second draft is being finalised and will be circulated to clubs in the coming weeks. The new constitution is designed to replace the current, outdated constitution and to better represent the changes in many areas over time.**

Andrew FitzPatrick noted that a draft constitution had been distributed to the clubs for discussion and feedback, with a second draft due to be distributed shortly. Club delegates were encouraged to submit any concerns of questions to the Vice President.

#### **7.7 Removal of IT Officer as a council position.**

David Esmonde and Andrew FitzPatrick both spoke in favour of this proposal, largely with accountability in mind. It is crucial that the appointed IT Officer has an IT background, which can be assured when appointed by the CAQ Council.

Andrew FitzPatrick moved and David Esmonde seconded that the IT Officer be removed as a Council position. Passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **8.1 Australian Chess Federation National Conference**

The ACF national conference will be held on 9 January 2022, starting 11am Queensland time. The CAQ needs people to attend as Queensland representatives (six are required). The meeting will be held via Zoom. Andrew FitzPatrick will follow up with people on the list of eligible representatives.

#### **8.2 News from the ACF**

Hughston Parle had several updates from the ACF Council. The ACF has a funding detail pending (more details to follow shortly), and Bob Keast has been reinstated as ACF Treasurer. Queensland has no current debt to the ACF, as all bills and invoices have been settled.

#### **8.3 CAQ Public Officer**

Bryan Moss discussed the need to appoint a Public Officer for the CAQ, as the ATO will only deal with a Public Officer.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Bryan Moss that Andrew FitzPatrick be appointed as Public Officer for the CAQ. Passed unanimously.

#### **8.4 Proposed amendment to classification of “regional”**

Shaun Curtis has been seeking feedback from regional interschool stakeholders on his proposal to move Suncoast and Toowoomba from Regional to South East Queensland. Feedback is still coming in. The Toowoomba delegate spoke against the proposal, and disagreed that Toowoomba has comparable chess opportunities to Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

This was an update for the record; the Junior Chess Coordinator will present a full summary and proposal to the 2022 Council once the feedback process has been completed.

#### **8.5 Request from Gold Coast Chess Club for ACF grant**

Matt Smith requested that the Gold Coast club's request for an ACF grant be supported by the CAQ. The outgoing Secretary will forward the existing email discussions on this topic to the new Council so that such support (agreed to in principle) can be provided.

The Chairman declared the AGM closed at 6:45pm.