

***THE GAP CHESS CLUB INC.  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

**7 December 2001, N Block, The Gap State High School**

Time: 8.15pm

Present: Andrew Robinson, Stuart Wilson, Doug Foster, Peter Hiller, Brian Willcock, Mahardi Lazarus, Peter Plunkett, Mark Winn, Chris Yu (by invitation)

Apologies: Harvey Quaresmini

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Amendment proposed that it be noted Patrick Byrom attended last year's meeting 'by invitation'. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Doug Foster.

***MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS***

It was decided to commence with the Junior Club Report and then proceed through the other reports in the normal order.

Junior Club Report: Mahardi Lazarus and Peter Plunkett gave a joint verbal report on behalf of the junior section of the club. They advised that numbers have fluctuated considerably during 2001, but over the whole year the numbers have been high enough to support two coaches. The junior committee will reconsider in coming weeks what the coaching structure will be for 2002. It was suggested that organising the inter-school tournament in 2002 would be a useful way to promote the club. It was generally agreed that organising junior tournaments on a Saturday in the shopping centre would not be viable until someone new comes forward who has the enthusiasm to undertake such a large project (this includes moving tables and chess equipment from the school to the shops and back). Therefore working with the schools seems to be the likely way that junior chess promotion will occur in 2002. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Andrew Robinson.

President's Report The President Andrew Robinson gave a verbal report. He said that membership has been static this year with no loss of membership, but few new members. A number of initiatives for next year are aimed at increasing membership. These include reduced fees for tournaments and membership, and continuing other forms of publicity such as the club website and the Western Echo column. Financially, the club still has funds to maintain the current level of services provided to members. Concerning external funding, it is unlikely that an application for a funding grant with various government organisation will be successful, as they usually funds associations, rather than clubs affiliated to these associations. The Gap Open was run again in 2001 without incurring a loss. All of the club tournaments were completed in 2001. The junior club retains enough members to remain viable. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Brian Willcock.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer Stuart Wilson delivered his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. With a closing balance of \$1625.05 the club has made a loss of just over \$1200 for the 2001 financial year. However, a substantial part of this loss was from one-off expenses (eg \$500 junior travel to Adelaide), and other costs (eg insurance) will be significantly reduced in 2002. The Gap Open was again run at a small profit this year. The junior club again managed to make a small net profit (night fees vs coaching fees) and this was mainly due to the monthly junior tournaments for which no

coaching expenses were incurred. Accepted Doug Foster. Seconded Peter Hiller.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary Peter Hiller gave a verbal report. He said a large amount of correspondence was dealt with. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Doug Foster.

DOP's Report: Andrew Robinson gave a full report for the year. All 4 tournaments comprising elements of the Best All-Rounder Trophy were completed during 2001. The 45 minute tournament was successfully staged as a senior - junior challenge event. Monthly junior tournaments were successfully staged and were well attended. During the year over 30 junior players participated in the junior tournaments. Next year's tournament schedule will be prepared and despatched by early Jan 2002 and will be substantially the same as this year. All results and upcoming tournaments have been advertised on the club website. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Peter Hiller.

### ***ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2002***

Andrew Robinson handed the meeting over to Chris Yu who chaired this part of the meeting. The positions were declared vacant and the following positions were filled.

President: Andrew Robinson (nominated Doug Foster, seconded Stuart Wilson)  
Vice President: Stuart Wilson (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Doug Foster)  
Secretary: Peter Hiller (nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded Doug Foster)  
Treasurer: Stuart Wilson (nominated Brian Willcock, seconded Mark Winn)  
Director of Play: Andrew Robinson (nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded Mark Winn)  
Public Relations Officer: Doug Foster (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Brian Willcock)  
Catering Officer: Harvey Quaresmini (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Doug Foster)  
Equipment Officer: Harvey Quaresmini (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)  
CAQ Delegate: Doug Foster (nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded Mark Winn)  
Proxy for CAQ Delegate: Harvey Quaresmini (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)  
Junior Co-ordinator: Mahardi Lazarus (nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Brian Willcock)  
Asst Junior Co-ordinator: Peter Plunkett (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)

Chris Yu then handed the meeting back to Andrew Robinson who chaired it for the balance of the meeting as the new president.

### ***GENERAL BUSINESS***

Digital Clocks: Stuart Wilson directed a question to the president on this subject. Andrew Robinson said that while it is desirable for the club to have digital clocks it is not imperative as there are still many functioning analogue clocks. When funds are sufficient the club can then reconsider purchasing digital clocks. Currently these clocks cost approximately \$135 each.

Paedophilia:

Brian Willcock said that he was aware of a mandatory government check that officials of organisations dealing with children now must undergo. He said that our chess coaches and perhaps others dealing with the junior club may fall under this umbrella. Matter referred to the honorary solicitor.

Written Reports:

Brian Willcock asked whether it may not save time if written reports were provided at the AGM by the various office bearers, and has occurred in the past. Mark Winn pointed out that it can be very time consuming preparing these reports. It was agreed by the majority of those present that written reporting is good practice and should be adopted for next year's AGM. The president advised that he would have prepared a written report, but that he has been stricken with glandular fever for the past two months.

Honorary Auditor:

Phil Dwyer has indicated his acceptance to carry on in the role of honorary auditor. He was nominated from the floor and his nomination accepted and it was carried unanimously. Thanks for the Honorary Auditor's efforts this year will be given in the form of a bottle of port.

Honorary Solicitor:

Mark Winn indicated that he is prepared to act again in the role of honorary solicitor for the club. Carried unanimously. Mark is no longer a committee member and so the club, in a fit of enormous generosity was prepared to offer Mark a bottle of port. However, a gentleman to the end, Mark decided that he would donate the bottle of port back to the club!

Closure:

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.

Next AGM:

One Friday in December 2002. Date to be fixed. Time and place will be 8pm at N Block, The Gap State High School.