

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 10 December, 2010

Place: The Gap Tavern, 21 Glenquarie Place, The Gap

The meeting commenced at 8:10pm.

Present

In person: Ray Adams, Greg Colwell, James Hiller, Tony Howes, Andrew Robinson, Nathan Shaw, Anna Clauson (observer)

By proxy: Cameron De Vere, Jim Petrie, Mark Taylor

Apologies

Nil

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Nathan Shaw. Accepted with no objections.

Voting

It was agreed that all present at the meeting except Anna Clauson were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. Three proxies were accepted, all made in favour of the chairman. With a quorum achieved the meeting could proceed.

Management committee reports

President's report / DOP Report

Andrew Robinson gave verbal summary. The following points were noted:

- Membership levels at the club remain steady.
- All tournaments were successfully completed.
- The Stuart Wilson Trophy was a particular success. By the measure of games completed (81) this was the third largest tournament in the history of the club.
- Five new members joined the club during 2010.
- The tournament schedule will unchanged in 2011.

Proposed: Nathan Shaw. Seconded: Tony Howes. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

Greg Colwell gave a verbal summary and presented the financial statements. He drew the members' attention to a few key points:

- The depreciation listed on the Balance Sheet is a standard accounting mechanism and does not represent an tangible loss to the club
- Without the depreciation entry of \$581.60, the club's 2010 financial year loss of \$308.65 would be a profit of \$272.95
- The club received \$0.35 interest on a credit balance of over \$4000.00 while incurring bank fees of \$74.90.
- The club paid to the CAQ a total of \$529.20 in membership, affiliation and rating fees.
- The club has over two years of income currently saved in the bank
- The 'Night Fee' figure of \$1969.80 includes \$335 tournament fees, \$140 CAQ membership fees and \$120 club membership fees. The rest are night fees

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: James Hiller. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

Equipment Officer's Report

Ray Adams provided a verbal summary, reading a list of the equipment currently in the club's possession.

Publicity Officer's Report

Tony Howes provided a verbal summary, saying that he continues to write a monthly column for the *Western Echo* local newspaper.

Election of office bearers for 2011

All positions were declared vacant and the following office bearers were elected.

President: Andrew Robinson
Vice-President: Nathan Shaw
Secretary: Greg Colwell
Treasurer: Greg Colwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Taylor
Tournament Director/Arbiter: Andrew Robinson
Publicity Officer: Tony Howes
Recruitment Officer: James Hiller
Equipment Officer: Ray Adams
CAQ Delegate: Andrew Robinson

Candidates for all positions were elected unanimously and unopposed.

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Nathan Shaw accepted the nomination to be honorary solicitor for the club. (nominated Greg Colwell, seconded Andrew Robinson). Carried unanimously.

Proposals

Motion 1 – Proposed by Tony Howes (Seconded by Ray Adams)

“The Flood cup time controls be changed to: 80 minutes with Fischer increments of 1 minute.

Explanatory note accompanying Motion 1

The Flood Cup's time control was amended to 60 minutes with Fischer increments of 30 secs during March 2010 due to the school alarms being set for 11:00pm, and the need to vacate the premises by this time. The club has now been advised of a security company phone number to ring in case the alarm time needs to be extended. There are still issues to be resolved around who will stay if a game goes late into the night, and who will have responsibility for the keys and securing the rooms at the end of the night.

Tony Howes spoke in favour of the motion. He said that he thought the Flood Cup should have a full time control as it is the club's major tournament. Adding a full minute increment would distinguish it from the Stuart Wilson Trophy.

Andrew said that the main issue now was not the security alarms, but rather who would stay late to lock up if the two players in the last game were unable to. Tony said that adjournments could be considered as an option which the club could make more use of than it has in recent years. Greg suggested a 7:30pm start time as another option. Andrew said this would depend on the key holder being prepared to open up the club at this time.

Amendments were called for. There were no amendments. Voting then proceeded.

(Voting: 4 in favour; 2 against, 3 abstained)
The motion was carried.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Brian Willcock (Seconded by Andrew Robinson)

“The Flood cup time controls be changed to: 80 minutes with Fischer increments of 30 secs.

Motion 2 was withdrawn following the success of Motion 1.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Andrew Robinson (Seconded by Greg Colwell)

“During 2011 the club will follow these rules:

- CAQ membership will not be a requirement to enter club tournaments.
- CAQ fees will not collected by the club.
- Annual tournament fee will be reduced from \$25 to \$10
- Club tournaments will not be submitted to the CAQ for rating

Explanatory notes accompanying Motion 3

1. CAQ membership fees will rise from \$10 to \$15 in 2011.

2. If the motion is passed, total fees will be:

*\$10 club membership + \$10 tournament fees = **\$20 Total***

*3. If the motion is not passed, total fees will remain at 2010 levels plus the \$5 increase in CAQ membership: \$10 club membership + \$15 CAQ fee + \$25 tournament fees = **\$50 Total***

4. The benefit is saving \$30.

5. The loss is that the club’s tournaments will not be rated, and players’ games will not be rated.

6. Club members are still free to join the CAQ if they wish to.

7. The club will continue to be affiliated to the CAQ.

It was questioned if not rating club tournaments would affect club membership and participation. After some discussion it was felt that this change would be unlikely to affect the club in a major way. Everyone present at the meeting stated they would be happy to continue participating in club tournaments if not ACF rated.

Responding to a question on whether the club could devise its own rating system, it was pointed out that online rating calculators would make this a simple task.

It was noted that in the minutes of the CAQ Council Meeting of August 11, 2010, the CAQ decided to increase their membership fees from \$10.00 to \$15.00 effective January 1, 2011. It was further noted that in the same minutes generous remunerations were granted to the CAQ President.

Amendments were called for. There were no amendments. Voting then proceeded.

(Voting: 4 in favour; 3 against, 2 abstained)
The motion was carried.

Motion 4 – Proposed by Andrew Robinson (Seconded by Nathan Shaw)

“That the Best All-Rounder Trophy rules be amended to insert new Rule 5, other rules remaining unchanged.”

Rule 5 In the case of a tie between two or more players with the same points total, the tie will be broken as follows:

Tie-break total = (% score in Flood) * 1.5
 + (% score in Hour)
 + (% score in Allegro)
 + (% score in Lightning)

Scores in each tournament = Points divided by Games

Scores in each tournament will not include any play-off games.

Explanatory note accompanying Motion 4

The purpose is to avoid ties. The tie-break gives the Flood Cup a 150% weighting over the other tournaments.

Andrew briefly outlined the purpose of this motion.

Amendments were called for. There were no amendments. Voting then proceeded.

(Voting: 5 in favour; 0 against, 4 abstained)

The motion was carried.

General business

Post Office Box

Greg advised that West Ashgrove Post Office is closing and has offered a free re-direction of mail for six months. Virtually the only correspondence received is a bank statement once every three months, and some annual correspondence (incorporation, insurance). Most correspondence is now online.

It was decided that the secretary's address should be the club's mailing address. If a future secretary does not want to use their address to receive the club's mail then another committee member's address will be used.

Club bank account

Greg Colwell noted that during the 2009-10 financial year, the club received \$0.35 interest on a credit balance of over \$4000.00 while incurring bank fees of \$74.90. It was decided to explore other banking options, with several suggestions from club members advising institutions where a fee-free cheque account could be obtained.

Action item: Greg Colwell and Andrew Robinson will investigate free cheque account options, and options for higher interest bearing accounts.

Acknowledgement of Ray Adam's services to the club

Andrew thanked Ray for his assistance to the club with holding the keys, opening and closing the club on many occasions, providing catering and leading the cleaning up at the end of the night.

Meeting closed at 9:07pm.