

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 9 December, 2011

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

The meeting commenced at 8:08pm.

Present

In person: Greg Colwell, Tony Howes, Martin Laizans, Ray Adams, Andrew Robinson, Michael Corner (observer)

By proxy: Jim Petrie, John Ryland, Nathan Shaw, Brian Willcock

Apologies

Nil

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Greg Colwell. Accepted with no objections.

Voting

It was agreed that all present at the meeting except Michael Corner were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. Four 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, with the club presently having 20 financial members made up of 18 seniors and 2 juniors.
- All tournaments were successfully completed.
- Participation in club tournaments remains steady. as shown in Table 1 below.
- The tournament schedule will remain unchanged in 2012.

Table 1: Number of players entering & completing at least 50% of games

Year	Flood Cup	SW Trophy	Allegro	Lightning	Total
2011	10	12	8	8	38
2010	11	14	8	7	40
2009	10	10	9	11	40
2008	15	12	11	11	49
2007	12	11	6	8	37
2006	18	16	12	11	57
2005	15	16	12	9	52
2004	14	12	14	11	51
2003	15	14	10	8	47
2002	10	11	10	9	40
2001	8	10	8	4	30
2000	12	14	7	9	42
1999	9	12	9	8	38
1998	14	7	12	14	47
1997	16	16	11	12	55
1996	13	16	13	10	52
1995	9	10	9	10	38

Proposed: Ray Adams. Seconded: Greg Colwell. 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 on 'plant and equipment' listed on the Balance Sheet is a standard accounting mechanism and does not represent a tangible loss to the club.
- Without the depreciation entry of about \$500, the club's 2011 financial year loss of about \$300 would be a profit of about \$200.
- The club incurred bank fees of \$70.00. The club still intends to close the Commonwealth Bank account and has already opened an account with the Heritage Building Society.
- Expenses have reduced this year. The PO Box was closed, catering costs are less, and the school now charges \$15 per week for rent, down from \$20 per week.
- The club has over two years of income currently saved in the bank.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Tony Howes. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

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. He recommended continuing the practice of publishing the solution to column's chess problems on the club website, as this draws further attention to the website.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Greg Colwell. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2012

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
Tournament Director/Arbiter: Andrew Robinson
Publicity Officer: Tony Howes
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 Andrew Robinson (Seconded by Tony Howes)

“From 2012 the club will apply the following conditions around membership and fees:

- CAQ membership will be a requirement to enter rated club tournaments.
- The CAQ membership fee (\$15 in 2011) will be collected by the club
- The Gap CC’s annual tournament fee will remain at \$10 per year
- Club tournaments will be submitted to the CAQ for rating.

Explanatory notes accompanying Motion 1

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

*\$10 club membership + \$10 tournament fees + \$15 CAQ fee = **\$35 Total***

2. If the motion is not passed, total fees will remain at 2011 level:

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

3. If the motion is passed, the net effect will cost members an extra \$15 per year.

4. The benefit is that the club’s tournaments will be rated, and players’ games will be rated.

5. With members rejoining the CAQ, the club will have the minimum membership quota required to remain affiliated to the CAQ.

6. With tournament fees remaining at \$10, this is a significant saving to members which the club will subsidise from savings if the motion is passed. The combined cost of rating games plus providing trophies for tournaments works out at about \$25 per player.

Andrew Robinson outlined what this motion means in financial terms to club members, then provided some of the historical context around why the club did not rate its tournaments in 2011. He also provided reasons why it is in the long term interests of the club to be supportive of the CAQ.

Martin Laizans asked what the downsides are in accepting this motion. Andrew said that annual fees would increase from \$20 to \$35, which may possibly deter potential members. However the costs at our chess club are still very small compared to most other sporting clubs, so the cost factor is probably not a real disincentive to participation.

Michael Corner who is currently a member of the CAQ Council provided a summary of the outcomes of the recent CAQ Annual General Meeting. He also expressed his understanding of what the CAQ Council’s future direction will be under the leadership of their new president.

Tony Howes reminded the meeting that at last year’s AGM some club players felt that paying fees to rate their tournament games did not represent value for money, and some club players have no interest in ratings.

Greg Colwell pointed out that it is important to remain affiliated to the CAQ so our club has public liability insurance coverage.

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

(Voting: carried without objection)

The motion was carried.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Andrew Robinson (Seconded by Ray Adams)

“The Allegro Tournament be submitted for ACF rapid rating.”

Explanatory notes accompanying Motion 2

1. It was unanimously agreed the Flood Cup and Stuart Wilson Trophy should be ACF rated as these tournament have historically always been rated.

2. The Allegro Tournament was submitted for the ACF Rapid Ratings list from 2006 to 2009 following motions passed at the club’s 2006 and 2007 AGMs and it was decided to test this motion with the membership again following a request for clarification in Brian Willcock’s proxy.

Andrew advised that the cost of submitting tournaments for rapid rating is significantly less than a standard tournament. The 2010 Allegro tournament cost only \$16.40 to rate for the ACF Rapid List.

(Voting: carried without objection, including two abstentions among those present)
The motion was carried.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Ray Adams (Seconded by Greg Colwell)

“The club will invest \$3000.00 in a term deposit for a term of up to 12 months.”

(Voting: carried without objection)
The motion was carried.

Motion 4 – Proposed by Greg Colwell (Seconded by Andrew Robinson)

“The club publish selected scoresheets from club matches on the club website provided neither player objects”

Greg spoke in favour of the motion saying that when he joined the club in 2006 he found it beneficial as a new member to be able to view club games on the website. He said he was also mindful of Brian Willcock’s position on this matter and therefore added the words ‘provided neither player objects’ to the motion.

(Voting: carried without objection)
The motion was carried.

General business

No general business

Meeting closed at 9:04pm.