

# The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 2 December, 2016

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

The meeting commenced at 8:05pm.

### Present

**In person:** Andrew Robinson, Cameron De Vere, Tony Howes, Ray Adams, Rex Scarf, John Ryland, Brian Willcock

**By proxy:** Shane Mather, Martin Laizans, Tony Morris

### Apologies

James Hiller

### Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: John Ryland. Accepted with no objections.

### Voting

It was agreed that all present at the meeting 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 report, as set out below.

#### Participation in club tournaments

Participation rates in club tournaments is always a good barometer of the health of the club. The club's four major tournament attracted an entry close to last year's record, indicating interest in the club's tournament programme remains strong. The Marcus Porter Memorial was also run by our club and attracted a good level of entry with 38 players taking part over two nights.

The club's tournament participation rates for the past 22 years are set out in **Appendix A**.

The club's finances reveal a near equality between income derived from club members and expenses incurred (minus depreciation). As the club is not-for-profit, this is a good place to be financially, because the club does not have to increase fees to cover expenses, and nor has it been accumulating wealth by over-charging its current members.

Ray Adams has indicated his chess interests are currently focused on the Samford club. As Ray is likely to be attending the club less frequently next year, it will be up to club members to decide if someone will take over the catering role he has looked after for many years.

Report to be accepted: Proposed: Tony Howes. Seconded: John Ryland. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's report**

John Ryland gave a verbal summary and presented the financial statements. John drew the members' attention to a few key points:

- Income for 2015-16 was \$2459.37, which nearly covered the club's expenses of \$3090.24 minus the paper write-off of \$581.62 depreciation, leaving a net shortfall of less than \$50.
- John recommended no changes in the fee scales for the next year.
- John also said he will not be seeking re-election as Secretary/Treasurer due to the weight of his other responsibilities and commitments.

Report to be accepted: Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Ray Adams. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **Publicity Officer report**

Tony Howes continues to produce a monthly column 'Chess T Minit' on behalf of the club for *The Western Echo*. The column provides news of the club, advice on when the club meets, and a chess puzzle which has the solution on our club's website.

*The Western Echo* can now be viewed online at <http://www.westernecho.com.au/>

Report to be accepted: Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Brian Willcock. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **Election of office bearers for 2017**

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

President: Andrew Robinson  
Vice-President: *Vacant*  
Secretary: Tony Morris  
Treasurer: Tony Morris  
Tournament Director/Arbiter: Andrew Robinson  
Publicity Officer: Tony Howes  
Equipment Officer: Cameron De Vere  
CAQ Delegate: Andrew Robinson

Candidates for all positions were elected unanimously and unopposed.

## **General business**

### **Proposal 1 – Bank signatories**

***Proposed by Cameron De Vere (Seconded by John Ryland)***

The Gap Chess Club Inc. will have the following office bearers as signatories to the club's Heritage account:

- Andrew Robinson, President
- Tony Morris, Treasurer

The account will be one of two to sign.

(Voting: carried without objection)

The motion was carried.

## **Proposal 2 – Flood Cup, time controls**

### ***Proposed by Cameron De Vere (Seconded by John Ryland)***

Rule 13 of the Flood Cup be amended to :

- Rate of Play: 60 minutes, plus an extra 30 seconds per move (from move one)

Cameron De Vere said he has proposed this change to the Flood Cup rate of play to reduce the frequency of games continuing beyond 11:00pm. This year's Flood Cup witnessed many instances of games going beyond 11:00pm, a situation that requires the club to phone State Government Security and request an extension to the alarms.

Andrew Robinson said games going beyond 11:00pm can often cause inconvenience to the holder of the room keys who has to stay until a late hour if remaining players are unable to lock up.

Andrew added that in considering this time control change, further considerations are:

- The desirability of maintaining consistent time controls with previous years. If time controls are to be changed, this should be infrequently and with due consideration.
- The need to differentiate the Flood Cup from the Stuart Wilson Trophy (SWT). Having a time control of 60 + 30 will make it more similar to the SWT's 60 + 10.

## **Amendment to Proposal 2**

### ***Proposed by Ray Adams (Seconded by John Ryland)***

Rule 13 of the Flood Cup rate be amended to :

- Rate of Play: 70 minutes, plus an extra 30 seconds per move (from move one)

Ray Adams said his main consideration in proposing this was that 'chess is not a race' and that the club should have a tournament with a time control that maximises the quality of the chess for its members.

Ray Adams also acknowledged that the 11:00pm alarms is a practical issue that needs to be addressed. The time control proposed in this amendment will mean a 40 move game starting at 8:00pm, should be resolved by 11:00pm, and it is a rare game that goes longer than this at our club.

Andrew Robinson noted that the 70 minute start provides some differentiation from the SWT.

(Voting to accept amendment. Then voting on the amended proposal: Both carried 6 to 1)  
The amended motion was carried.

## **Proposal 3 – Flood Cup, adjournments**

### ***Proposed by Cameron De Vere (Seconded by John Ryland)***

Rule 12 of the Flood Cup rate if play to be amended to :

- Games can only be adjourned by the DOP in exceptionally circumstances at their discretion.

Cameron De Vere said the present rules allow for either player in a game to insist on an adjournment if the game has reached Move 50.

Andrew Robinson agreed the current rule is an anachronism, however there has not been an adjourned game at the club for at least the past 15 years.

Brian Willcock pointed out that the proposed wording does not provide for the situation where the DOP is absent.

### **Amendment to Proposal 3**

***Proposed by Andrew Robinson (Seconded by Brian Willcock)***

Rule 12 of the Flood Cup rate if play to be amended to :

- Games can only be adjourned by the DOP at their discretion. If exceptional circumstances arise and the DOP is absent, the players can agree to an adjournment.

(Voting to accept amendment. Then voting on the amended proposal: Both carried without objection, with one abstention among those present).

The amended motion was carried.

### **Queensland Teams Championship 2016**

The Queensland Teams Championship will be held on Saturday, 17 December 2016. Several players will be unavailable on this date, but it is hoped a team representing The Gap will be fielded again this year, as it has in the previous two years.

**Meeting closed at 8:43pm.**

### **Appendix A**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Flood Cup</b>	<b>SW Trophy</b>	<b>Allegro</b>	<b>Lightning</b>	<b>Participation</b>
<b>1995</b>	11	10	9	10	<b>40</b>
<b>1996</b>	14	17	14	10	<b>55</b>
<b>1997</b>	21	16	13	12	<b>62</b>
<b>1998</b>	20	9	17	15	<b>61</b>
<b>1999</b>	10	13	13	9	<b>45</b>
<b>2000</b>	13	16	11	9	<b>49</b>
<b>2001</b>	9	10	8	4	<b>31</b>
<b>2002</b>	10	11	10	9	<b>40</b>
<b>2003</b>	16	14	11	9	<b>50</b>
<b>2004</b>	16	14	15	11	<b>56</b>
<b>2005</b>	17	16	13	10	<b>56</b>
<b>2006</b>	19	18	15	11	<b>63</b>
<b>2007</b>	13	12	9	9	<b>43</b>
<b>2008</b>	16	13	11	11	<b>51</b>
<b>2009</b>	10	11	9	11	<b>41</b>
<b>2010</b>	11	14	9	7	<b>41</b>
<b>2011</b>	10	14	8	8	<b>40</b>
<b>2012</b>	9	9	9	12	<b>39</b>
<b>2013</b>	8	12	9	10	<b>39</b>
<b>2014</b>	13	12	13	11	<b>49</b>
<b>2015</b>	18	18	15	15	<b>66</b>
<b>2016</b>	16	17	12	15	<b>60</b>