

# **The Gap Chess Club Incorporated Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Date: 8 November, 2013**

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

The meeting commenced at 8:24pm.

## **Present**

**In person:** Andrew Robinson, Greg Colwell, Ray Adams, John Ryland, Sarah Colwell (observer)

**By proxy:** Tony Howes, Shane Mather

## **Apologies**

Nil

## **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Ray Adams. Accepted with no objections.

## **Voting**

It was agreed that all present at the meeting except Sarah Colwell were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. Two 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 has had a slight dip, with the club presently having 16 financial members made up of 14 seniors and 2 juniors.
- All tournaments are expected to be completed by the end of 2013.
- Participation in club tournaments remains steady.
- The tournament schedule is expected to remain unchanged in 2014.

Proposed: John Ryland. Seconded: Greg Colwell. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

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

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

- Income for 2012-13 was \$1695.40, which adequately covered the club's expenses of \$2120.51, after allowing for \$581.60 depreciation which formed a significant chunk of the expenses
- Expenses have increased slightly now that a new rent agreement has been signed with the school which charges \$22 per night for the use of the school facilities
- Despite this, the fee structure seems adequate to cover expenses into the next year
- Expenses related to bank fees have been reduced to nil since the club's banking accounts were moved Heritage Building Society
- John acknowledged and thanked Greg Colwell for his assistance in putting together the financial statements for 2012-13.

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

## **Election of office bearers for 2014**

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

President: Andrew Robinson  
Vice-President: Ray Adams  
Secretary: John Ryland  
Treasurer: John Ryland  
Tournament Director/Arbiter: Andrew Robinson  
Publicity Officer: Tony Howes  
Equipment Officer: Greg Colwell  
CAQ Delegate: Andrew Robinson

Candidates for all positions were elected unanimously and unopposed.

## **Appointment of Honorary Solicitor**

Nathan Shaw was re-appointed as honorary solicitor for the club.  
(nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Greg Colwell). Carried unanimously.

## **General business**

### **Brainetics**

Ray Adams provided a presentation to the meeting in relation to Brainetics which he saw advertised on television. Brainetics is a series of tools which claim to improve your focus, concentration, memory, and math skills. Ray felt that the club needed a boost in playing ability after the recent match with Bullwinkle Chess Club.

Those present at the meeting said they came to the club more to play socially than to seek improvement in their game. Also it was felt that a more chess-specific tool may be of more use to those who do want to improve. Ray withdrew this proposal.

**Meeting closed at 8:45pm.**