

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 16 February 2018

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

The meeting commenced at 8:14pm.

Present

In person: Andrew Robinson, Rex Scarf, Martin Laizans, Tony Howes, Tony Morris, Amanda Ward (observer)

By proxy: Brian Willcock

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted. Unanimously accepted with no objections.

Voting

It was agreed that all present at the meeting except Amanda Ward were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. One proxy was accepted, 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. The main points made were about falling participation in tournaments (see [Appendix A](#)), responsibilities for organisation falling to fewer people, and the issue of people with the room keys being required to stay late.

This provoked some discussion on how to boost attendances and it was agreed that the club should have a better contingency for welcoming new players who show up on tournament nights. Various informal strategies were suggested.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

Tony Morris outlined the income and expenses of the club, summarised as follows:

- Income for 2016-17 was \$1280.39.
- Expenses for 2016-17 were 1423.34.
- The club has reserves in excess of \$4000 and it was recommended the club take advantage of a current special CAQ offer to affiliated clubs and purchase 12 DGT3000 to replace the club's existing stock.

Report 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 accepted, carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2018

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: Tony Morris
CAQ Delegate: Andrew Robinson

Candidates for all positions were elected unanimously and unopposed.

General business

Club mailing list

Tony Morris advised he has established a mailing list via Google Groups. This will allow those interested in the club to join.

Facebook group

Amanda Ward offered her expertise to set up a Facebook page for the club. The page should include updates on what has been occurring at the club plus an Upcoming Events page. Using this platform is a good way of attracting new members to the club. It was agreed this is a good idea and assistance with content will be provided so Amanda can set up the page.

Club website

Tony Morris proposed that the club website be pointed at a different web server to avoid hosting fees. This would mean the club would only incur an annual fee of \$10 to \$20 in domain name fees. Other advantages include:

- Anyone with access can write reports and add content to the website
- It can be set up with two administrators
- Mail forwards can be used.

It was agreed unanimously for the club to move its website to a free web host as proposed by Tony Morris

Catering

Martin Laizans asked about catering on Friday nights with tea, coffee and biscuits no longer being provided since Ray Adams moved his interests towards chess in Samford. Andrew Robinson said the arrangements around catering can resume if someone is willing to do it.

Recruiting juniors

Rex Scarf asked what efforts are made to recruit junior chess players from the local high school. At present there are none, however the school could be approached about including information about the club in their school newsletter.

Meeting closed at 9:07pm.

Appendix A

Year	Flood Cup	SW Trophy	Allegro	Lightning	Participation
1995	11	10	9	10	40
1996	14	17	14	10	55
1997	21	16	13	12	62
1998	20	9	17	15	61
1999	10	13	13	9	45
2000	13	16	11	9	49
2001	9	10	8	4	31
2002	10	11	10	9	40
2003	16	14	11	9	50
2004	16	14	15	11	56
2005	17	16	13	10	56
2006	19	18	15	11	63
2007	13	12	9	9	43
2008	16	13	11	11	51
2009	10	11	9	11	41
2010	11	14	9	7	41
2011	10	14	8	8	40
2012	9	9	9	12	39
2013	8	12	9	10	39
2014	13	12	13	11	49
2015	18	18	15	15	66
2016	16	17	12	15	60
2017	12	10	8	11	41