

**A.G.M. OF THE GAP CHESS CLUB**  
**FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER 1998**

Held at The Gap State High School

Meeting opened at 8.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Mark Winn, Stuart Wilson, Andrew Robinson, Harvey Quaresmini, Peter Hiller and Val Horler

**Apologies:**

Doug Foster

**Minutes**

Minutes of previous meeting were read

*Stuart moved the minutes be accepted; seconded Harvey.*

**President's Report**

Mark had circulated a letter to all Members/Parents/Supporters detailing the Club's current position [attached, dated 25.11.98].

It had been a challenging year for the Club. There had been a drop in junior membership and there was a real problem with the Junior Club. Following the resignation of Brian Wilcock as coach, parents and friends of the juniors had held a meeting at which it was decided Mike Corner should come back and coach the juniors.

Senior numbers had been down in the latter part of the year, may be due to the economic climate, or people had other interests, or we are doing something wrong as a Club. Hopefully things will improve. However, the CAQ was not doing very well financially and chess seems to be going into a bit of a rut, so it might be part of that natural progression.

We have plenty of good equipment, and at the stocktake nothing was found to be missing.

There had been some good tournaments during the year and Andrew had done a good job.

Mark thanked the committee members for their efforts during the year.

*Stuart moved the report be accepted; seconded Harvey.*

**Secretary's Report**

Nothing significant to report. Will be circulating members an e-mail received from Robert Hochstadt urging participation in the 1999 Australian Open Chess Championship.

**Treasurer's Report**

Stuart mentioned there had been problems with the Juniors, and problems with rent.

*Junior Club*

\$2256 was generated by the juniors, with expenditure of \$2206, showing a profit of \$50. However the profit was only there because the coach was left to do everything and only took whatever money came in, which was considerably less than his formal fee. Had he taken his normal fee we would have had a

loss for the Juniors. The Junior Club had not contributed to equipment or expenditure for rent, administration, tournaments, or competition catering. The Juniors could not pay its own way and is subsidised by the Senior Club.

#### *Senior Club*

Stuart reported that \$2944.90 had been generated, with costs of \$2100.87, leaving a profit of \$844.03. However that did not take into account general costs such as insurance, Consumer Affairs and Department of Justice fees, auditor's fees and so forth, so they are over and above that. For the last financial year there were no insurance costs, but this year it is anticipated we will have two years of insurance costs because the insurance was paid just after the end of the financial year. That amounts to about \$300. The other costs are \$86.45. So that whittled down our profit to some degree. Equipment for the last year cost \$1106. That is not a cost every year, but there will be some each year.

The problem we have at the present time is the Juniors and the possibility of rent which was \$520 last year rising to possibly \$1560 for this financial year, which would put us well and truly behind the eight-ball. If we are subsidising the Juniors to any great degree that will be added to the rent cost. So that depending on how attendances are an increase of \$1 for night fees would be sufficient to cover our costs providing the Juniors does not cost us a lot. Things could be improved if the Juniors contributed to some extent.

The Gap Open generated \$1255 and cost \$1435.30, a loss of a little under \$200.

We are not broke. We have a balance of \$1587.08, but that will not last very long unless we have better attendances.

Mark pointed out that we have about \$5000 worth of equipment. A lot of it is trophies.

*Val moved the report be accepted; seconded Andrew.*

#### **DOP's Report**

Participation in the tournaments was

The Lightning	15
Flood Cup	20
Handicap	16
The One Hour	9
The Allegro	12

The Knockout had been a disaster and there had been too many tournaments for the interest that was generated. For the Handicap there were lots of byes and forfeits.

Next year there will only be two full-length tournaments. Hopefully the Juniors will become a little more involved; they participated in the Allegro and seemed to enjoy it. They will be encouraged to do that next year once they are 12 years old.

Next year there should be more time for social games, which may generate more interest and encourage people to return.

Next year's tournaments will be the Flood Cup, One Hour, Allegro and the Lightning, plus a Championship for members of the Junior Club.

*Mark moved the DOP's report be accepted; seconded Harvey.*



## Report from Junior Club

Stuart reported the Junior Club had had a meeting a few weeks ago, primarily because with Brian Wilcock's resignation there was no coach. At that meeting Mike Corner volunteered to be the coach for the Juniors providing he did not have any responsibility for the organisation. It was resolved at that meeting that the parents would form a committee to organise and manage the Junior Club. One of the problems that the parents of juniors complained of was not knowing anything about the Senior Club, what it was doing or what it could do for them. Stuart made an impassioned plea for the parents to go to the Management Meetings so that they could participate in what happened to the Junior Club. The parents resolved that they would take over the management and the running of the Junior Club.

It was pointed out that Mark's letter to Members/Parents/Supporters had advised the date, time and venue of the AGM.

*Harvey moved the report be accepted; seconded Peter.*

## General Business

### Election of Office Bearers for 1999

All posts were declared vacant. Peter chaired the meeting for the election of Office bearers.

President	Mark Winn
Vice President	Stuart Wilson
Secretary	Val Horler
Treasurer	Stuart Wilson
DOP	Andrew Robinson
Public Relations	<i>Vacant</i>
Catering Officer	Harvey Quaresmini
Equipment Officer	Mark Winn
CAQ Delegate	Doug Foster
CAQ Proxy	Harvey Quaresmini
Junior Coordinator*	<i>Vacant</i>

\*Subject to review by Management Committee; position of "Junior Coordinator" may be replaced by another title

Committee Member	Doug Foster
Committee Member	Peter Hiller

## Agenda Items

### Special Business

1. Mark sought ratification for the new fees (previously advised to Members/Parents/Supporters) which will take effect 1 January 1999.

Type of Fee	Adult	Concession
Membership	\$50 per annum	\$40.00 per annum
Night Fees	\$4.00 per night	\$3.00 per night
Tournament Fees – Season Pass	\$40.00	\$30.00
Tournament Fees – Per Event	\$15.00	\$10.00

A concession is for full time students and/or persons under the age of 20 years.

*Val moved the new fees be accepted; seconded Stuart; carried unanimously.*

2. The financial year for the Club for 1997 ended on 30 September 1998 and subsequent financial years will end on 30 September. The original draft of the Constitution had 31 October as the financial year and the Department of Justice needed a special vote to confirm it would be 30 September each year.

*Mark moved the new date be accepted; seconded Stuart; carried unanimously.*

3. Phil Dwyer to be appointed Honorary Auditor.

*Mark moved the motion; seconded Stuart; carried unanimously.*

#### **Any Other Business**

Stuart proposed a letter be written to parents to the effect that the Club had noted that the parents were to form a Committee of Management for the Junior Club, and that their delegate is invited to our committee meetings, currently held the second Monday of each month commencing at 8 p.m. at 15 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove.

Mark will write the letter.

*Stuart moved the motion be accepted; seconded Mark; carried unanimously.*

Mark proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for 1998 and hoped next year would be a better one for the Club.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.**

**Next meeting: 1999 AGM**