

***THE GAP CHESS CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

1 December 2000, N Block, The Gap State High School

Time: 8.13pm

Present: Mark Winn, Andrew Robinson, Paul Evans, Stuart Wilson, Doug Foster, Mahardi Lazarus, Jun Yan, Warren Jones, Desley Jones, Patrick Byrom

Apologies: Harvey Quaresmini, Gabriel Boross, Peter Hiller, James Hiller

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Andrew Robinson.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report The President Mark Winn gave a verbal report. He said that while recent attendances have been poor, that history has shown that this goes through phases. Junior interest remains high. Club finances are in good shape in this can be attributed to the new fee structure introduced at the start of this year. With the funds we now have the club will be able to look to purchase new equipment during next year. Lodging the Gaming Machine Benefit Fund application may also be an avenue to assist with the purchase of new equipment. Club liability insurance was renewed with our existing insurer, however next year we will look at some of the offers that have been made for bulk insurance of chess clubs (via the ACF). Mark said that due to his long tenure in office, and other commitments beyond chess, he will be not be nominating for the role of club president for next year. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Mahardi Lazarus.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer Stuart Wilson delivered his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. With a closing balance of \$2831.87 the club is in a strong financial position. Both the senior and junior club contributed to the profit achieved during 2000. The Gap Open was run at a small profit this year. Stuart said that some of the profit was due to the cheap equipment purchases obtained by Doug Foster and a vote of thanks was made to Doug for this. Accepted Mark Winn. Seconded Doug Foster.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary Peter Hiller a report was given by Mark Winn and Andrew Robinson who jointly assisted Peter during the year. Mark and Andrew drafted all of the club's correspondence out for the year. Peter took the minutes at the Committee meetings and his mother assisted with the typing of the minutes. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Paul Evans.

DOP's Report: Andrew Robinson gave a full report for the year. All tournaments were completed during 2000 and the 45 minute tournament was successfully staged again. A junior championship tournament was also held and it is anticipated that there may be more junior tournaments next year. Accepted Mahardi Lazarus. Seconded Mark Winn.

Junior Report: Mahardi Lazarus gave a verbal report on behalf of the junior section of the club. He advised that numbers have fluctuated considerably during the year, however the last 3 to 4 weeks have had strong attendances. Mark Winn moved that there be a vote of thanks for Mahardi and Peter Plunkett for their efforts with the juniors during 2000. Accepted Stuart Wilson. Seconded Andrew Robinson.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2001

Mark Winn handed the meeting over to Patrick Byrom who chaired this part of the meeting. The positions were declared vacant and the following positions were filled.

President:	Andrew Robinson (nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded Mark Winn)
Vice President:	Stuart Wilson (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Mahardi Lazarus)
Secretary:	Peter Hiller (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Treasurer:	Stuart Wilson (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Andrew Robinson) ("I'd like to see someone else do it" - SW)
Director of Play	Andrew Robinson (nominated Mahardi Lazarus, seconded Mark Winn)
Public Relations Officer:	Doug Foster (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Catering Officer:	Harvey Quaresmini (nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Mark Winn)
Equipment Officer:	Mark Winn (nominated Paul Evans, seconded Stuart Wilson)
CAQ Delegate:	Doug Foster (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Proxy for CAQ Delegate:	Harvey Quaresmini (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Junior Co-ordinator:	Mahardi Lazarus (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Asst Junior Co-ordinator:	Peter Plunkett (nominated Mark Winn, seconded Stuart Wilson)
Committee Member:	Paul Evans (nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Mark Winn)

Patrick Byrom then handed the meeting back to Andrew Robinson who chaired it for the balance of the meeting as the new president.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Junior Club: Mahardi Lazarus spoke about the success of five of the junior club players who won the state teams title and have therefore qualified to travel to Adelaide for the Australian School Chess Championships to be held on 16 & 17 December 2000. Mahardi tabled papers detailing the expenses involved in travelling to Adelaide to compete. Doug Foster proposed that the club donate \$500 to assist the junior team with costs. The motion was seconded by Stuart Wilson and carried unanimously.

Other Junior Matters: Jun Yan spoke to the committee about how some of the parents were expressing concerns about how much benefit some of the children were receiving from the coaching. She said it is better if there is something happening each week to encourage regular participation. Andrew Robinson volunteered to run regular monthly tournaments for the junior club next year. These tournaments will be sent to Dave McKinnon for rating. The possibility of obtaining a further coach was also mooted at the meeting. A return to the old 'rewards' scheme of certificates of achievement was mentioned as another way of boosting the juniors.

Honorary Auditor: Phil Dwyer has indicated his acceptance to carry on in the role of honorary auditor. He was nominated from the floor and his nomination accepted and it was carried unanimously. Thanks for the Honorary Auditor's efforts this year will be given in the form of a bottle of port.

Honorary Solicitor: Mark Winn indicated that he is prepared to act again in the role of honorary solicitor for the club. Carried unanimously. As Mark remains a committee member it was decided that it is not appropriate for him to receive a bottle of port (much to his chagrin!)

Closure: The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Next AGM: One Friday in December 2001. Date to be fixed. Time and place will be 8pm at N Block, The Gap State High School.