

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 14 December, 2012

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

The meeting commenced at 8:16pm.

Present

In person: Andrew Robinson, Greg Colwell, James Hiller, Ray Adams, John Ryland

By proxy: Phillip Kirkman, Jim Petrie, Stuart Wilson

Apologies

Martin Laizans (proxy was sent, but too late to be available to be presented at the meeting),
Tony Howes

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Greg Colwell. 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 summary. The following points were noted:

- Membership levels at the club remain steady, with the club presently having 19 financial members made up of 15 seniors and 4 juniors.
- All tournaments were successfully completed, except the 45 Minutes Tournament which will continue into January 2013.
- Participation in club tournaments remains steady.
- The tournament schedule is expected to remain unchanged in 2013.

Proposed: Greg Colwell. Seconded: James Hiller. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

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

- Income for 2011-12 was \$1645.19, which adequately covered the club's expenses of \$1607.12, even allowing for \$581.60 depreciation which formed a significant chunk of the expenses
- Greg said that the closeness of income to expenses indicates the club's fee structure is well balanced, and aligned to what is necessary to support the club without incurring a burden on members
- The club has closed its Commonwealth Bank account and completed the move of its banking to the Heritage Building Society
- Greg acknowledged assistance from others in collecting fees and banking the funds
- Greg said he will be unable to continue as secretary in 2013 due to the likelihood that he will be living abroad in 2013.

Proposed: Andrew Robinson. Seconded: Ray Adams. Accepted. Carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2013

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: James Hiller
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.

Proposals

Flood Cup time controls

Ray Adams stated he had re-thought his earlier objections to reducing the time controls for the Flood Cup, due to the practicalities of finishing play before the 11:00pm alarms.

Andrew Robinson said motions to reduce the Flood Cup time controls had been rejected at recent AGMs, notably 2007 and 2010. Therefore it would be unfair to attempt to amend the time controls by raising the issue from the floor, and therefore not giving advance notice to all members of a significant rule change. It was also noted in this year's Flood Cup, there was only one night (May 18) when play went beyond 11:00pm, requiring the club to phone to arrange an extension.

Ray agreed to defer his proposal, and consider raising it again at next year's AGM.

General business

Rent on premises

Greg Colwell said The Gap State High School had recently advised that the lease on the classroom has now expired. It was agreed to contact the school in the new year to arrange a new lease. Rent is currently \$15/week.

Prize Night trophies

Greg Colwell passed on the details of the trophy engravers the club has used in previous years. John Ryland and Andrew Robinson agreed to arrange for the trophies to be selected and engraved. The 2012 Prize Night is likely to occur on February 8, 2013.

Bank signatories

Greg Colwell will complete the forms required by Heritage Bank to add John Christopher Ryland as the new Treasurer to the club's bank account's signatories and to remove himself. The bank account will continue to be maintained with Heritage Bank and operated by Andrew Robinson as President and John Ryland as the new Treasurer with 2 of 2 required to sign.

Office of Fair Trading

Greg Colwell will request the Office of Fair Trading send an Annual Return form to the club.

Greg Colwell

The club thanked Greg Colwell for his fine efforts over the past four years (2009-2012) in which he has been an accomplished Treasurer and Secretary for the club.

Meeting closed at 8:43pm.