

# **The Gap Chess Club Annual General Meeting 2019**

**20200122**

## **Location**

The Gap Tavern, Queensland

## **Attended in person**

- Tony Morris
  - Rex Scarf
  - Tony Howes
  - Andrew Robinson
  - Martin Laizans
  - Amanda Ward (non-member)
  - Mark Pendrith
  - Phil Eichinski
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## **Attended via proxy**

- Phillip Kirkman
  - Edward Tan
  - Warren Ward
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## **Previous minutes**

- The minutes of the 2018 AGM were unanimously accepted.

## **Matters arising from 2018 AGM minutes**

- Recent print-outs of club documents have not been easily legible
  - Andrew R to get a new, laser printer
- New processes for handling casual visitors adopted during 2019 included stopping tournament play when visitors came
  - This has been successful and will be continued
- Changing starting time to 1930 UTC+10
  - All approved of this change, except Martin

### **Management Committee Reports**

- The President's Report was not presented formally by Andrew Robinson.
  - Instead, this was covered as a discussion of the current state of the club and the matters that arose are set out below in General Business below.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tony Morris
  - The club's income exceeded its expenditure slightly for the year ending 30 Sep 2019.
  - Generally, the club's finances are healthy and there is no need to alter the current club fee structure.

### **Election of office bearers for 2020**

- 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**

- Alter the front page of the website when the club closed
  - Some visitors have arrived to the club when it is closed
  - Tony Morris will add a message to the website and is happy to be reminded if it is not there when it needs to be
  - The website already has a schedule on it the front page, so it only needs a notice when an unanticipated closure is occurring
- Coffee cupboard
  - Warren Ward usually helps with this, but is unlikely to attend the first half of the year
  - Tony Morris is happy to set it up
  - Request help from those around to put it away at the end of the night

- Second set of keys to the club room
  - This hasn't happened yet.
- Martin proposed creating an internal Facebook group
  - Rex seconded the proposal
  - Motion passed, with Tony Morris and Mark Pendrith abstaining
  - Amanda Ward will create the Facebook group for the club
- Phil proposed that we find new ways to get more club members
  - Mark proposed clarifying that our relaxed tournament scheduling which allows deferral of games (not allowed at many other chess clubs) be better advertised
  - Mark proposed finding a different venue, and suggested a bar or cafe
  - Mark will investigate possibilities for a new venue and communicate it back to the club's management committee
- Martin proposes changing the club name
  - Martin suggested some people may think the club is restricted to the suburb of The Gap for its membership
  - There was no support for changing the name, and objections were offered to alternative proposals such as "Western Suburbs Chess Club"
  - Mark proposed altering the website to include a list of suburbs in our region (which may help with visibility of the website to search engines)
  - The suggestion to amend the website was agreed to
- Andrew proposes one (or more) nights per year to host a club night at a different venue e.g. The Gap Tavern
  - Mark will investigate a venue that is OK with this idea
  - Suggestions included pubs and coffee shops
  - It was proposed that these nights be non-tournament nights
  - Could be a Friday night or some other nominated time
  - This proposal was unanimously endorsed
- CAQ has a 3 year club membership option
  - This is now included on the 2020 TGCC membership application form
- Meeting closes 2020 (UTC+10)