

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 21 January 2021

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

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm.

Present

In person: Tony Morris, Amanda Ward (observer), Andrew Robinson, Rex Scarf, Mark Pendrith

By proxy: Cameron De Vere, Phillip Kirkman, Tony Howes

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. Three proxies were 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 COVID-19 lockdown affected the club in 2020, forcing it to close for four months (March to July). After the resumption, there was a significant increase in interest from players wanting to attend the club and play in its tournaments. A large number of new junior members swelled the club's tournament fields (see [Appendix A](#)). It remains to be seen if this will continue through to 2021, but the club's participation rates are healthy at present.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

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

- Income for 2019-20 was \$1272.15.
- Expenses for 2019-20 were 1689.71.
- While the shortfall for the 2019-20 year of just over \$400 is manageable for the club's finances, a discussion occurred which led to a proposal to revise nights fees for 2021. The outcome of this proposal is detailed below under General Business.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2021

All positions were declared vacant and the following office bearers were elected.

President: Andrew Robinson
Vice-President: Mark Pendrith
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

Fee structure for 2021

The current night fee structure of \$4 for adults with a concession for juniors has remained unchanged since [1998](#), and junior fees at \$2 remain at [1990](#) levels.

Tony Morris proposed:

- Night fees will be raised to \$5 adults; \$3 juniors (under 18 years old as at Jan 1st of that year)
- Night fees can be paid as an annual amount of \$150 adults; \$90 juniors
- Tony will create a pro-rata calculator which will be used for players who come to the club during the year and want to pay a proportion of the annual amount
- There will be no refund of annual Night Fee amounts

Proposal carried unanimously.

Club blitz rules

The current laws of chess pertaining to illegal moves in blitz tournaments was discussed. It was agreed that because none of the club's blitz time control tournaments are ACF rated, that we had the capacity to amend the rule for club play. There have been issues at the club where it has taken a long time to adjust the DGT after an illegal move has been made, due to the unavailability of the arbiter.

Mark Pendrith proposed that a player loses the game when making an illegal move if the opponent makes a claim before making their next move. If a claim is not made and the opponent makes a move, the game continues. Capturing the king loses the game. This reverts to using the [2009 FIDE Laws of Chess](#) for this rule regulating blitz play.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Conducting Swiss tournaments

Mark Pendrith proposed using the VEGA pairing program instead of Swiss Perfect 98. Mark outlined some of the benefits of using VEGA. Andrew will download the program with a view to using it in the Flood Cup

Proposal carried unanimously.

Mark Pendrith proposed that the draw for a round in a Swiss tournament should not be made unless all games from earlier rounds had been completed.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Conducting Swiss tournaments (continued)

Mark Pendrith and Rex Scarf jointly proposed that:

- For Swiss tournaments of 5 rounds or less, players are allowed one half point bye, with the exception that no half point byes are allowed in the last round
- For Swiss tournaments of 6 rounds or more, players are allowed two half point byes, with the exception that no half point byes are allowed in the last round

Proposal carried unanimously.

Chess club calendar

Andrew Robinson shared a copy of the draft 2021 club calendar, with no changes suggested from those present.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Appendix A -- Tournament entries

Year	Flood Cup	SW Trophy	Allegro	Lightning	Entries
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
2018	8	10	7	5	30
2019	8	9	8	7	32
2020	18	19	14	9	60

2019	Nov. Swiss	9
2020	Martin Laizans Cup	19