

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 3 February 2023

Place: Room B6, The Gap State High School, Waterworks Road, The Gap

The meeting commenced at 8:20pm.

Present

In person: Tony Morris, Andrew Robinson, Phillip Kirkman, Mark Pendrith
Leo Li (non-member), Ian Li (junior member)

By proxy: Tony Howes, Roy Hedges

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 were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. Two 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 number of players present on club night was considerably reduced in 2022 with only seven players competing in the Flood Cup and six players in the Stuart Wilson Trophy. However, there was an upsurge in membership towards the end of the year and the aim will be to build on this momentum into 2023.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

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

- Income for 2021-22 was \$1076.00.
- Expenses for 2021-22 were \$1451.77.
- The club made a loss of \$375.77 in 2021-22 which is largely attributable to an increase in the room rent, and also to lower membership rates in 2022. This shortfall could be addressed by a small increase in club fees.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2023

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

Fee structure for 2023

In 2016 the adult night fees were \$4 and the room rent was \$20 per night (plus GST). Since then, the room rent has increased to \$30 per night (plus GST). It was generally agreed that the fees should rise, and also that a simplified fee structure would help with administration. This would include a removal of the discount that previously existed for junior players.

Andrew Robinson proposed the following fee structure (seconded by Tony Morris):

- Night fees: \$7 all members (\$10 non-members)
- Night fees can be paid as an annual amount of \$150
- Membership fees to remain at \$10
- Tournament fees to increase to \$10
- CAQ fees remain at \$20 (these fees are determined by the CAQ and are collected on behalf of the CAQ by our club).

Proposal carried unanimously.

Senior chess

Mark Pendrith raised the topic of elderly players who are reluctant to venture out to chess clubs due to health concerns. An idea was floated of having club nights exclusively for adult players who have received the COVID vaccination. This was seen as being unworkable because it would mean excluding other club members from club nights. No motion was put forward to progress this issue, however various options outside of the club were mentioned, including the regular informal chess meetings that occur at La Dolce Vita café in Milton each Saturday morning.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm.