

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 10 November 2023

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

The meeting commenced at 8:00pm.

Present

In person: Andrew Robinson, Phillip Kirkman, Tony Howes, Mark Pendrith, Brian Willcock, Wei-wei Tsai (non-member)

By proxy: Tony Morris

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted. Unanimously accepted with no objections.

Voting

It was agreed that all five members present at the meeting were current financial members of the club and therefore eligible to vote on matters at this AGM. One proxy was 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 club struggled to complete its tournaments this year due to a low number of entries and a high rate of non-attendance. For example, the Flood Cup had nine entries but only four players played five games or more over the board in a seven-round tournament. The long-term viability of the club will depend on the size, commitment and enthusiasm of its membership, and whether this increases in the near future.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

Tony Morris prepared an income and expenses report which was presented to the meeting and can be summarised as follows:

- Income for 2022-23 was \$1851.26.
- Expenses for 2022-23 were \$1488.45.
- The club made a profit of \$402.81 in 2022-23 which was largely attributable to the increase in club night fees which more than adequately covered the costs of room hire and other fees associated with running the club.

Report accepted, carried unanimously.

Election of office bearers for 2024

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

Proposed club schedule for 2024

Andrew Robinson tabled a proposed club schedule for 2024 and explained that he will be available for approximately every second Friday night during 2024. Therefore, in the absence of anyone else who can share the responsibility of opening up (and closing) the club, the proposed club schedule for 2024 contains fortnightly meetings of the club.

Brian queried if not having regular weekly meetings will affect the attendances due to non-continuity of playing nights. Andrew responded that there appears to be no other viable option at present, but that these arrangements can be reviewed in the future.

It was proposed that the club schedule be adopted for 2024.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Fee structure for 2024

The treasurer's report indicated that club fees could remain static or be slightly reduced in 2024. Therefore, a number of changes were proposed, some with a view to streamlining fees, and also providing an incentive for players to complete tournaments.

The proposals were as follows

- Night fees: \$5 all members or \$20 per tournament -- night fees previously \$7
- Club membership fee to increase to \$20 -- up from \$10
- Club tournament fees to be \$0 (wrapped into night fees) -- previously \$10
- CAQ membership fee increases to \$30 from 1 January 2024 (these fees are determined by the CAQ and are collected on behalf of the CAQ by our club) -- previously \$20.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:28pm.