

The Gap Chess Club Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 22 November 2024

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

The meeting commenced at 7:48pm.

Present

In person: Andrew Robinson, George Flitcroft-Smith, Neil Kelson, Sanat Kunwar

By proxy: Brian Willcock, Tony Morris, Mark Pendrith

Previous Minutes

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

Voting

It was agreed that all four members 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, 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 attract players to its tournaments in 2024. The club's continuing viability will depend on whether it can attract new members with a capacity to attend club nights on a regular basis.

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 2023-24 was \$787.00.
- Expenses for 2023-24 were \$1172.16.
- The club had a deficit of \$385.16 in 2023-24 which was the result of low attendances which generated a smaller amount of club night fees. The club presently has an adequate buffer of savings to sustain such a loss.

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

Secretary: Tony Morris

Treasurer: Tony Morris

Tournament Director/Arbiter: Andrew Robinson

CAQ Delegate: Andrew Robinson

Candidates for all positions were elected unanimously and unopposed.

General business

Publicity for the club

Discussion was held on whether to pause the club or continue in 2025.

Andrew outlined his capacity for 2025, continuing the club meetings every two weeks.

Various methods of advertising the club were proposed including:

- Western Echo
- ACF Newsletter
- The Gap Grapevine (a Facebook site)
- School Newsletters
- Creating a new club Facebook page
- Listing the club as a business on Google, to increase visibility in search results.

It was proposed that the club recommence in April 2025 after efforts are made to promote the club prior to this.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm.