



# CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Held at Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell, on Sunday, 13 December 2020  
at 10 AM**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10:22 am.

Present: Mark Stokes (Chairman), Bryan Moss, Allan Fossey, Kerry Corker, Tony McRoberts, Martin Carter, Eliot Soo-Burrowes, Michael D'Arcy.

**ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES:** Andrew FitzPatrick, Shaun Curtis, Gail Young, Hughston Parle, David Esmonde.

### **ITEM 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the minutes of the 2019 CAQ AGM be accepted.  
Passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

### **ITEM 4 – REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Reports**

##### **4.1.1 President's Report**

The Chairman presented his report summarising Queensland chess in 2020. The Chairman noted that the year of 2020 had been particularly challenging, and thanked the tournament and club organisers, as well as members of the Council, for their support throughout the year. A report of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the President's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

##### **4.1.2 Membership Secretary's Report**

##### **4.1.3 Ratings Officer's Report**

The Membership Secretary/Ratings Officer had submitted her joint report prior to the meeting, which was summarised at the AGM by the Secretary. It was reported that on 12 December 2020, CAQ financial members totaled 747, which included a number of new memberships from the recently concluded Queensland Junior Championships. Indeed, 50.2% of all members are cadets (U12).

There were fewer rated events in 2020 than in previous years on account of COVID-19, but CAQ still saw 41 tournaments rated, eight of which were Open (weekend) tournaments. There was no CAQ Grand Prix in 2020 on account of COVID-19.

Michael D'Arcy moved, and Eliot Soo-Burrowes seconded, that the reports from the Membership Secretary/Ratings Officer be accepted. Passed unanimously.

##### **4.1.4 Publicity Officer's Report**

The Publicity Officer was an apology for the AGM, and so did not present a report.

#### **4.1.5 IT Officer's Report**

The IT Officer was also an apology for the AGM, so his report was presented at the AGM by the Secretary.

The report consisted of four main points:

- Disaster Recovery Plan – this plan is now in place. A secure area is attached to the CAQ website hosting area. CAQ has a Dropbox free 1 Gb account and a Google Drive 3 Gb. There is suitable USB storage media and a fire-proof safe.
- Website – Allan Fossey, Kerry Corker and Ian Murray have been researching and collating items to document the history of Queensland chess. Ian Murray's Queensland chess magazines have been scanned and are ready to link to the CAQ site, and Kerry Corker's spreadsheet of Queensland events is posted on the website menu under "About -> CAQ Wiki".
- Broadcast with DGT Boards – Seven events were broadcast via DGT in Queensland in 2020, which included the Queensland Interschool State Finals, Queensland Junior Championships, and the Australian Junior Chess Championships at The Southport School.
- Online Chess – In April 2020, it was suggested that Lichess code be looked at for potential tournament use. This suggestion recently culminated in the running of the Australian Schools Teams Championships online. Clubs have also made use of Lichess to run online club events.

Moved by Michael D'Arcy, seconded by Bryan Moss that the IT Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### **4.1.6 Regional Liaison Officer's Report**

The Regional Liaison Officer reported that the events of 2020 had profoundly impacted upon regional chess. The RLO noted that in 2019 he had attended regional events from Toowoomba to Cairns, but in 2020 these events were limited to Bundaberg. At this stage, there are plans to schedule an event at Rainbow Beach in May of 2021, so there are signs that regional chess in 2021 will rebound.

Moved by Martin Carter, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the Regional Liaison Officer's report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

#### **4.1.7 Interschool Report**

Shaun Curtis and Andrew FitzPatrick had distributed a report, but as both were unable to attend the meeting their report was read by Mark Stokes. It noted that interschool chess was going to require a rebuild after what had been a very challenging year – the 2866 interschool participants across the three terms of 2020 was in contrast to 9455 over the same period in 2019. Communication with schools has been excellent once again, which would assist in the recovery of these numbers in 2021.

It was also noted that in the National Schools Finals, all four Queensland teams won medals, with Anglican Church Grammar School becoming the champion team in the Primary Open (and the third Queensland school to win this title). The Schools Finals were played online in 2020 owing to COVID-19, which required a substantial volume of preparatory work – in particular, the contributions of Hughston Parle, David Esmonde and Peter Tsai were noted.

Moved by Mark Stokes, seconded by Michael D'Arcy that the 2020 Interschool report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

### **4.2 Receiving statements of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association**

### **4.3 Receiving the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 September 2020**

The Auditor's report for 2020 was prepared by Bailiwick Accounting Services Pty Ltd. The report demonstrated that the accounts and finances of the CAQ are in order and that the Association is in a healthy financial position.

The Auditor noted that CAQ had an operating profit of \$88 this year vs a loss of \$14,998 in 2019. As noted in last year's AGM report, there were a number of large costs incurred in the 2019 FY, notably reimbursement of prior years' MYOB fees to a previous Treasurer, payment of previous years' prizemoney, and payment of ACF fees that were not invoiced in the years they were due, all of which accounted for the 2019 loss.

Cash held at 30 November 2020 totaled \$64,627 vs \$63,963 at 30 September 2019, and comprised \$11,519 in a NAB cheque account, \$53,049 in a NAB Cash Maximiser Account, \$1 in a NAB Savings Account (designated for

juniors), and \$58 in Paypal.

Bryan Moss moved, and Eliot Soo-Burrowes seconded that the statements of income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities of the Association, as well as the Auditor's report for the year ending 30 September 2020, be accepted. Passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **5.1 Declaration of vacancies for all Council positions and election of interim chairman**

The Chairman declared vacant all positions on the Council, and Allan Fossey was elected as Interim Chairman.

### **5.2 Determination of voting rights**

The Chairman advised the following voting rights:

Michael D'Arcy	3 votes (2 Suncoast, 1 QWCL)
Mark Stokes	3 votes (1 Redcliffe, 1 Toowoomba, 1 Townsville)
Bryan Moss	3 votes (Brisbane)
Martin Carter	1 vote (Bundaberg)
Tony McRoberts	1 votes (Redcliffe)

Total: 11 votes

### **5.3 Appointment of scrutineers**

Not required.

### **5.4 Election of Council officers for 2021**

The Chairman advised that the following nominations had been received for the vacant positions on Council:

President:	Mark Stokes
Vice President:	Andrew FitzPatrick
Secretary:	Michael D'Arcy
Treasurer:	Bryan Moss
Membership Secretary:	Gail Young
Regional Liaison Officer:	Martin Carter
Ratings Officer:	Gail Young
Publicity Officer:	Hughston Parle
Junior Chess Coordinator:	Shaun Curtis
Tournament Officer:	Andrew FitzPatrick
Development Officer:	Eliot Soo-Burrowes
IT Officer:	David Esmonde

The Chairman noted that there were no contested nominations. All positions were duly elected unopposed.

### **5.5 Confirmation of Council appointees for 2021**

#### **Interschool Chess Coordinator**

Mark Stokes moved, and Martin Carter seconded that Shaun Curtis be appointed as the Interschool Chess Coordinator for 2021. Passed unanimously.

#### **CAQ GP Coordinator**

Mark Stokes moved, and Michael D'Arcy seconded that Gail Young be appointed as the CAQ Grand Prix Coordinator for 2021. Passed unanimously.

#### **CAQ Archivist**

The CAQ Archivist is a newly appointed position. Mark Stokes moved, and Tony McRoberts seconded that Allan Fossey be appointed as the CAQ Archivist for 2021. Passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Moved by Bryan Moss, seconded by Mark Stokes that Bailiwick Group would be appointed as auditor for the 2021 financial year. Passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 7 – SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 That this 2020 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL that the CAQ Council continues to run a Queensland Participation Grand Prix, with total prize money in 2021 of \$2000, with all prize money to be won by CAQ Members only.**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

The AGM agreed to continue the Queensland Participation Grand Prix for 2021, particularly given the support it offers for regional chess (which has been heavily impacted by COVID-19 restrictions), but noted the possibility of several alternative/concurrent options. The Chairman told the meeting that the ACF Council had expressed the hope that the state associations might establish their own set of awards. It was also noted that the Grand Prix would need to be well marketed and advertised given its forced absence in 2020.

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions).

- 7.2 That this 2020 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL that the 2021 CAQ Council allocates the CAQ 2021 Grand Prix prizemoney in the following way:**

**1ST PLACE: \$250**

**Best U2000 ACF: \$175**

**Best U1800 ACF: \$175**

**Best U1600 ACF: \$175**

**Best U1400 ACF: \$175**

**Best U1200 ACF: \$175**

**Best U1000 ACF: \$175**

**Best U800 ACF: \$175**

**Best Regional Player: \$175**

**Best Female Under 1800 ACF: \$175**

**Best Female Under 1000 ACF: \$175**

**Best Unrated: Free CAQ 2022 Membership**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions).

- 7.3 That this 2020 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL that the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL continues to support CAQ Affiliated Clubs and endorsed individual Tournament Organisers with a \$500 subsidy to run regional weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments OR with a \$200 subsidy to run weekend classically rated Open Chess Tournaments in South-East Queensland, and that this subsidy be paid once the Tournament Entry Form is placed on the CAQ Website and once an application is made to the CAQ Treasurer.**

**For the purposes of this motion, Redcliffe, Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich and Gold Coast will be considered South-East Queensland Events and be entitled to a \$200 CAQ subsidy and all other CAQ endorsed Open Weekend Chess Tournaments will be considered Regional Events and entitled to a \$500 CAQ subsidy.**

**It is also noted that no CAQ Club or endorsed Individual Tournament Organiser can claim more than three tournament subsidies between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions).

- 7.4 That this 2020 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL that the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL subsidises the CAQ Affiliated Club or endorsed Individual Tournament Organiser that organises and runs the 2021 Queensland Open with an extra \$500 subsidy, on top of any other subsidy they are entitled to, and that this subsidy be paid**

once the 2021 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Website and an application has been made to the CAQ Treasurer.

**MOVED: MARK C STOKES**

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions).

- 7.5 That this 2020 CAQ AGM recommends to the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL that the 2021 CAQ COUNCIL continues its policy to subsidise the entry fees of Grandmasters, Womens Grandmasters, International Masters and Womens International Masters to the CAQ Affiliated Club or endorsed Individual Tournament Organisers for any CAQ endorsed Open Events held in Queensland in 2021.**

**MOVED: MARK STOKES**

The motion was seconded by Michael D'Arcy and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions).

## **ITEM 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8.1** Kerry Corker addressed the meeting and requested that clubs could submit information of their history to be a part of CAQ's archival collection.

**8.2** Michael D'Arcy moved that Aurel-John Buciu be awarded life membership of the CAQ in recognition of his significant and long-standing financial sponsorship of Queensland chess events. The motion was seconded by Tony McRoberts and was passed 8-0 (3 votes were abstentions)

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:43 AM.