



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

To be held over Zoom on Sunday 7 January 2024 at 4 PM

Attendance: Shaun Curtis, Garvin Gray, Sam Buckley, Steven Cooke, Joseph Curtain, Rebecca Bleney, Donna McGettigan, and Gail Young (late)

Apologies: Dusan Stojic, Elena Jule and Eliot Soo-Burrowes

The chair opened the meeting at 4:04pm

ITEM 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 12 November 2023 council meeting

Motion 071024/1: That the minutes of the 12 November 2023 council meeting be accepted.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Steven Cooke

Abstain: Garvin and Sam

Carried

1.2 Acceptance of the minutes of the 11 December 2023 council meeting

Motion 071024/2: That the minutes of the 11 December 2023 council meeting be accepted.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Steven Cooke

Abstain: Garvin and Sam

Carried

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Shaun tabled a written report.

Motion 07012023/3: That the President's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Steven Cooke

Carried

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Donna is very new. No report presented.

Donna advised she has the treasurer@caq.org.au email setup and is yet to get access to the Gmail one from Bryan. Working with Sam for Stripe and Xero access.

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

Rebecca provided a brief verbal report. Advised she emailed out yesterday what she's done so far with working out accurate members. Has 400 members. Thinks its about 80% accurate 15% good guess. All should be CAQ members. 200 are not associated with any club. This part is not accurate yet.

Action: Find out which email address would likely have membership forms sitting in the inbox.

Gail arrived 4:17 pm

Motion 07012023/4: That the Membership Secretary's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Rebecca Bleney

Second: Shaun Curtis

Carried

3.4 Rating Officer's Report

Gail presented 2 reports. For the 12 months there were only 2 rapid tournaments rated. There will be more rapid tournaments rated from Suncoast this year.

Motion 07012023/5: That the Rating Officer's report be accepted as presented.

Mover: Gail Young

Second: Shaun Curtis

Carried

Skipped to Item 6.1 as Andrew Fitzpatrick has arrived.

ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

5.1 **Amended Motion 29122023/1:** That the CAQ Council endorse Gardiner Chess' application for the Funding Support Program through the ACF and have further discussion about using CAQ's name for venue hire at our next meeting.

Mover: Sam Buckley

Second: Shaun Curtis

Abstained: Dusan Stojic

Carried

5.2 **Motion 31122023/1:** That we accept Donna McGettigan's nomination for Treasurer.
Mover: Sam Buckley
Seconded: Rebecca Bleney
Carried

Motion 07012024/6: That the email motions above be ratified.
Mover: Shaun Curtis
Seconded: Sam Buckley
Carried

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion about Gardiner Chess' request to use the CAQ name to access the not for profit rate of hire for the Gold Coast Open venue to make it feasible to run the tournament in its current form.

Guests attending to speak to this item: Andrew Fitzpatrick, David Esmonde

Andrew spoke to the Council and advised:

- He is seeking the opportunity to put down CAQ on rental agreement with Gold Coast City Council with the view of hiring hall for the 2024 Gold Coast Open.
- With a not for profit name, it attracts a significant discount for venue – 65% off full rate.
- Not looking to make money on it. Current projections are showing a significant loss.
- This would enable Gardiner Chess to put that money into the event itself.
- Good deal from last year is no longer available.
- If not possible will need to look at cutting costs.
- Commercial with community rate may be available. Hasn't looked into that yet.
- He doesn't want to make CAQ liable for anything. Trying to do the best for everybody and allow the event to get to maximum capacity.

David spoke to the Council and advised:

- David has been involved in Gold Coast Open since 1994.
- It has grown to offer title and arbiter norms and is an important event in Queensland.
- David spoke to Doug Williams and his opinion is that a for profit organisation asking for a not for profit discount does raise some legal issues.
- Doug suggested the tournament be handed back to CAQ and CAQ license to Gardiner Chess to claim this venue discount.

Shaun explained what title norms are. A history of the Gold Coast Open was shared. There was discussion around last year's arrangement.

Andrew and David left the meeting.

There was discussion around the importance of the Gold Coast Open for Queensland and that it is an event we're all proud of.

Motion 07012024/7: That we grant Gardiner Chess the ability to use the CAQ name to acquire not for profit discount for venue hire for the Gold Coast Open 2024.

Abstained: Donna and Gail

Motion Failed

Action: Sam to communicate result to Gardiner Chess

Moved back to Item 4.

6.2 Discussion about investigating the contract with RevSport including payments made and signatories. That Council hold a Special General Meeting on this matter in the first quarter of 2024. That no additional payments be made to RevSport until the aforementioned SGM.

Shaun advised program was looked into by Bryan and possibly Hughston. Motion was approved last year. Deal signed. System has been a bit of a mess. Clubs are not happy with RevSport at this time. We should listen to the clubs.

Shaun also advised that the second signature – Jasmin Shaw was Shaun’s flat mate at the time.

Shaun was advised at the time that the signature could just be a witness by RevSport and Bryan. Bryan told Shaun to sign it.

Shaun thinks not signed in January probably closer to the middle of the year.

Motion 07012024/8: That the CAQ will move away from RevSport and attempt to cancel the contract immediately.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Secunder: Gail Young

Carried

Action: Shaun and Doug Williams look at cancelling this and report back.

Sam shared an alternative option to RevSport – Paid Membership Pro Plus Level with Stripe. It would cost the CAQ \$397USD per year for the plugin. Approximately \$582AUD.

This option will improve the professionalness of the CAQ and allow for better functionality and data collection. This includes:

- Collect membership payments online.
- Set an expiry date for payments.
- Send reminders that payments are expiring soon.
- Manually add payments if not paid through website.
- Member be able to log in and update their details or check their membership.
- Send receipts.
- Manually add members.

- Import/Export if required.
- Use custom fields to collect all the data we need for a member.
- Flexible pricing options.
- Allow members to donate as on current membership form.
- Takes care of family memberships really well.

Motion 07012024/9: That the CAQ adopt the presented paid membership pro membership software to rectify our current membership issues.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconder: Joseph Curtain

Carried unanimously.

6.3 Discussion about continuing to support CAQ Inc Affiliated Clubs and approved Individual Organisers with a \$400 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 Inc Website and an application is then made to the CAQ Inc 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 Inc subsidy and all other CAQ Inc approved Open Weekend Chess Tournaments be considered Regional events and be entitled to a \$400 CAQ Inc subsidy. It is also noted that no CAQ Inc affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser can claim more than two CAQ tournament subsidies between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

Motion 07012023/10: That the CAQ continues to support CAQ Inc Affiliated Clubs and approved Individual Organisers with a \$400 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 Inc Website and an application is then made to the CAQ Inc 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 Inc subsidy and all other CAQ Inc approved Open Weekend Chess Tournaments be considered Regional events and be entitled to a \$400 CAQ Inc subsidy. It is also noted that no CAQ Inc affiliated Club or approved Individual Tournament Organiser can claim more than two CAQ tournament subsidies between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

Mover: Rebecca Bleney

Seconder: Steven Cooke

Carried

6.4 Discussion about subsidising the CAQ Inc affiliated Club or approved Individual Organiser that organises and runs the 2024 CAQ Inc 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 2024 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

Motion 07012023/11: That the CAQ continues to subsidise the CAQ Inc Affiliated Club Or approved Individual Organiser that organises and runs the 2024 CAQ Inc 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 2024 Queensland Open entry form is placed on the CAQ Inc Website and application is then made to the CAQ Inc Treasurer.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Seconded: Garvin Gray

Carried

6.5 Discussion about continuing CAQ Inc's policy to reimburse the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters and Women International Masters to CAQ Inc affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organizers for any CAQ approved classically rated Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2024.

Motion 07012023/12: That the CAQ reimburses the entry fees of Grandmasters, Women Grandmasters, International Masters, Women International Masters and Fide Masters (rated over 2200 ACF or FIDE on the current rating list being used for the tournament) to CAQ Inc affiliated Clubs or approved Individual Organizers for any CAQ approved classically rated Open Chess Tournaments held in Queensland in 2024.

Mover: Garvin Gray

Seconded: Shaun Curtis

Carried

6.6 Discussion about rescinding motion 05022023/14 where the 1 year membership was increased from \$20 to \$30, the 3 year membership was increased from \$50 to \$75, the 1 year family membership was increased from \$40 to \$60 and the 3 year family membership was increased from \$90 to \$135.

Motion 07012023/13: That the CAQ rescind motion 05022023/14 where the 1 year membership was increased from \$20 to \$30, the 3 year membership was increased from \$50 to \$75, the 1 year family membership was increased from \$40 to \$60 and the 3 year family membership was increased from \$90 to \$135.

Mover: Gail Young

Seconded: Donna McGettigan

Carried

6.7 2024 Tournament Calendar

Dusan advised Shaun that the calendar is almost there. Shaun to help Dusan contact commercial entities as the final step.

Shaun advised that this is the CAQ priority for publicising events.

Calendar Priority:

- CAQ Titled Events
- Not for Profit (Club) Events
- Then businesses

Classic tournaments over Blitz

6.8 Discussion about all CAQ Councillors using the existing mailboxes for their role.

Action: *all councillors use caq.org.au email addresses. Contact Sam or David.*

6.9 CAQ Membership List and its accuracy

Still not accurate enough. Getting there.

6.10 Discussion about Public Liability Insurance and rescinding motion 05022023/15A “That any participant of an event at a CAQ affiliated chess club must be either a member or temporary member of CAQ.”

Motion 07012023/14: That the CAQ rescind motion 05022023/15A “That any participant of an event at a CAQ affiliated chess club must be either a member or temporary member of CAQ.

Mover: Gail Young

Second: Rebecca Bleney

Abstain: Shaun Curtis

Carried

6.11 Discussion about including job descriptions and images of councillors on the CAQ website including removal of position descriptions from the CAQ website until they are accurate and approved.

Motion 07012023/15: That the position descriptions be removed from the CAQ website until they are amended and approved.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Second: Rebecca Bleney

Carried

Motion 07012023/16: That images of CAQ Councillors be published on the website with their name and photo or just name if preferred.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Second: Steven Cooke

Carried

Action: *Sam to get photos from CAQ Councillors*

6.12 Changeover of signatories on bank accounts for bill payments. There are outstanding bills to pay. Remove Hughston Parle and Bryan Moss and add Donna McGettigan, Garvin Gray and Samantha Buckley.

Motion 07012023/17: That Hughston Parle and Bryan Moss be removed as signatories and Donna McGettigan, Garvin Gray and Samantha Buckley be added. That Rebecca Bleney be added as view only.

Mover: Shaun Curtis

Second: Steven Cooke

Carried

6.13 Discussion about CAQ membership for player in rapid and blitz tournaments.

No actions or motions.

6.14 Sam suggested we get our Vega expert to screen record some videos and we put them up on the CAQ website so any members/clubs who need to learn have easy access to the Vega Training.

Action: *Shaun to talk to Michael Darcy about recording videos.*

Other General Business

David Esmonde rejoined the meeting.

David was contacted by a club concerned by some minutes. The meta data showed they were created on 12 and 13 November 2023. It doesn't mean there's anything wrong with the files. He thinks its worthy of the council's consideration.

These 3 minutes were created 12 and 13 November 2023 according to meta data.

- 16 April 2023
- 2 July 2023
- 10 September 2023

David Esmonde left the meeting.

This could mean minutes were approved that weren't created yet. If created that much later than the meeting, the information could be remembered wrongly.

Action: *Shaun to look for original minutes sent from Hughston and forward any sent throughout the year to Sam.*

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 10 March tentatively (Wendy Terry Memorial on this date)
Will look further into a more suitable date.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.31 pm.