

## **The City of Redcliffe Chess Club Inc.**

**Minutes** of the committee meeting of the Redcliffe Chess Club held in F Block of the Grace Lutheran College, Buchanan Street, Rothwell Qld 4022 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 commencing at 6.33pm.

**Present:** Mark C Stokes (President and in the Chair); Allan Fossey; Jai Turner; Nikola Maljickovic; Max Kershaw (Secretary) and Tony Weller (Treasurer who arrived at 6.35pm). Also in attendance in an observer capacity was Rohan Pyne who is undertaking the role of the Club's webmaster.

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous combined AGM and general meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 and as previously circulated was received and adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Business arising:** Nil.

**President's Report:** The President's report was verbally presented and the following points and comments were noted:

.The club is going reasonably well with 20 to 30 players attending each club night. The President acknowledged the considerable efforts of Kerry Corker in promoting that increase in juniors attending the club.

.Club tournaments for 2024 are progressing well and there is good support for same by the club membership.

. Grace Lutheran has approved the Club's usage for all 2024 chess tournaments as per the following:

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June; 21/9 and 22/9; 16/11 and 17/11 and 14/12 and 15/12. The latter event being a Christmas tournament organised by Gail Young. It was noted that the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 is the last day of school for the 2024 year thus there should be considerable interest from the juniors in participating in this end of year tournament.

.Advice from the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) regarding several new alterations to the model rules inclusive of dispute resolution procedures and remuneration declarations. These changes are detailed on the OFT's website and after discussion on same it resolved by Mark C. Stokes and seconded by Tony Weller to adopt the model rules changes proposed by the OFT with such recommendation being carried.

.The President tabled a copy of our OFT annual report submitted by the RCC on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 and such was circulated for information.

.The President circulated copies of recent accounts paid to the ACF for FIDE rating purposes and such was received for information.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 which represented a five month period was presented by the Treasurer with the following points being noted:

.Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 amounted to \$1,280.00 with incomes for the corresponding period being \$1,586.40 thus the overall increase in income was \$306.40.

.Largest income streams being CAQ fees of \$470.00; and Club tournament fees. Major expenditure items being ACF fees \$264.30; CAQ fees \$530.00 and trophies \$390.00.

.Cash on hand as at 30/4/2024 was \$19,295.81.

Tony Weller moved adoption of the Treasurers report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 which was seconded by Max Kershaw with such being adopted by the meeting.

**General Business:** The following items of general business were discussed:

.All of the club's chess clocks have being preset to various time controls to ensure consistency for both club and tournament events. The President thanked Rohan Pyne on behalf of the club for organising this.

.The meeting noted that the upcoming State of Origin NRL series would be held on Wednesday nights - 5<sup>th</sup> June; 26<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> July and that many club members may not attend the club on those nights. After general discussion on the matter, Jai Turner indicated that he would be happy to run events on those three nights, if there was interest such perhaps being Random Fischer events. It was requested that the President verbally raise this suggestion at tonight's club event and if there was interest in attending those nights then Jai would be authorised to action same. **NOTE:** the President did raise this matter later on the night and following an indication of general interest in participating in those suggested events by Jai he was authorised to organise these events as discussed.

.The club noted the resignation of Kerry Corker from the Committee in order for him to pursue other interests and the President requested that the Club's appreciation for his services be recorded in the minutes.

.Discussion ensued on the possibility of securing grant funding to purchase additional DGT chess boards and this was left in the

President's hands to action if such an opportunity arises.

.There was general discussion on the possibility of inviting Grand Master David Smerdon to attend a future club night to make a presentation and perhaps hold a simul event with the members. There was general agreement to investigate this possibility and discuss same at a future committee meeting.

.The President raised the matter of a club donation to the 2024 45th Chess Olympiad appeal being held in Budapest, Hungary from 10<sup>th</sup> September through to 23<sup>rd</sup> September and it was moved by Max Kershaw seconded by Jai Turner that the club donate \$100.00 to the appeal and encourage other clubs to do the same. This motion was adopted.

.The need for a new printer was raised and it was moved by Tony Weller and seconded by Jai Turner that the club purchase a suitable printer and such was carried.

.The President advised the meeting that Rohan Pyne had been undertaking the club's website updates and formally thanked him for this service.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set down for 6.30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.