

THE GAP CHESS CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 6 December 2002

Place: Room D2, The Gap State High School

The meeting commenced at 8.15pm.

Present

Andrew Robinson, Stuart Wilson, Doug Foster, Peter Hiller, James Hiller, Ray Adams, Gabriel Boross, John Curran, Paul Evans, George Flitcroft-Smith, Harvey Quaresmini, Mahardi Lazarus, Mike Talbot

Apologies

Mark Winn, Michael Hussey

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and accepted.

Proposed Doug Foster. Seconded Gabriel Boross.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was decided to commence with the Junior Club Report and then proceed through the other reports in the normal order.

Junior Club Report

Mahardi Lazarus gave a verbal report on behalf of the junior section of the club. He advised that numbers have fluctuated considerably during 2002, but over the whole year the numbers have been high enough to support two coaches for 3 out of 4 nights with Andrew Robinson holding a tournament each 4th night thus eliminating the presence of the coaches on the 4th night. The junior committee will reconsider in coming weeks what the coaching structure will be for 2003.

Mahardi Lazarus advised that his son Ben would not be regularly attending coaching classes in 2003. Therefore Mahardi will not be available as coordinator of the junior group in 2003. John Fortin has agreed to perform the role of Junior Club Co-ordinator in 2003.

Coach Max Leskiewicz will not be available from the start of next year until 8 March 2003. John Fortin has agreed to perform some coaching duties during this time. Stuart Wilson advised that coach Nicki Jones had asked for a rise in coaching fees and the meeting decided that this should be assessed when a clearer picture of attendance patterns for 2003 are available.

Mahardi Lazarus thanked the senior club for their assistance and support of the junior section as well as to Andrew Robinson for conducting the junior tournaments on Friday nights.

Coach Max Leskiewicz presented his employee application as an approved person to deal with young people with a request that the club pay the \$40.00 fee for its submission.

Approved. Proposed Andrew Robinson Seconded Harvey Quaresmini.

President's Report

The President Andrew Robinson presented the attached President's report.
Accepted. Proposed Stuart Wilson. Seconded Harvey Quaresmini.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary Stuart Wilson presented the attached Secretary's report.
Accepted. Proposed Andrew Robinson. Seconded Doug Foster.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Stuart Wilson delivered his report comprising the annual balance sheet and auditor's certificate a copies of which are attached to these minutes. With a closing balance of \$1329.45 the club has made a loss of just under \$300.00 for the 2002 financial year. The Gap Open was again run at a loss this year with only 16 senior players taking part. The junior club again managed to make a small net profit (night fees vs coaching fees) and this was mainly due to the monthly junior tournaments for which no coaching expenses were incurred.

Accepted Proposed Andrew Robinson. Seconded Harvey Quaresmini.

DOP's Report

Andrew Robinson gave a full report for the year. All 4 tournaments comprising elements of the Best All-Rounder Trophy were completed during 2002. Monthly junior tournaments were successfully staged and were well attended. Next year's tournament schedule was presented and is attached to these minutes. All results and upcoming tournaments have been advertised on the club website.

Accepted Proposed Harvey Quaresmini Seconded Gabriel Boross.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2003

Andrew Robinson handed the meeting over to Ray Adams who chaired this part of the meeting. All positions were declared vacant and the following office bearers were elected.

President: Andrew Robinson

nominated Doug Foster, seconded George Flitcroft-Smith

Vice President: Stuart Wilson

nominated Doug Foster, seconded Andrew Robinson

Secretary: Paul Evans

nominated Doug Foster, seconded George Flitcroft-Smith

Treasurer: Stuart Wilson

nominated Doug Foster, seconded Andrew Robinson

Director of Play: Andrew Robinson

nominated Gabriel Boross, seconded Harvey Quaresmini

Public Relations Officer: Doug Foster

nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded James Hiller

Catering Officer: Harvey Quaresmini

nominated Gabriel Boross, seconded James Hiller

Equipment Officer: John Curran

nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Gabriel Boross

CAQ Delegate: Doug Foster

nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded George Flitcroft-Smith

Proxy for CAQ Delegate: George Flitcroft-Smith

nominated Harvey Quaresmini, seconded James Hiller

Junior Co-coordinator: John Fortin

nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Harvey Quaresmini

Asst Junior Co-coordinator: Andrew Robinson

nominated Stuart Wilson, seconded Peter Hiller

Committee Member: Peter Hiller

nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Harvey Quaresmini

Committee Member: James Hiller

nominated Andrew Robinson, seconded Harvey Quaresmini

Ray Adams then handed the meeting back to Andrew Robinson who chaired it for the balance of the meeting as the new president.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Honorary Auditor

Beth Abbott has indicated her acceptance to carry on in the role of honorary auditor. She was nominated from the floor and her nomination accepted and it was carried unanimously. The treasurer was asked to send her a letter of appreciation for her services in the past.

Honorary Solicitor

Mark Winn indicated that he is prepared to act again in the role of honorary solicitor for the club. He was nominated from the floor and his nomination was accepted and carried unanimously.

The Gap Open

Andrew Robinson advised that he informed the CAQ the club would hold a tournament during Queen's Birthday weekend and would provide details later in the year. Discussion ensued on the low numbers of contestants in senior chess tournaments in recent years and the amount of organizing required to hold these events. It was decided that the management committee should be charged with looking into the kind of tournament, if any, to be held in 2003.

Tournament Rules

Andrew Robinson advised that after discussions with committee members (including Doug Foster) that players will only be eligible to win the Maiden Trophy in future contests if they have won no previous tournaments or trophies and meet the other criteria. In recent years, the practice had been to only exclude those who had won tournaments or trophies *in previous years*.

Two changes to the Tournament Rules were proposed at the meeting:

Maiden Trophy - Rule 3 be revised to read:

No member shall be eligible to enter this tournament if prior to joining the club he/she had an ACF/ELO rating in excess of 1400.

Accepted Proposed Andrew Robinson, Seconded Harvey Quaresmini.

Lightning - Rule 1 be revised to read:

The format of this tournament shall be round-robin. If there are 14 entries or less, each round shall consist of FOUR games against each opponent. If there are more than 14 entries each round shall consist of TWO games against each opponent, and/or qualifying stages may be used.

Accepted Proposed Andrew Robinson, Seconded Stuart Wilson.

Equipment

Peter Hiller gave a brief report on the club's equipment, stating that the quantity and condition of the equipment has not lessened significantly from last year. A discussion ensued concerning the possible purchase of digital clocks and it was decided to continue to use the analogue clocks while there are enough that remain in working order. If the club can receive a sponsorship or subsidy then the management committee will review any decision to purchase digital clocks.

Closure

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Next AGM

One Friday in December 2003. Date to be fixed. Time and place will be 8pm at room D2, The Gap State High School.