

Thursday, 31st January 2019

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 2019 Croydon Chess Club Annual General Meeting was held on **Thursday, 31st January 2019** at the Croydon RSL, 1 Civic Square, Croydon VIC 3136.

1. Opening and Preliminary Business

- 1.1 Time: *Meeting commenced at 7.35pm*
- 1.2 Opening remarks: *Welcome by the President, Kyle Gibson, who is chairing the meeting. Ian corrected a date error on the Agenda: Item 4. Heading.*
- 1.3 In Attendance: *Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung, Richard Goldsmith, Mathew Cooke, Kyle Gibson, Cameron Yung, Wayne Gibson*

Apologies: Ion Kloprogge, Jean Watson, Guy West

- 1.4 Previous AGM Minutes: *No amendments requested*

Motion: *That the record of Minutes of the previous AGM, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any), be adopted.*

Moved: Richard Goldsmith Seconded: Pearl Yung

Carried

2. 2018 Annual Reports

- 2.1 2018 President's Report: *Previously published on the club website. Remarks included appreciation for the on-going support of Northern Star Chess and Bendigo Community Bank; the record 124 membership and the success of our juniors.*

Motion: *That the 2018 President's Report be adopted.*

Moved: Pearl Yung Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

- 2.2 Treasurer's Report: *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung.*

The club continues to be in a good financial position thanks to the large junior membership. The substantial "liabilities" are the result of outstanding cheques and the ongoing lack of invoices from Chess Victoria for which we need to make provision. Appreciation for the continued assistance of our Auditor Jaclyn Wong in the preparation and auditing of the financial statements. Noted: Financial Statements have been certified as a true and fair by 2018 Committee Members Pearl Yung and Ian Birchall.

Motion: *That the 2018 Treasurer's Report be adopted.*

Moved: Cam Yung Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

3. Proposed Calendar for 2019

- 3.1 Presentation of 2019 Proposed Calendar – *tabled by Ian Birchall*

Main changes – 1. Croydon Open increased to 9 rounds to fit the longer term and with increased prizes to try to attract players to our flagship event. Other issues for attracting players is lack of FIDE rating and distance which we can't do anything about. 2. President's Cup extended to 7 rounds to fit term. As a result one tournament is missing. Fees adjusted to compensate. 3. Minor Junior tournaments increased to 6 rounds to reduce casual sessions.

- 3.2 Questions and Discussion: *As above*

- 3.3 Amendments to Proposed Calendar: *None*

- 3.4 **Motion:** *That the proposed 2019 Croydon Chess Calendar be adopted.*

Moved: Pearl Yung

Seconded: Mathew Cooke

Carried

4. Proposed Budget for 2019

- 4.1 Presentation of 2019 Budget – *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung with additional remarks on junior coaching costs from Ian Birchall.*

Main points:

1. The main expense is now junior coaching. We will need to cover the costs of employing the Youth group coach and the possibility of employing another (female if possible) if junior numbers are large. To cover this, the budget includes an increase in junior membership fees – Adult \$70, 1st Child \$60, 2nd Child \$40, subsequent \$0.

2. Our reserve funds are significant. The budget proposes a loss of about \$1800 to be covered by reserves. This is a similar to the proposed budgetted loss in 2018 (which didn't happen because of increased membership income).

- 4.2 Questions – *none*

- 4.3 Amendments to Proposed Budget - *none.*

- 4.4 Adoption of Proposed Budget

Motion: *That the proposed 2019 Croydon Chess Inc. Budget, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any) be adopted.*

Moved: Mathew Cooke

Seconded: Cam Yung

Carried

5. Motions On Notice

- 5.1 Motions on Notice: *None*

6. Election of Executive Members

- 6.1 **President** – Nomination: Kyle Gibson Nominated by Pearl Yung, Ian Birchall. Elected unopposed.
- 6.2 **Vice-President** – Nomination: Mathew Cooke Nominated by Ian Birchall, Cam Yung. Elected unopposed.
- 6.3 **Treasurer** – Nomination: Pearl Yung Nominated by Ian Birchall, Mathew Cooke. Elected unopposed.
- 6.4 **Secretary** – (also Registrar & Public Officer) Nomination: Ian Birchall Nominated by Pearl Yung, Cam Yung. Elected unopposed

6.5 **General Members**

Motion : That there be 3 General Member positions on the Committee.

Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Pearl Yung Carried

Nominations:

Richard Goldsmith Nominated by Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung

Ion Kloprogge Nominated, with his prior agreement, by Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung

Cameron Yung Nominated by Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung

All elected unopposed.

7. Assignment of Organisational & Other Positions

- 7.1 Junior Program Director: Ian Birchall
- 7.2 Senior Program Director: Kyle Gibson
- 7.3 Junior & Youth Coaches: Ian Birchall, Cameron Yung, Richard Goldsmith, Kyle Gibson (unpaid)
- 7.4 Senior Coach: Guy West (unpaid)
- 7.5 Liaison Officer: Richard Goldsmith
- 7.6 Library Manager: None (Ian Birchall to approach parents about his role)
- 7.7 Website Manager: Pearl Yung
- 7.8 Website Editor: Ian Birchall (with help for digitising games)
- 7.9 Auditor: Jaclyn Wong (if willing)
- 7.10 Other positions: To be filled by committee as required.

8. General Business

- 8.1 *Players failing to notify arbiter of impending absences (Senior Club). This causes significant inconvenience to other players and delays the beginning of rounds. It was agreed that the arbiter should clearly inform new players of the correct etiquette and apply sanctions such as removal from tournament.*
- 8.2 *Authorised signatures on bank accounts. For convenience and ease of access, the 4 signatories remain Pearl Yung, Ian Birchall, Richard Goldsmith and Guy West.*
- 8.3 *Parent Coaching. It is proposed that we offer parents the opportunity to learn basic chess coaching (in parallel with junior club operation). To establish better relationships, increase parental involvement and provide beginners coaches for Junior Club. Ian Birchall to investigate this later in the year.*

9. Close of Meeting

- 9.1 The meeting finished at 9:05 pm