

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 2022 Croydon Chess Club Annual General Meeting was held on **Thursday, 27th January, 2022** at the Croydon RSL, Civic Square, Croydon VIC 3136.

1. Opening and Preliminary Business

1.1 Time: *Meeting commenced at 7.40pm*

1.2 Chairperson: *Kyle Gibson (President) welcomed members to the meeting.*

1.3 In Attendance: *Guy West, Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung, Kyle Gibson, Cameron Yung, Ion Kloprogge, Jason Tate, Luke Cutting, Wayne Gibson, Richard Goldsmith, Peter Clark.*

Apologies: Steve Bickell, Garry Voigt

1.4 Previous AGM Minutes: *No amendments requested*

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

Moved: Pearl Yung

Seconded: Ian Birchall

Carried

1.5 Business arising: *A letter was sent in April 2021 by the Secretary to the Croydon RSL thanking them for the reduction in 2021 fees for the hiring of the hall when we couldn't use it due to lockdowns in 2020.*

2. 2021 Annual Reports

2.1 2021 President's Report: *(tabled & to be made available on our website) In summary: The year was disrupted by the closure of the club from July to November. Despite that, a number of events were successfully run with 84 members actively involved. In the absence of over-the-board chess, a number of online tournaments were held. Thanks, once again, to our coaches and the Committee for their efforts in maintaining a strong club despite the ongoing disruption.*

Motion: *That the 2021 President's Report be adopted.*

Moved: Ion Kloprogge

Seconded: Jason Tate

Carried

2.2 2021 Treasurer's Report: *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung.*

Main points -

1. The club operated as normal for half the year, but lockdowns disrupted activities in the second half. So, a number of major expenses did not occur, e.g. the presentation night dinner and trophies. This resulted in an unanticipated profit of about \$1400.

2. A revision of last year's statements was made. The 2020 Total Equity figure should have been \$120 lower. This was due to the incorrect data entry for an unrepresented cheque.

In response to question: Chess Victoria affiliation fee estimate is based on the number of adults and juniors that paid a membership fee in 2021.

[Note: Financial Statements were made available to the current committee and have been certified as a true and fair by two 2021 Committee Members, Pearl Yung and Ian Birchall, as required by the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.]

Motion: That the 2021 Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Moved: Jason Tate

Seconded: Peter Clark

Carried

3. Proposed Calendar for 2022

3.1 Presentation of 2022 Proposed Calendar – *tabled by Ian Birchall*

Main points – 1. Croydon Open and AGM returned to the beginning of the year. 2. At the request of a number of members additional senior coaching nights have been added. 3. Novelty events – Fischer Random rapid play event & Odds Blitz event explained.

3.2 Questions and Discussion: *Swinburne Campus is still not available, so Youth Club remains on Tuesday nights. It would be good to see some Interclub tournaments which were very enjoyable in the past. One member has requested more online tournaments similar to what was run last year.*

3.3 Amendments to Proposed Calendar: *None.*

3.4 **Motion:** *That the proposed 2022 Croydon Chess Calendar, incorporating amendments made at this meeting, be adopted.*

Moved: Guy West

Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

4. Proposed Budget for 2022

4.1 Presentation of 2022 Budget – *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung.*

Comments:

1. The budget is based on a normal, uninterrupted activity program. Disruption to operations are not possible to predict so the budget should be seen as a rough guide to income and expenditures only.

2. The anticipated loss of about \$1700 is a result of lower expected membership fees due to membership rollover measures. The club's strong financial position can readily accommodate such a loss.

4.2 Questions & discussion – *none*

4.3 Membership fee rollover

Motion: *That 2021 members who paid their full annual membership fee in 2021 are considered as full financial members in 2022 and will not need to pay a 2022 membership fee.*

Moved: Pearl Yung

Seconded: Ian Birchall

Carried

4.4 Amendments to Proposed Budget - *none.*

4.5 Adoption of Proposed Budget

Motion: *That the proposed 2022 Croydon Chess Inc. Budget, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any) be adopted.*

Moved: Jason Tate

Seconded: Luke Cutting

Carried

5. Motions On Notice

5.1 Motions on Notice: None

6. Election of Executive Members

- 6.1 **President** – Nomination: **Kyle Gibson** by Ion Kloprogge. Elected unopposed.
- 6.2 **Vice-President** – Nomination: **Ion Kloprogge** by Richard Goldsmith. Elected unopposed.
- 6.3 **Treasurer** – Nomination: **Pearl Yung** by Ian Birchall Elected unopposed.
- 6.4 **Secretary** – (also Registrar & Public Officer) Nomination: **Ian Birchall** by Pearl Yung Elected unopposed.

6.5 General Members

Motion : That there be 4 General Member positions on the 2022 Committee.

Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Richard Goldsmith **Carried**

Nominations: **Richard Goldsmith, Jason Tate, Cameron Yung, Luke Cutting**
Nominated by Ian Birchall All elected unopposed.

7. Assignment of Organisational & Other Positions

- 7.1 *Junior Program Director: Ian Birchall*
- 7.2 *Senior Program Director: Ian Birchall*
- 7.3 *Junior & Youth Coaches (unpaid): Ian Birchall, Cameron Yung, Kyle Gibson, Richard Goldsmith.*
- 7.4 *Senior Coaches (unpaid): Guy West, Ian Birchall, Kyle Gibson, (NY Wong to be approached)*
- 7.5 *Liaison Officer: Richard Goldsmith*
- 7.6 *Library Manager: Luke Cutting*
- 7.7 *Website Manager: Pearl Yung*
- 7.8 *Website Editor: Ian Birchall*
- 7.9 *Auditor: Jaclyn Wong (to be approached) [Jason Tate will assist the Treasurer]*
- 7.10 *Other: Game entry - Pearl Yung & Ion Kloprogge, Presentation Night - Richard Goldsmith, Archives – Richard Goldsmith*

8. General Business

- 8.1 *Authorised signatories for bank account : For convenience and ease of access the 4 signatories remain: Pearl Yung, Ian Birchall, Richard Goldsmith, Guy West*

[Note: Richard Goldsmith retains the spare key to the RSL Hall.]

8.2 Covid Restrictions and Measures.

The high level of Omicron infection in the community is worrying for the resumption of the club, in particular the Junior and Youth clubs.

The main concerns expressed at the meeting were:

- It may be less severe generally, but there is still a risk of serious complications from Omicron.*
- Uncertainty around the consequences of school resumption and the potential for increased rates of infection in the community.*
- Many parents are anxious about the return to school and don't want to add to the risk by their kids attending chess club as well.*
- It may take a number of weeks for the current wave to wane. It would be safer to resume then.*
- Mixing kids from various schools and various age-levels increases the risk of spreading any infection.*
- It would be wrong to place any pressure on our unpaid coaches and organisers to operate in a potentially unsafe situation. The consequences of infection to them could be serious.*

Conclusion: It was the overwhelming view of the meeting that the resumption of our Youth and Junior Clubs be postponed to Term 2, 2022.

8.3 Motion of thanks.

Thanks to Ian Birchall for his efforts to keep the club functioning during the epidemic.

Moved: Kyle Gibson

Seconded: Pearl Yung

Carried.

9. Close of Meeting

9.1 *The meeting finished at 9:07 pm*