

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 2023 Croydon Chess Club Annual General Meeting was held on **Tuesday, 31st January, 2023** at the Croydon RSL, Civic Square, Croydon VIC 3136.

1. Opening and Preliminary Business

- 1.1 Time: *Meeting commenced at 7.35pm*
- 1.2 Chairperson: *Kyle Gibson (President) welcomed members to the meeting.*
- 1.3 In Attendance: *Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung, Kyle Gibson, Richard Goldsmith, Garry Voigt,
& Guy West from 7:40pm*

Apologies: Ion Kloprogge, Cameron Yung, Dinah Reddihough

- 1.4 Previous AGM Minutes:

Motion to amend: *That the record of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be amended to show that the Motion in item 4.3 Membership fee rollover was moved by Pearl Yung, seconded by Ian Birchall and carried by the meeting.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Guy West

Carried

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

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

- 1.5 Business arising: *None*

2. 2022 Annual Reports

- 2.1 2022 President's Report: *(tabled & available on our website) In summary: After some tumultuous years, the club had a year of rebuilding and was again able to provide a welcoming place for players of various strengths. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches and organisers.*

Motion: *That the 2022 President's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Richard Goldsmith

Seconded: Guy West

Carried

- 2.2 2022 Treasurer's Report: *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung.*

Main points -

Junior club starting later in the year and membership rollovers affected income in comparison to years prior to the pandemic. The actual loss for the year matched the budget forecast of a \$1700 loss. The club remains in strong financial position with in excess of \$13000 in reserve.

Almost doubling the projected adult membership helped increase expected income, however unanticipated expenses such as new website development brought the budget back in line.

In response to question: Our liabilities are the result of un-presented cheques for prizes and Chess Victoria fees. The fees accumulate until CV can provide proper invoicing. We have communicated with Chess Victoria in regard to invoices with no satisfactory result. We will look at other options for payment of prizes.

Motion: *That the 2022 Treasurer's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Richard Goldsmith

Seconded: Garry Voigt

Carried

3. Proposed Calendars for 2023

3.1 Presentation of 2023 Proposed Calendars – *tabled by Ian Birchall*

Main points – Generally the same structure as recent years, but now with a full year for the Junior Club and a matching structure on Tuesday nights for the Youth Club. The coaching nights are now well accepted, so we are keeping 4 of them. Basic coaching for new players will be offered on the Novelty event and Casual nights.

3.2 Questions and Discussion: *Swinburne Campus is not available, so Youth Club remains on Tuesday nights. Junior Club will need to limit numbers due to the limited space. We will look at trying to re-open lines of communication with Swinburne.*

3.3 Amendments to Proposed Calendar: *None.*

3.4 **Motion:** *That the proposed 2023 Croydon Chess Calendar, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any), be adopted.*

Moved: Richard Goldsmith

Seconded: Garry Voigt

Carried

4. Proposed Budget for 2023

- 4.1 Presentation of 2023 Budget – *tabled and presented by Pearl Yung.*

Comments: We anticipate steadier membership numbers. With a return to full year memberships and activities the budget returns to surplus.

New website costs are similar to previous. Presentation night costs are expected to moderate somewhat. Rent is as yet unknown, to be on the safe side a 10% increase has been budgetted for. Depreciation is no longer required for assets under \$20000, so this item has been removed. Purchases below that are now treated as expense items in the year they occurred.

- 4.2 Questions & discussion – *None*

- 4.3 Membership fee 2023

Motion: Full year 2023 membership fees:

Adults \$70; Concession \$60

U18 children: 1st \$60; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$0 (same household)

Moved: Richard Goldsmith Seconded: Guy West

Carried

- 4.4 Amendments to Proposed Budget - *none.*

- 4.5 Adoption of Proposed Budget

Motion: *That the proposed 2023 Croydon Chess Inc. Budget, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any) be adopted.*

Moved: Guy West Seconded: Garry Voigt

Carried

5. Motions On Notice

- 5.1 Motions on Notice: *None*

6. Election of Executive Members

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

6.5 General Members

Motion : That there be 3 General Member positions on the 2023 Committee.

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Kyle Gibson

Carried

Nominations: **Pearl Yung, Guy West, Ion Kloprogge**

Nominated by Ian Birchall

All elected unopposed.

7. Assignment of Organisational & Other Positions

- 7.1 Junior, Youth & Senior Program Organisers : Ian Birchall
- 7.2 Junior & Youth Coaches (unpaid): Main: Ian Birchall, Kyle Gibson (Thurs, subject to work commitments), Richard Goldsmith (Tues, and Thurs - subject to other commitments); Support: Gavyn Sanusi-Goh (Thurs); Emergencies: Pearl Yung, Garry Lycett
- 7.3 Senior Coaches (unpaid): Guy West, NY Wong (if available) Support: Ian Birchall
- 7.4 Liaison Officer: Richard Goldsmith
- 7.5 Library Manager: No appointment.
- 7.6 Website Manager: Pearl Yung
- 7.7 Website Designer: Not required – happy with present structure
- 7.8 Website Content Editor: Ian Birchall
- 7.9 Game entry Assistant: Pearl Yung
- 7.10 Social activities Organiser – Presentation Night: Richard Goldsmith
- 7.11 Archives Manager – club records, photos, videos & history: No appointment
- 7.12 Independent Reviewer (Club finances): Pearl & Garry will approach suitable candidates to conduct a review prior to AGM

8. General Business

- 8.1 Authorised signatories for our Bendigo Bank account to be updated.
Motion: The Bendigo Bank signatories need to include the new treasurer, Garry Voigt. Guy West is to be removed. The new set of bank signatories will be:
Pearl Yung, Ian Birchall, Richard Goldsmith, Garry Voigt
- Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Richard Goldsmith **Carried**

8.2 Issues for the 2023 Committee.

1. Organise use of Bpay with 2 approvals for our Bendigo Bank account.

Motion: *That Croydon Chess Club establish a Bpay facility, with two approvals required, with Bendigo Bank.*

Moved: Pearl Yung Seconded: Ian Birchall

Carried

2. Trybooking : Consider whether it could help with the acceptance of fees and membership information.
3. Committee meetings: Min. 4 required. Suggest end of terms 1,2 3 and prior to AGM.
4. Club policies should be reviewed.
5. Establish significant sanctions for players who forfeit games in Senior club events without adequate notification. Enforced withdrawal from tournament and refuse entry to next tournament.
6. Club representatives to Chess Victoria meetings: Garry Voigt, Kyle Gibson.
7. Prize money. There is currently no justification for a change to prize money at our two major events. The club's strength is its low fees and friendly atmosphere. Attempting to attract players from other clubs with higher prize money serves little purpose. If our club players want different opposition they can play in weekends. However, we should consider organising a 20th year celebratory event in 2024 or 2025.

8.3 Motion of thanks – by acclamation:

1. *The club's thanks go to Tim Broome for thoroughly reviewing the club accounts.*
2. *The club's thanks go to Pearl Yung for her 11 years in the role of Treasurer.*

9. Close of Meeting

- 9.1 *The meeting finished at 9:25 pm*

This is the record of the Annual General Meeting held on 31st January 2023

Secretary: Ian Birchall 31/1/23