

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 2024 Croydon Chess Club Annual General Meeting was held on **Thursday, 25th January, 2024** at the Croydon RSL, Civic Square, Croydon VIC 3136.

1. Opening and Preliminary Business

1.1 Time: *Meeting commenced at 7.35pm*

1.2 **Motion:** *That, in the absence of the President, Guy West chair the meeting.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Ion Kloprogge

Carried.

1.3 In Attendance: *Ian Birchall, Pearl Yung, Ion Kloprogge, Guy West, Riley Jarvis, R'jaye Rojas, Garry Lycett*

Apologies: Kyle Gibson, Richard Goldsmith, Garry Voigt, Paul Palasz, Nicky Sakolevas (parent), Jean Watson

1.4 Previous AGM Minutes:

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: *None*

2. 2023 Annual Reports

2.1 2023 President's Report (*tabled & available on our website*). In summary: *After a rebuilding year in 2022, membership numbers have increased dramatically and the club continues to thrive thanks to the efforts of its coaches and organisers.*

Motion: *That the 2023 President's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Ion Kloprogge

Seconded: Pearl Yung

Carried

2.2 2023 Treasurer's Report: (*tabled & available on our website*)

Main points - The unexpectedly high membership numbers resulted in a proportional increase in income and a surplus of more than \$4000. We have placed \$13000 in a term deposit while we see how plans for the Civic Square develop and our future venue options remain uncertain.

Motion: *That the 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Ion Kloprogge

Carried

3. Proposed Calendars for 2024

3.1 Presentation of 2024 Proposed Calendars – *tabled by Ian Birchall*

Main points – Generally the same structure as recent years, but now with 3 days a week – Beginners (Mon), Youth (Tues), Juniors & Seniors (Thurs) - from the start of the year. The “20th Celebrations Cup” has replaced the “Spring Cup” as this is our 20th year of operation as a club. Some concern over the Senior coaching nights as NY Wong is no longer available. Guy West has offered to present at least 3 of the nights. The coach on the other night is to be finalised.

3.2 Questions and Discussion: *2024 Presentation Night seems later in December than usual. Is that a problem? Not aware of any, but the Committee will look at that and adjust if necessary.*

3.3 Amendments to Proposed Calendar: *None.*

3.4 **Motion:** *That the proposed 2024 Croydon Chess Calendar, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any), be adopted.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Guy West

Carried

4. Proposed Budget for 2024

4.1 Presentation of 2024 Budget – *tabled and presented by Ian Birchall.*

Assumptions: 10% drop in membership numbers; Chess Victoria competitor register is introduced in term 2 with a small fall in club rating fees; 5% inflation in certain costs.

Comments:

After a year where membership numbers exploded, an attempt has been made to return funds to members through reduced membership fees, especially for families, and increased monetary prizes (40%), with a much higher proportion to ratings and junior prizes. However, some prudence was shown due to the uncertainty over our venue when work begins on the Civic Square redevelopment. Some of our surplus funds may need to be put toward hiring a new venue at a higher rate. \$500 was set aside for 20th Celebrations Cup prizes, Committee to determine a prize schedule. \$13000 has been placed in a term deposit earning 4.75%.

The gift amount of \$190 to include offers of free 2024 membership to our regular 2023 junior coaches in recognition of their service to the club.

4.2 20th Celebrations Cup - \$500 has been budgeted for this event. Some flexibility may be required to provide for a suitably celebratory event. Committee to determine appropriate level of funding in the order of \$500.

4.3 Questions & discussion – *We will remain in the RSL Hall until at least April. The default situation is to go with the RSL to the Child Care Centre next door. However, we haven't seen inside and renovations will be required, so we don't know whether it is suitable for our needs. Need to liaise with the RSL to better understand the situation. Also, begin looking around for an alternative venue, just in case.*

4.4 Membership fees 2024

Motion: *That the schedule of membership fees for 2024 be:*

\$60: Individual membership

Once one family member (parent or child) pays \$60 for individual membership, then

\$40: for the next family member under 18

\$0 : for any further family members under 18

Plus a surcharge of \$10 if not paid directly to our bank account.

After term 1, the above fees become pro-rata per term (including the current term) plus \$5, paid to our bank account.

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Ion Kloprogge

Carried

4.5 Amendments to Proposed Budget - *none*.

4.6 Adoption of Proposed Budget

Motion: *That the proposed 2024 Croydon Chess Inc. Budget, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any) be adopted.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Garry Lycett

Carried

5. Adoption of Mission Statement

Motion: *That the club adopts the following mission statement, previously discussed and approved by the 2023 Committee:*

“Croydon Chess Club aims to provide a safe, inclusive environment for the enjoyment of the world's most popular mind-sport. The club focuses on helping members of all ages improve their chess skills and aims to provide organised coaching and regular opportunities for recreational and competitive play at a wide range of levels.”

Moved: Guy West

Seconded: Ian Birchall

Carried

6. Motions On Notice

6.1 Motions on Notice: None

7. Election of Executive Members

- 7.1 **President** – Nomination: **Kyle Gibson** by Guy West. Elected unopposed.
- 7.2 **Vice-President** – Nomination: **Richard Goldsmith** by Ian Birchall. Elected unopposed.
- 7.3 **Treasurer** – Nomination: **Garry Voigt** by Ian Birchall. Elected unopposed.
- 7.4 **Secretary** – (also Registrar & Public Officer) Nomination: **Ian Birchall** by Guy West. Elected unopposed.
- 7.5 **General Members**

Motion : That there be 5 General Member positions on the 2024 Committee.

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Riley Jarvis

Carried

Nominations: **Pearl Yung, Guy West, Ion Kloprogge, Garry Lycett, R'jaye Rojas**

Nominated by Ian Birchall

All elected unopposed.

8. Assignment of Organisational & Other Positions

- 8.1 Junior, Youth & Senior Program Organisers : Ian Birchall
- 8.2 Junior & Youth Coaches (unpaid): Main: Ian Birchall (Tues & Thurs), Kyle Gibson (Thurs, subject to work commitments), Richard Goldsmith (Mon);
Support: Garry Lycett (Thurs, not February); Vivian Lee (if available) Emergencies:
Pearl Yung
- 8.3 Senior Coaches (unpaid): Guy West Support: Ian Birchall/ Kyle Gibson
- 8.4 Liaison Officer: Richard Goldsmith
- 8.5 Library Manager: No appointment – need to advertise to members.
- 8.6 Website Manager: Pearl Yung
- 8.7 Website Designer: Not required – happy with present structure, but any suggestions welcomed.
- 8.8 Website Content Editor: Ian Birchall
- 8.9 Game entry Assistants: R'jaye Rojas, Jeff Coldrey, Luke Cutting, Pearl Yung (Cam Yung)
- 8.10 Social activities Organiser – Presentation Night: Richard Goldsmith
- 8.11 Archives Manager – club records, photos, videos & history: No appointment - need to advertise to members.
- 8.12 Independent Reviewer (Club finances): Tim Broome to be approached (gift in hand)

9. General Business

- 9.1 Authorised signatories for our Bendigo Bank account to remain:
Access: Ian Birchall, Garry Voigt, Pearl Yung, Richard Goldsmith
Approval of electronic payments: Ian Birchall, Richard Goldsmith, Garry Voigt

- 9.2 Chess Victoria competitor register. *Some concerns expressed regarding this, but we need to see the actual proposal being put to the next CV AGM expected in February.*
- 9.3 Issues for the 2024 Committee.
1. *Assessment & response to CV competitor register proposal.*
 2. *20th year celebrations.*
 3. *Managing coming venue changes & maintaining our programs.*
- 9.4 Motion of thanks – by acclamation: *The club's appreciation and thanks go to*
1. *Tim Broome for again thoroughly reviewing the club accounts.*
 2. *Pearl Yung for stepping in to prepare the club's financial statements for 2023.*
 3. *Ian Birchall for ongoing service to the club.*
 4. *NY Wong for his long service to the club as a coach in the Junior club and then as a coach in the Senior Club.*

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting finished at 8:45 pm

This is the record of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th January 2024

Secretary: Ian Birchall 25/1/24