



Thursday, 30th January, 2025

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 2025 Croydon Chess Club Annual General Meeting was held on **Thursday, 30th January, 2025** 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 Guy West chair the meeting.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Kyle Gibson

Carried.

1.3 In Attendance: *Ian Birchall, Guy West, Kyle Gibson, Richard Goldsmith, Bryce Mott, Shuopan Wang, William Barboza, Matt Young, Garry Lycett, Terv Atanasov, Ion Kloprogge, Peter Clark, Garry Voigt*

Apologies: Pearl Yung, Jean Watson

2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

2.1 **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: Ion Kloprogge

Carried

2.2 Business arising:

2.2.1 *Chess Victoria registered competitor proposal failed to gain the support of the clubs and was withdrawn.*

2.2.2 *Chess Victoria has begun a review of its constitution. No information about progress.*

2.2.3 *Some construction has been happening, so venue change likely after ANZAC Day 2025.*

3. 2024 Annual Reports

- 3.1 2024 President's Report (*tabled*). *In summary: A number of actions were taken to celebrate our 20th year. Continued record membership and low rent help to boost our finances despite reducing our fees and the extra 20th celebrations expense. Our volunteer coaches in our junior programs help to support our membership numbers. Thanks to the many people who contribute to the operation of our club.*

Motion: *That the 2024 President's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Ion Kloprogge

Seconded: Garry Lycett

Carried

- 3.2 2024 Treasurer's Report: (*tabled*)

Main points – Early membership renewal helped to exceed previous year's membership income. 20th year celebrations contributed to higher than expected expenditure. A new club laptop was purchased with the support of a \$500 grant from Maroondah Council. We have placed \$15000 in a 4.5% pa 12 month term deposit. Our financial statements were independently reviewed by Tim Broome who considered them to be fair representation of our financial activities in 2024.

Motion: *That the 2024 Treasurer's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Garry Voigt

Seconded: Ian Birchall

Carried

4. Proposed Calendars for 2025

- 4.1 Presentation of 2025 Proposed Calendars – *tabled by Ian Birchall*

Main points – Generally a similar structure as last year, 3 days a week – Beginners (Mon), Youth (Tues), Juniors & Seniors (Thurs). In the Senior Club, a shorter 3rd term has meant that the 2 five-round tournaments need to move into term 2 and the President's Cup moves to term 3. Guy West is prepared to do the Senior Coaching, but it would be good to check out alternatives to add variety over the 4 sessions. Our members have generally been happy with this structure.

- 4.2 Questions and Discussion: *Novelty tournament – Fischer Random again? Presentation Night too late in the year? Date of the next AGM? No interest, at this stage, in changing any of these.*

Acceleration of 5-round tournaments? With higher participation rates there is an increased possibility that 2 players win without having played each other, which is not ideal. The 2024 Committee discussed this and it was decided that the simplest solution was to just accept that on occasion this might happen. There is no prize-money involved.

- 4.3 Amendments to Proposed Calendar: *None.*

- 4.4 **Motion:** *That the proposed 2025 Croydon Chess Calendars, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any), be adopted.*

Moved: Garry Lycett

Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

5. Proposed Budget for 2025

5.1 Presentation of 2025 Budget – *tabled and presented by Ian Birchall.*

Assumptions: 10% drop in membership numbers (buffer); Chess Victoria fees are similar to previous years; 5% inflation in certain costs.

Comments:

All items are based on expenses and income from 2024 with assumptions applied. We will not have access to Council grants after being successful last year and we don't anticipate any major asset purchase. Obviously, no 20th Celebrations Cup means tournament prize expense is lower and entry fee income is higher. \$15000 has been placed in a term deposit earning 4.5%.

5.2 Questions & discussion – *Our rent for 2025 has been confirmed at \$1500. Normally we would expect to be paying \$7500 - \$8000 for community halls elsewhere. With a view to the changes to come, we will continue with the RSL while conditions in future venues remain suitable. About \$4500 has already been paid in membership fees this year.*

5.3 Club T-shirts and hoodies – *When the images are finalised an order process will be put in place. \$850 subsidy comprises \$250 for the garments already purchased and \$600 towards a 2025 order.*

Motion: *That the club continues to subsidise the sale to it's members of Club T-shirts & hoodies by 50% of the cost price up to a total subsidy of \$850. If that total is likely to be reached in 2025, the Committee will consider further subsidy in the light of the club's financial position and member interest.*

*Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Ion Kloprogge **Carried***

5.4 Fees 2025

Motion: *That the schedule of membership fees for 2025 remain the same as in 2024.*

*Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Ion Kloprogge **Carried***

5.5 Adoption of Proposed Budget

Motion: *That the proposed 2025 Croydon Chess Inc. budget, incorporating amendments made at this meeting (if any), be adopted.*

*Moved: Ian Birchall Seconded: Garry Voigt **Carried***

6. Motions On Notice

6.1 Motions on Notice: *None*

7. Election of Executive Members

7.1 **President** *Nomination: Kyle Gibson by Ion Kloprogge / Guy West. Elected unopposed.*

7.2 **Vice-President** *Nomination: Richard Goldsmith by Ian Birchall/Garry Lycett. Elected unopposed.*

7.3 **Treasurer** *Nomination: Garry Voigt by Ian Birchall / Guy West. Elected unopposed.*

7.4 **Secretary**(also Registrar & Public Officer) *Nomination: Ian Birchall by Guy West / Ion Kloprogge. Elected unopposed.*

7.5 General Members

Motion : *That there be 5 General Member positions on the 2025 Committee.*

Moved: Ian Birchall

Seconded: Richard Goldsmith

Carried

Nominations: Pearl Yung, Guy West, Ion Kloprogge, Bryce Mott, Terv Atanasov

Nominated by Ian Birchall / Kyle Gibson

All elected unopposed.

8. Assignment of Organisational & Other Positions

8.1 Junior, Youth & Senior Program Organisers : *Ian Birchall, William Barboza has offered to assist.*

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); Vivian Lee (Mon, if available); William Barboza (Tues)

Emergencies: Pearl Yung

8.3 Senior Coaches (unpaid): *Guy West Support: Ian Birchall/ Kyle Gibson/ other?*

8.4 Liaison Officer: *Richard Goldsmith*

8.5 Library Manager: *Ion Kloprogge*

8.6 Website Manager: *Pearl Yung*

8.7 Website Designer: *Ian Birchall; Shuopan Wang*

8.8 Website Content Editor: *Ian Birchall*

8.9 Game entry: *Jeff Coldrey; Pearl Yung (Cam Yung), others?*

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 again*

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 Significant issues for the 2025 Committee to consider.

Sub-committee to review policy and procedure documents. – *To commence work early 2025.*

Role redundancy – ensuring there are members willing and able to take on roles.

Club archives – maintaining pictures, videos, posters, documents.

Club Resource Library – *Ion Kloprogge has volunteered to look at this.*

9.3 Motion of thanks – by acclamation: *The club's appreciation and thanks go to*

1. *Tim Broome for again thoroughly reviewing the club accounts.*
2. *Jeff Coldrey for his efforts in digitising the Senior Club games.*
3. *Guy West for his Senior Coaching*
4. *Jean Watson for her design work with the Club T-shirts and Hoodies.*

9.4 Chess Victoria leadership and its 2024 (?) Annual General Meeting

Peter Clark (President BHCC) reported that there would be a challenge to the current leadership of Chess Victoria at the next CV AGM (possibly 2nd March). Some nominees were listed.

The meeting generally approved of such a challenge and Croydon CC Committee would be looking to send a full delegation to the AGM to support the move.

Once further information is available, the Committee will consider whether to put forward a nomination to the CV Executive in the interests of supporting greater cooperation between clubs in developing chess in Victoria.

There was some concern expressed that the club had not been notified about the date for the CV AGM and had received no information about the review of the CV Constitution.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting finished at 8:50 pm

This is the record of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th January 2025

Secretary: Ian Birchall 30/1/25