

Canberra Chess Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 20 January 2010

The meeting opened at the City Club In Garema Place in Civic at 6:30pm.

Attendance

William Booth
Carl Parkes
Mosaddeque Ali
Milan Grcic
Brian Mengelkamp
John-Michael Roberts
Roy Teymant

Apologies

None.

Reports

Presidents Report

The current president (Mosaddeque Ali) reported the following:

- The club had enjoyed a successful year albeit with a small membership of regular players - tournaments had mostly been running with 10 to 12 players. Though still viable the Club clearly needed to make itself attractive to new players.
- Attempts to find another venue had not been successful though the Club still had a number of options to explore (see below).
- Financially the club was in good shape and had paid all outstanding ratings fees to the ACTCA during the year.
- The Club had lost one regular member as Bruce Williams had moved to Sydney during the year. Bruce thanked the Club at the end of his last tournament in 2009.
- The president thanked the other office bearers for their assistance and contributions through the 2009 year.

Treasurers Report

The current treasurer (Brian Mengelkamp) reported the following for the 2009 calendar year:

Balance at beginning of year	\$1229.26
Expenses during year	\$1080.60
Receipts during year	\$750.00
Balance at end of year	\$898.66

The Club was up to date with ratings fees and had no outstanding debts.

Election of Office Bearers for 2010

The following were elected for 2010:

President	- Mosaddeque Ali
Vice President	- Stephen Bartlett
Treasurer	- Brian Mengelkamp
Secretary	- Roy Teymant
Publicity Officer	- John-Michael Roberts
Equipment Officer	- Roy Teymant
Director of Play	- Mosaddeque Ali / Stephen Bartlett
Webmaster	- Carl Parkes

It was noted that any player is welcome to attend committee meetings of the club.

Calendar

The 2010 calendar was agreed:

Date	Event	Round
Wed 20 Jan	AGM and Lightning Championship	rounds 1 - 6
Wed 27 Jan	Club Championship	round 1
Wed 3 Feb	90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.	round 2
Wed 10 Feb	Entry fee \$15 / \$20 (club members / non-members).	round 3
Wed 17 Feb		round 4
Wed 24 Feb		round 5
Wed 3 Mar		round 6
Wed 10 Mar		round 7
Wed 17 Mar		round 8
Wed 24 Mar		round 9
Wed 31 Mar	Rapid Championship	rounds 1, 2
Wed 7 Apr	20 minutes + 10 seconds per move.	rounds 3, 4
Wed 14 Apr	Entry fee \$10 / \$15 (club members / non-members).	rounds 5, 6, 7
Wed 21 Apr	Canberra Cup	round 1
Wed 28 Apr	90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.	round 2
Wed 5 May	Entry fee \$15 / \$20 (club members / non-members).	round 3
Wed 12 May		round 4
Wed 19 May		round 5
Wed 26 May		round 6
Wed 2 Jun		round 7
Wed 9 Jun		round 8
Wed 16 Jun		round 9
Wed 23 Jun	Cold Comfort Cup	round 1
Wed 30 Jun	90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.	round 2
Wed 7 Jul	Entry fee \$15 / \$20 (club members / non-members).	round 3
Wed 14 Jul		round 4
Wed 21 Jul		round 5
Wed 28 Jul		round 6
Wed 4 Aug		round 7
Wed 11 Aug		round 8
Wed 18 Aug		round 9
Wed 25 Aug	Charity Cup	round 1
Wed 1 Sep	90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.	round 2
Wed 8 Sep	Entry fee \$15 / \$20 (club members / non-members).	round 3
Wed 15 Sep		round 4
Wed 22 Sep		round 5
Wed 29 Sep		round 6
Wed 6 Oct		round 7
Wed 13 Oct		round 8
Wed 20 Oct		round 9
Wed 27 Oct	Griffin King	round 1
Wed 3 Nov	90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.	round 2
Wed 10 Nov	Entry fee \$15 / \$20 (club members / non-members).	round 3
Wed 17 Nov		round 4
Wed 24 Nov		round 5
Wed 1 Dec		round 6

Wed 8 Dec		round 7
Wed 15 Dec	Fischer Random 10 minutes + 10 seconds per move. Entry fee \$10 / \$15 (club members / non-members).	rounds 1 - 6
Wed 22 Dec	Dinner, Awards and conclusion of Fischer Random	rounds 7 - 9

Players wishing to play in the ACT Lightning Championship will receive a bye for the corresponding round in the Club Championship.

Fees

Mos outlined the approximate cost structure for the Club for a typical year:

ACTCA Affiliation	\$100
Playing Fees - Ratings	\$200
Presentations - Prizes	\$200
Celebrations and Dinner	\$300
Administration, Equipment Deterioration and Other	\$200
Total	\$ 1,000

Based on this the following fees for 2010 were agreed:

Option A - play as a non-member on a per tournament basis

See the calendar above for the entry fee for each tournament for non-members.

Option B - play as a Club member on a per tournament basis.

Club membership is \$20. See the calendar above for the entry fee for each tournament for members.

Option C - play as a Club member on an annual basis

Club membership and entry to all tournaments combined is \$100, provided this is paid by 1st April.

These fees do not include the ACT Chess Association membership fee, which is payable separately.

Venue

It was agreed that although the City Club was a convivial meeting place it was not ideal for playing chess and was not the easiest environment in which to welcome new members.

Late last year Roy had:

- approached the Hellenic Club in Civic (Moore St) regarding use of one of their meeting rooms. The club advised that their meeting rooms would not be finished (they are being refurbished) until March 2010 and we should talk to the club then.
- approached the Weston Club. Although the club was willing to provide a room at no cost the location presented transport difficulties for some club members and therefore this option was not pursued.

It was agreed that:

- a new location had to be in Civic or Woden.
- Roy to approach the Hellenic and Southern Cross Clubs in Woden regarding use of one of their rooms.
- if no venue had been found by March, Roy to approach the Hellenic Club in Civic again to see where they were up to with their rooms.

ACT Chess Association

It was agreed that all Club and ACTCA fees should be paid to Brian and Brian would liaise with the ACTCA regarding ACTCA fees.

It was noted that rating fees now need to be paid to the ACTCA at the end of each tournament.

Other

Capablanca Club

The Capablanca Club is a group of players who get together once a month on a Saturday at the Ainslie Bowling Club for social chess. Milan urged all CCC players to consider joining this group as this could, in turn, result in new members for the CCC.

Business Cards

It was agreed the Club should have business cards that describe the where, when and contacts for the Club. Roy to organise this once the venue question was resolved.

Web Page

It was agreed a Club web page would be useful and Carl was asked to investigate or organise.

Conduct of Tournaments

William urged all players to observe the usual courtesies during play, ie don't make a lot of noise and certainly don't comment on games. Agreed by all.

Starting Times and Completion of Games Not Finished by 9.45

There was a great deal of discussion on this point. It was agreed:

- as DOP's, Mos and Stephen would ensure the pairings for each round were known and publicised prior to the start of each round.
- Mos, Stephen or Roy would start all clocks for all games at 6.15.
- if a game was not completed by 9.45 (the City Club closes at 10.00pm on Wednesdays) the game would be completed that evening at one of:
 - McDonalds (in Civic)
 - Labor Club (in Civic)
 - Hellenic Club (in Civic)
 - Southern Cross Club (in Woden)
 - at one of the player's home.

The requirement to complete the game that evening would only apply if the game had started at 6.15.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.