

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 3 April 2013

The meeting opened at the Hellenic Club in the City at 7:10 pm.

Attendance

Andrew McKechnie
Angelo Feliu
Bernard Gibson
Bill East
Brian Mengelkamp
Carl Parkes
Clyde Robins
Curtis Perry
Damien Hearn

David McDonald
Denis Jessop
Graham Saint
Jason Gillard
Joe Lee
Jozo Rosic
Karl Galli
Milan Grcic

Mitchell Jones
Neil Mordue
Phillip Vels
Roy Teymant
Sandeep George
Stephen Bartlett
Wais Sidiqi
William Booth

Apologies

None.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The meeting accepted the minutes of the previous annual meeting (moved Mitchell Jones, seconded Carl Parkes).

Reports

President's Report

The president (Graham Saint) reported the following:

- The club had a good 2012 and start to 2013 with continuing strong numbers for tournaments.
- The club enjoyed a number of benefits: an excellent venue (with meals, snacks and drinks available at any time), new equipment and a well maintained website.
- The club continues to attract new players which is a healthy sign for the future of the club. As always, some of these new players drift away, while some continue on a regular basis.
- The club has continued to refresh its equipment with purchases of further sets and clocks.
- The clubs finances are in good shape due to increased membership and the good efforts of the club treasurer, Andrew McKechnie, in chasing payments.
- Graham thanked the Hellenic Club for their ongoing support. (The Hellenic Club provides a meeting room free of charge to the club, subject to availability of such a room.)
- Graham thanked the other office bearers and committee members for their assistance and contributions during 2012. In particular, Graham thanked Roy Teymant for his efforts with transporting equipment to and from the club.

The meeting accepted the president's report (moved Carl Parkes, seconded Mitchell Jones).

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer (Andrew McKechnie) provided a written report which is attached. In summary, the ongoing strong membership was reflected in the club's improved finances, with the club's overall cash

position at 2 April 2013 being \$2,892.54.

The meeting accepted the treasurer's report (moved Carl Parkes, seconded Mitchell Jones).

Election of Office Bearers for 2013

The following were elected (all unopposed) for 2013:

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| President | - Graham Saint | (proposed Mitchell Jones, seconded Carl Parkes) |
| Vice President | - Mitchell Jones | (proposed Roy Teymant, seconded Bill East) |
| Treasurer | - Andrew McKechnie | (proposed Stephen Bartlett, seconded Curtis Perry) |
| Secretary | - Roy Teymant | (proposed David McDonald, seconded Denis Jessop) |
| Committee Member | - Carl Parkes | (proposed Roy Teymant, seconded Andrew McKechnie) |
| Committee Member | - Bill East | (proposed Mitchell Jones, seconded Angelo Feliu) |

The following (non-committee) roles were agreed by the meeting for 2013:

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| Director of Play | - Roy Teymant / Stephen Bartlett / Graham Saint |
| Equipment | - Roy Teymant |
| Web | - Roy Teymant / Curtis Perry |

Other Business

Arrangements with Forced Byes (Odd Number of Players in the Draw)

The meeting discussed the current arrangement of having a "floating" player, ie a player who either played or did not play to ensure an even number of players in the draw. While this has some advantages it does not conform with the standard FIDE practice of allocating a forced bye (if required) to the lowest placed player who has not already taken a forced bye for the tournament.

The following motion:

"That the club use standard FIDE rules for the allocation of forced byes."

(proposed David McDonald, seconded Angelo Feliu) was passed by the meeting (19 for, 1 against).

The current director of play, Roy Teymant, indicated that, given the new arrangements, he would no longer publish provisional draws and this was deemed appropriate by the meeting.

Eating at the Board

The meeting discussed the current arrangement where players may eat while playing a tournament game provided their opponent agreed. The meeting felt this was too generous and that some players were not comfortable with this arrangement.

The following motion:

"That a player may not eat at the board while playing a tournament game."

(proposed Bernard Gibson, seconded William Booth) was passed by the meeting (13 for, 5 against).

Use of Electronic Equipment (Smart Phones, Media Players)

The meeting discussed the current arrangement where players may listen to music while playing a tournament game. The meeting felt this was too generous and that some players were not comfortable with this arrangement.

The following motion:

"That a player may not use an electronic media device (including smart phones and media players) at the board while playing a tournament game."

(proposed Stephen Bartlett, seconded Damien Hearn) was passed by the meeting (15 for, 4 against).

The meeting noted that this is consistent with article 12.3.b of the FIDE Laws of Chess, which bans the use of mobile phones.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.