

Minutes of Committee Meeting - 12 November 2015

The meeting opened at the Hellenic Club in the City at 7.00 pm. The meeting was chaired by Mitchell Jones in the absence of the Club's president Graham Saint.

Attendance

Mitchell Jones	(vice president)
Andrew McKechnie	(treasurer)
Roy Teymant	(secretary)
Bill East	(committee member)
Thomas Johnston	(committee member)

Apologies

Graham Saint	(president)
Philip Vels	(committee member)

Sorting the Equipment

The first hour of the meeting was spent sorting the Club's equipment into consistent sets and moving some of the sets in the worst condition to the "contingency" box.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Roy agreed to circulate draft minutes from this year's Annual General Meeting. (This has been done.)

Treasurer's Report

Financial Position

Andrew provided an up to date treasurer's report which is attached. At 12 November 2015, the Club's cash balance was \$3,999.50. Although the report shows a surplus of \$681.49 for the current calendar year, this surplus will be largely consumed by expected payments for ratings fees.

The treasurer's report was accepted by the meeting (moved Bill East, seconded Thomas Johnston).

The committee noted that ACF ratings fees had increased from September 1:

- normal time control games: increase from 30c/player/game to 40c/player/game
- rapid time control games: increase from 10c/player/game to 15c/player/game

and that this would increase on the Club's annual expenses.

Fees

The committee agreed to leave annual fees for 2016 at \$30 per calendar year or \$15 for a half year if a person joins the club after 1st July. The current concession that new players may play their first tournament free will no longer apply from 2016.

Director of Play's Report

Director of Play Role

Roy reported that Thomas, who holds the National Arbiter qualification, is interested in assisting with the DOP role. The committee agreed that Thomas should assist Roy with one or two of the early tournaments next year and then run some of the later tournaments.

2016 ACT Lightning Championship

Roy reported that he had, on behalf of the Club, agreed that the club would host the 2016 ACT Lightning Championship on Wednesday 20th January. Ratings fees for the event will be paid by the ACT Chess Association and the event will be jointly organised by the ACT Chess Association and the Canberra Chess Club. Shaun Press had indicated he would be the arbiter for the event on the proviso that he was in Canberra at the time.

The director of play's report was accepted by the meeting (moved Bill East, seconded Andrew McKechnie).

Other Business

2016 Calendar

As the Club was starting later than normal next year because of the ACT Lightning Championship, the existing schedule of tournaments would not fit into the time available during the year. To adjust the calendar for 2016, the committee agreed:

- the Canberra Cup would be 9 rounds (previously 7),
- the Memorial Cup would be 9 rounds (previously 7),
- the Hellenic Cup would not be run.

Roy agreed to post a draft 2016 calendar to the website. (This has been done.)

Club Championship as a FIDE Rated Event

The committee agreed to run the 2016 Club Championship as a FIDE rated tournament provided the cost was not prohibitive and that the Club could meet the FIDE arbiter requirements for FIDE rated events.

Thomas agreed to report back to the committee approximate costs. (This has been done. The FIDE costs would be EUR\$50.00 registration and then EUR\$1.00 per player. Assuming 30 players, the approximate cost would be EUR\$80.00 = AUS\$120.00 based on current exchange rates.)

Thomas agreed to report back to the committee the FIDE arbiter requirements.

Time Control for the Club Lightning Championship

In 2015 the Club experimented with a time control of 5 minutes with a 2 second increment for the Club Lightning Championship.

The committee agreed to revert to a time control of 5 minutes with no increment for future Lightning events.

Trophies

The Club has no Trophies for the Rapid Championship and Memorial Cup.

Thomas agreed to investigate and cost trophies for these events.

The committee agreed to spend up to \$300 on each of these trophies, up to a total expenditure of \$600.

Books

The Club had recently been given a large number of chess books (3 or 4 boxes). As these were currently with Graham Saint, who was not at the meeting, the committee deferred discussion of what to do with these until the next committee meeting. In the meantime and prior to the meeting, Graham had indicated he would catalogue the books.

Close

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.