

AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Stables Café, Alexandra Park, on 14th March 2021

Present:

John McRae (chair) (Papatoetoe); Daniel Johns (minutes) and Helen Milligan (both North Shore); Bruce Pollard and Chris Joel (both Waitakere); Ying Wang (simultaneously representing Summit and Howick-Pakuranga); Paul Morten (Howick-Pakuranga); Timothy Ha (Auckland Chess Centre); Ron Lanning (Counties).

The meeting opened at 6:58 PM.

Apologies: Apologies from Paul Postma and Keong Ang were received and accepted.

The minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record. (moved John/seconded Paul)

Business arising: Helen remarked that rating of Interclub events was not sought in 2020, and that she would like to speak with Nigel Metge, the new NZCF President about ACA's status with NZCF; she further noted that reporting Interclub events (other than the Lightning) for rating would present no technical difficulties. (Prior to 2019, ACA had not showed an interest in rating Interclubs for many years, although there was an enquiry to NZCF in 2000.) She further opined that if Interclubs did not have an entry fee (which could be brought about within the current ACA rules by setting the fee at \$0) then they ought not to attract the NZCF Tournament Levy, but noted that NZCF's current position on that point was unclear. Ying noted that FIDE rating is important to junior players and their parents. Daniel estimated FIDE rating fees for multiple-night events of 6-board matches at \$25 per team.

Chris noted that the Lightning Interclub in two groups was successful, and expressed a favourable view of the ability to use reserves. Bruce noted that if Lightning Interclubs were to be FIDE-rated, the completed match report forms would need to be of a higher standard than was met in 2020.

John queried how much NZCF Tournament Levies would amount to if the Interclub events incurred them. Helen said that the amount would be unaffordable; nevertheless, she opposed any attempt to have them FIDE-rated but not NZCF-rated, saying she would regard that as an insult to NZCF Ratings Officer Rowan Wood.

The **Annual Report** had been previously circulated, but John nevertheless summarised it. He further described the prospects for long-term use of venues at Alexandra Park due to his connections with the Auckland Trotting Club. The Annual Report was adopted.

The **Annual Accounts** were discussed and adopted (moved Helen/seconded Paul), with the note that minor corrections were needed. It was noted that the ACA tables were used not only for Interschools, for which use is free according to previous decisions, but for the Auckland Girls event, for which the rental fee was waived. Regarding the failure of the accounts to mention affiliation fees for two members, it was noted that Howick-

Pakuranga had paid and Auckland Chess Centre had not; Helen suggested that the Treasurer sent a proper invoice to Keong Ang and Timothy Ha. It was further noted that Counties Chess Club had paid an affiliation fee despite all such fees being waived for 2020; it was agreed that this should be credited toward 2021 fees. Finally, Bruce noted that ACA's term deposit will mature of 24th April. There was discussion of how future Accounts should describe a gratuity given to Rusty Peart.

Setting fees: Helen proposed that the meeting depart from the order of business in the agenda by postponing setting of fees until after the election of officers; this proposal was rejected. Helen then moved that the Affiliation Fee be a flat \$100 per member club, plus \$1 per junior member and \$2 per adult member, with all tournament entry fees being \$0. Ron pointed out that Counties Chess Club would lose out, as it cannot field teams for some of the Interclub events. Helen agreed to amend her motion, and it was resolved (moved Helen/seconded Ron) that the Affiliation Fee be \$100 for affiliated clubs and \$50 for associated clubs, plus \$1 per junior member and \$2 per adult member, with all tournament entry fees being \$0. Bruce requested that his abstention be recorded.

Election of officers:

The following nominations were made:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominator</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Chair	Bruce Pollard	Ron Lanning	Chris Joel
Vice-Chair	John McRae	Daniel Johns	Paul Morten
Secretary	Daniel Johns	Chris Joel	Helen Milligan
Treasurer	Bruce Pollard	Paul Morten	Daniel Johns
Committee	Helen Milligan	Daniel Johns	Paul Morten
	Timothy Ha	Paul Morten	Daniel Johns
	Keong Ang	Timothy Ha	Helen Milligan
	Ron Lanning	Daniel Johns	Paul Morten
	Ying Wang	Helen Milligan	Paul Morten
	Chris Joel	Ron Lanning	Paul Morten

All nominees were declared elected unopposed.

Notes: (1) Before any other nominations were presented, John McRae attempted to nominate Helen Milligan for Chair; but she indicated that she would decline to stand if there were any other candidate. Nobody seconded this nomination.

(2) The statement in the notice of meeting about the maximum number of Committee positions was in error.

Tournaments:

It was resolved that ACA organize an A-Grade Interclub, a B-Grade Interclub (for players rated under 1800 on the latest NZCF rating list), a Junior Interclub (for players under 14 on 1st January 2021), and a Teams Lightning event.

Note: the resolution did not specifically mention the time control for any of the events, but it was generally understood that these would be the same as in previous years.

It was agreed that the preferred dates for the events were: for the A-Grade, 11th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May, and 20th June, with 27th June as a reserve date in case

playing on any of those days were impossible; for the B-Grade, 4th July, 25th July, 1st August, 15th August, 12th September, 19th September, and 26th September, with 10th October as a reserve date; for the Junior, 31st October; and for the Lightning, 14th November.

John suggested that Alex Postma might be invited to serve as Arbiter for the A-Grade and B-Grade events.

Howick-Pakuranga had made a challenge for the Jenkins Trophy, and had requested to play the match on 12 boards. Helen said that it would be impractical for North Shore, on the night of its Jenkins Trophy match, to organize a separate event for those of its members who failed to make the team, and that that made a small match undesirable. Ying said that if ACA decided to have a match of 20 boards, Howick-Pakuranga could attempt to find sufficient players, but might fall short of the number. Helen offered to help to attract players by arranging to have a 20-board match FIDE-rated, with North Shore paying the rating fee. It was resolved (moved Bruce/seconded Helen) that North Shore host a 20-board Jenkins Trophy match, FIDE- and NZCF-rated, with fully financial members of each club eligible to play notwithstanding that they play for other clubs in Interclub events.

General Business: It was noted that efforts to re-create the ACA website had started, but there was trouble with hosting; Chris asked Timothy to help him to remedy this situation. Helen offered to supply files from the old website if acquiring them from other sources were difficult. Daniel noted that he had the documentation for the 2020 B-Grade Interclub (including game scores) and could supply that on request.

The meeting closed at 9:32 PM.