

AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Stables Café, Alexandra Park, on 1st March 2020

Present:

Simon Lyall (chair), Daniel Johns (minutes), Bruce Pollard, Chris Joel, Helen Milligan, John McRae, Paul Morten.

The meeting opened at 7:19 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting (held on 5th May 2019) were confirmed.

Matters arising:

None.

Fees: All levels of fees from 2019 were retained for 2020.

Those fees are:

Affiliation: \$2 per adult, \$1 per junior

Interclub fees: A-Grade and B-Grade \$25 per team

Junior \$15 for the first team from each club and \$10 for each subsequent team

Lightning \$15 for the first team from each club and \$10 for each subsequent team

Tournaments:

While at least one member club had not officially confirmed its entry in the A-Grade Interclub, it seemed likely that 6 rounds would be needed for that and also for the B-Grade. It was agreed that the preferred dates were May 10th, May 17th, June 7th, June 14th, and June 28th for the A-Grade; July 19th, August 2nd, August 9th, August 16th, and August 23rd for the B-Grade; and 13th September for the Junior Interclub. ACTION: JOHN to confirm the availability at Alexandra Park of a venue sufficient to accommodate 18 games per round; SIMON then to sent out an official notice. It was noted that if necessary, ACA might ask the Auckland Chess Centre to provide an alternate venue. The timing of the Lightning event was left to be decided later. A-Grade entries should be addressed to Simon; he said that he wants them in by Easter.

Helen Milligan left the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Finance:

No accounts for payment were presented. The topic of cheque signatories was raised (without any decision to make a change); ACTION: BRUCE to check with ASB what alternative to cheques were available. The term deposit will mature on 24th April; the current account balance of \$913 was sufficient to meet any immediate needs, so it was agreed that the term deposit would be allowed to carry over. Bruce noted that payments to Storage4You were being made on the 14th of every month.

General Business:

It was noted that with Keong Ang's departure from the Committee, ACA might lose his provision of free website hosting, in which case maintaining the website and its domain name could cost \$50-75 per year.

Daniel suggested changing ACA's registered address (currently Helen Milligan's home address), but there was no decision to do so.

It was suggested that a larger Committee might be desirable; Simon agreed to approach various people, including Ying Wing, regarding possible co-option.

While the Interschool events in the Auckland region are not an ACA matter, their likely organizers were mentioned. The North Shore and Waitakere clubs were running their local

events; Bob Smith was apparently interested in running the others. It was suggested that the member clubs should advise NZCF of whether they intended to run their local events; John noted that Papatoetoe Chess Club lacked suitable personnel to do so.

Bruce sought to re-examine the equipment hire pricing, but there was no decision to make any change. The transfer of equipment to its new storage locations was discussed; the need for procedures for verifying authorization to borrow the equipment was noted, but no specific procedure was decided on at the meeting. Bruce suggested hiring the tables to charitable groups; Simon thought that the overhead would be too great to allow ACA to offer a price as low as that of commercial lenders.

Historical ACA records that had remained in the possession of Keese van den Bosch when he had ceased to be Secretary were delivered to Daniel.

The meeting closed at 7:59 PM.