



## Kapiti Chess Club A.G.M

### Presidents Report – 19 February 2019

2018 has been a year of mixed feelings with the club having many highs and lows. Our lowest point was obviously the sad passing of the lady who was widely accepted as the “Backbone” of the club – Rose Kingston.

Her services as Club Secretary and “Keeper of the Equipment” was always appreciated.

Rose is and always will be, greatly missed and hopefully the club will support an appropriate memorial for her in 2019.

Our Club Captain during the year, Lars Dobbertin-King, did a sterling job in running the annual chess calendar and committee members, David Paul and Ross Jackson also played their part making sure the club ran as smooth as possible.

A review of this years accounts was conducted and I will be reporting on this when the accounts are presented to the club.

The club itself has had its most successful year in the past 10 years, achieving its highest “earned” surplus (Not relying on Grants or Rent Reductions) of almost \$400.00 and increasing its membership from 14 to 20, its highest number for sometime.

Our junior section has increased to 5 (25% of membership!!). We look forward to watching their growth (Chess wise) this coming year.

With regards to the coming year, the club has a new Chess Calendar, with new tournaments and formats, that will offer challenging games for all grades.

I would urge the membership not to be complacent and continue supporting the club as they have done this past year. Becoming Affiliated with the NZCF has, I am sure, been a factor in some of the new members joining and I think it is important this is maintained for the growth of all players.

The surplus we achieved in 2018 has given a lift to the clubs finances but is still well below the funds the club had in 2010 (\$2,142.15). Calls to reduce subscriptions are ill founded. Current “Subs” are less than the price of a cup of coffee per week!!.

I do not feel it necessary to increase fees but to reduce, just erases the gains we made this year. The more financially stable the club becomes, the more we can do in promoting chess in our community.

I look forward to 2019 with some anticipation, however, I am standing down as President. With the departure of Lars, I am seeking the office of Club Captain at the AGM.

Alan Winfield

President

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