



KĀPITI CHESS CLUB

2020 AGM Minutes

Tuesday 18 February 2020

MEETING STARTED:

8:00 pm

PRESENT:

Geoffrey Gunawan, David Paul, John Whibley, Hamish Lester, Ross Jackson, Brandon Holman, Valera Bonyushkin, Mark Summers, David Scott, Gordon Lyall.

APOLOGIES:

Rick Lowe

**MINUTES OF LAST
YEAR'S MEETING:**

Confirmed. These can be found on the Club's website [here](#).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tabled and read. The full report can be found on the Club's website [here](#). Key highlights:

- Successful Kāpiti Rapid and inaugural Kāpiti-Horowhenua School Chess tournaments. One of the largest attended and strongest chess events in the region for some time.
- Junior development. A key focus of the Club over the last year. Regular structured junior coaching introduced. NZCF Badge Scheme introduced, School tournament run, junior numbers up.
- Paid membership up from 18 to 20, but challenges still remain.
- Significant investment for ageing Club equipment, including new boards, sets, clocks, laptops and two new trophies.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Tabled and read. The full report can be found on the Club's website [here](#). Key highlights:

- The Swiss system of running tournaments worked well to make sure people turning up got a game.
- The nice social atmosphere being promoted within the Club.
- The strong development of Juniors thanks to Gordon Lyall.
- A very successful Kāpiti Rapid tournament, and the introduction of the Winter Cup.
- Plans and Visions for the Club moving forward - A Fischer Random tournament, as well as an open rapid tournament, and developing strategies to promote new membership growth.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Statement of Accounts for 2019 was tabled and read. It can be found on the Club's website [here](#). Key highlights:

- Spent \$5,360, got \$4,860, a deficit of around \$500 with year-end bank balance at \$940 (all to the nearest \$10).
- Notable one-off investments in Club capital totalling around \$1,300.
- Good profit from Kāpiti Rapid of \$860.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following members were re-elected uncontested and unanimously:

President:	Gordon Lyall
Vice-President:	Guy Burns
Club Captain:	David Paul
Treasurer:	Brandon Holman
Secretary:	David Scott
Committee:	Ross Jackson

Gordon proposed to change the current Junior representative position to be called “Junior Captain” to better reflect the role and importance of representing our growing junior base. This was agreed, with the change also to be reflected in our revised constitution.

Both Mark Summers and Geoffrey Gunawan were put forward as good candidates. It was agreed to appoint Geoffrey as a Committee member, and Mark as Junior Captain.

FEES:

It was agreed to keep the main adult and junior fees the same as last year, and to simplify the fee schedule as follows:

Annual - Adults	\$170
Annual - Juniors	\$70
Unwaged	\$100
Per night (Casual) - Adults	\$10
Per night (Casual) - Adults	\$4

The first 3 nights to the Club would remain free of charge, and members who join the Club during the year can pay pro-rata for the remainder of the year, as in previous years.

The main financial constraint for setting of fees remained the cost of hall hire which has to be supported by a small membership base. It was noted that the lower fees offered by other similarly-sized clubs are often only viable through cheap or heavily -subsidised venue costs. Should this not be a constraint for us, it may be desirable to review the adult fee in the future. The annual junior fee was considered very good value.

CALENDAR for 2020:

The provisional calendar of events, prepared by the Club Captain, and as posted on the Club website [here](#), was confirmed and adopted. The addition of a new Fischer Random night was well supported. The flexibility to adapt the calendar as needed during the year was also acknowledged.

CLUB CONSTITUTION:

Proposed changes to the existing Club Constitution, as circulated to members by the Club President prior to the meeting, were tabled. The existing document was written over 30 years ago, to meet the requirements of an incorporated society, which the Club has not been for some time. The proposed changes make the document more current and relevant, without substantially changing the fundamental governing rules and principles for the Club.

Gordon proposed that in addition to these changes, that it would be useful to do a subsequent review to update the language into plainer more modern English, and to update some sections to better reflect technological and cultural changes over the last 30 years.

These proposals were endorsed by the membership. A revised Constitution will consequently be prepared and put to the membership for approval.

KĀPITI RAPID & SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENTS:

The proposal to run a Kāpiti Rapid and a Kāpiti Horowhenua School Chess tournament in 2020 was agreed. The proposed date of 23 May was agreed. It was also agreed the Club should continue to run these two tournaments as annual events, around the same time every year. This would facilitate early notification and promotion on the NZCF website

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBER – JOHN WHIBLEY:

It was proposed by the Club President, under article 3b of the constitution, that John Whibley be given Life Membership status to recognise his over 30-year membership/ association with the Club. This was unanimously and warmly agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Additional Events to Promote Kāpiti Chess

David Paul suggested the idea of running additional tournaments to promote the Club and Chess in Kāpiti. These included a regional Fischer Random tournament, and maybe a two-day event for 2021.

Members were supportive of the ideas, assuming the planning and logistical work, and risks can be picked up and managed well.

A Marketing Strategy

In 2019, the Club had 20 members, with an average Club night attendance, including visitors, of 14. There was growth in the number of junior members, and the new junior coaching sessions proved popular. However, while the overall number of paid members was up on 2018 numbers, the Club did lose a few members over the year, and the number of those actively attending was variable.

Gordon proposed that the Club prepare a Marketing Strategy, that would outline a plan of activities aimed at promoting growth and membership for the Club going forward. A number of ideas were raised, including posters to schools (already done), possible mall events, a survey of members etc.

This proposal was fully supported by the membership, and will now be picked up and progressed by the Committee.

MEETING CLOSED:

9:00 pm.