



KĀPITI CHESS CLUB

2024 AGM Minutes

Tuesday 13 February 2024

MEETING STARTED:

8:00 pm

PRESENT:

Brandon Holman, David Paul, David Scott, Gordon Lyall, Guy Burns, Lars Dobbertin-King, Ross Jackson, Tim Sharpe

2023 ANNUAL REPORT:

Gordon presented the Club's annual report for 2023.

Key points:

- A full schedule of events with all meetings over-the-board, and both Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Rapid and Kāpiti Junior Championship went ahead.
- The Kāpiti Rapid attracted a record field of 50 entrants. It was also the first time the event has been FIDE rated. The Kāpiti Junior Championship saw an even greater increase, with 80 players from 18 schools across the Wellington, Kāpiti and Horowhenua regions.
- The Junior Club has gone from strength to strength and now boasts a membership of 39. So popular was the Junior Club last year, that there is now a waiting list for new members.
- The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for the amount of \$1,000. This money was used to support the Club's "Chess in School's" program which has benefitted various local schools in the region. This year saw two of these schools compete at the Wellington Interschool Regionals for the first time. Junior members are now getting the opportunity to represent their schools at chess.
- The Club continued to post news regularly in 2023, every one to two weeks and the Club's Facebook presence continues to grow significantly.
- The Club returned a healthy profit (\$730), while also adding a number of assets this year, including a PC, 30x plastics sets, 4x clocks and 15 chess books.

The report can be read in full on the Club's website at [Kāpiti Chess Club AGM reports](#).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected for 2024:

President & Treasurer:	Gordon Lyall
Club Captain:	Lars Dobbertin-King
Secretary:	David Scott
Committee:	Ross Jackson

With David and Gordon to act as backups for Lars as and when needed, as per last year.

FEES:

A proposal was tabled to retain the Senior Club fee schedule from 2023 with no increases.

It was noted that the owners of the playing hall (The Salvation Army) have notified the Club that rental will increase from \$45 a night to \$60 a night, adding around \$600 to annual Club running costs. This has been expected, after several years of no increases.

Postscript: A reduced hall rental of \$55 has subsequently been agreed with the Salvation Army.

Gordon indicated that the Club has a number of income streams now, in particular from Junior Club fees, which has boosted the Club's financial position and more than offset reduced income from lower senior membership. Together with income from the two open tournaments, and KCDC grants it was agreed to retain senior membership fees at the same level.

Fee Schedule for 2024

Adults	\$150 pa
Unwaged	\$100 pa
Juniors (under 20 as at 1/1/2024)	\$90 pa
Casuals & Visitors Adult	\$10 per night
Juniors & Students (including tertiary)	\$5 per night

2024 CALENDAR:

A provisional calendar of events for 2024 was tabled. Several good ideas were discussed:

- Support for continuing the interclub events, introduced last year.
- Run the mid-year rapid as a second series of the Winter Cup, given their similar format.
- Maybe an extra blitz series. Use of bullet time format (mixed support).
- Shorten the number of rounds for longer tournaments.
- New trophies for some of the new regular tournaments (e.g. Spring Rapid, Mid-year rapid, Fisher-Random)
- Break up tourneys with coaching or presentation nights – with one or more members and short and interesting items – possibly shared around members, or from expert guests.

Members agreed to keep the calendar flexible for ideas and changes, with Lars holding the pen on the Club's calendar of events on the website: <https://kapitichess.club/events-and-results/>

KĀPITI OPEN

This year will mark the 30th running of the Kāpiti Open, to be held as usual on the last Saturday in May, i.e. 25 May 2024.

Members discussed marking the occasion with something extra. Ideas included:

- Higher prize money.
- Bigger and nice venue: Te Raukura (Kāpiti Performing Arts Centre) was suggested.
- A new trophy – and retrospective engraving of all previous winners.
- Extra promotion.
- Continued FIDE rating.
- Seeking potential sponsorship.
- Kāpiti College gym was also suggested. This could also be a good option for the Junior Open.
- The use of Lindale Conference Centre, maybe running as a two-day event with some package arrangement with Lindale that includes reduced accommodation options.
- It was also noted that Council grants awarded are likely to be able to be used for such an event.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

David S presented a proposal to award Life Membership to Guy Burns.

Guy has made a massive contribution to the Club for more than 30 years. He joined in 1991, and with the odd sabbatical year in between, has been a member of the Club ever since. He joined the Committee as Treasurer in 1992, and in 1994 took over the role as Club President. and was the face of the Club for the next two decades. No one has stood as long as he has as Club President or as Club Treasurer.

Notable contributions have included his organisation of numerous successful Kapiti Rapids – and his particular strengths in being able to attract sponsorship for these events. Also, his development of the Club's first website in 2009. He has contributed numerous club news updates and photos, and much of the Club's recorded and photographic history has been due to his contributions.

As per Club rules, the proposal was put to the floor, and was unanimously supported. The Club presented Guy with a gift and greatly appreciated some words from Guy reflecting on his time with the Club.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Police-Vetting

Gordon advised members that the Club was now a police-vetted organisation, with Gordon, Andrea and David having been police vetted. This reflected a recognition of the responsibilities associated with promoting a safe environment for the growing Junior Club and our role as a community organisation involving younger people. Lars

suggested that having a recognised first aider may also be something to consider.

Tuatara tourney

David P discussed the idea of running a fun tournament at the Tuatara brewery, with something like a \$60 entry which would also buy you a meal and a drink along with entry to the tournament. There could be a suitable Tuatara trophy –e.g. maybe in the form a mug. Maybe some merchandising available or possibly things like a brewery tour, etc. This was warmly supported.

Coaching

Interest has been expressed in the possibility for coaching. Gordon discussed the possibility that he could trial some additional coaching to cater for promising juniors and also interested seniors, maybe running this in the period between junior and senior Club times.

FIDE Arbiter / Inter-schools Tournament

Gordon advised the Club that he had received his final norm to be a FIDE Arbiter. He also advised that along with directing the Wellington Regional Interschool tournament this year, he will be running this year's national Interschools tournament being held at Wellington College. Members acknowledged both these achievements, which reflect his notable contribution to chess and to the Club in recent years.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed around 9:15pm and was followed with some casual chess.