

**Chess Victoria Inc  
Annual General Meeting (2017)  
6.30 pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
At Box Hill Chess Club, 21A Electra Ave, Ashwood**

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Leonid Sandler	President
Peter Tsai	Vice-President
Trevor Stanning	Treasurer
Kerry Stead	Secretary
Katrin Aladjova	Executive Member
Chris Wallis	Executive Member
John Nothdurft	Box Hill Chess Club
Tanya Kolak	Box Hill Chess Club
Howard Liston	Canterbury Junior Chess Club
Scott Crowley	Canterbury Junior Chess Club
Roger Croft	Canterbury Junior Chess Club
Adrian Chew Lee	Canterbury Junior Chess Club
Jarren Das	Canterbury Junior Chess Club
Ian Birchall	Croydon Chess Club
Kyle Gibson	Croydon Chess Club
Thai Ly	Melbourne Chess Club
Gary Wastell	Life Member
Geoffrey Keenan	General Meetings Chairman
Tom Kalisch	Chess Artists (non-voting)
Gerritt Hartland	Life Member (Apology)
Ian Laurie	Life Member (Apology)

## 1. Opening of Meeting

- Chairman Geoffrey Keenan declared the meeting open at 6:43pm

## 2. Attendance & Apologies

- The chairman welcomed delegates to the meeting & introduced the executive members present
- Apologies were noted from Life members Gerritt Hartland & Ian Laurie

## 3. Adoption of Minutes

- *The minutes of the previous AGM be adopted*  
Moved Kerry Stead; seconded Leonid Sandler;
- The chairman asked for any discussion of the minutes.
- *That the Minutes be adopted; Carried*

## 4. Annual Reports

### a. President's Report

- Chess Victoria President Leonid Sandler read his comprehensive written report on the year in Victorian chess, with the following items of note:
- 1300 children competed in the Interschool finals across 10 events, run by Chess Victoria, which was a 30% increase on 2016
- 236 Girls participated in the girls finals – a record attendance
- All finals participants received certificates
- Good to see older juniors mentoring younger kids
  - Melbourne Chess Club – Ari Dale & Jack Puccini running the Saturday morning program
  - Canterbury Juniors – 50-60 kids weekly, with 7-9 coaches, most of which are juniors
- Victorian Juniors held at The Knox School with 177 players
- Victorian Age Group Rapid also a successful event
- Australian Schools finals – Victoria won 3 of 4 titles
- FM Luis Chan won the Arlauskas Award
- Chess Victoria supported the following junior programs:
  - East Doncaster
  - Croydon Chess Club
  - Noble Park Chess Club (2018)
- Welcome Julia Ryjanova & Alexej Khamatgaleev to Melbourne chess scene
- Victorian Championship saw a tie between Igor Goldenberg & Chris Wallis, with Igor winning the playoff for the championship title.

- Australasian Masters was again a successful event, running as a GM norm event for the fifth time & was once again the strongest event in Australia for the year.
- Victorian Open was run at MCC & was successful & profitable event.
- Hjorth Memorial was also run at MCC & won by Max Illingworth
- Chess Artists Club ran the Victorian Rapid Play Championship
- Country clubs continue to grow
  - Ballarat Begonia Open once again attracting top players
- Arbiters Seminar successfully run, with a number of new arbiters completing the course.
- Australian Juniors was biggest ever in 2018 & run successfully at Swinburne University by Canterbury Chess Club
- Club Championships underway at many Victorian clubs.
- Personal thanks to all members of the Chess Victoria executive for making 2017 a good year.

#### **b. Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer (Trevor Stanning) highlighted the following important facts & figures from the tabled report:
- Chess Victoria recorded a cash surplus of \$2687, which was smaller than previous years due to the numerous grants that were given to chess programs throughout the state.
- Australian Juniors run by Canterbury Chess Club was a profitable & successful event. Although there was no financial support from Chess Victoria, the club borrowed equipment to help run the event.
- Proposed budget for 2018 charges to remain same as 2017.
- Financial sheets presented:
  - Profit & Loss Statement
  - Balance Sheet
  - Proposed Budget for 2018
  - Executive payments for 2017
  - Cash reserves approximately \$60,000

#### **c. Questions relating to Presidents & Treasurer's report**

- Leonid Sandler added that FIDE had an offer for cheap DGT clocks, which is available to all clubs in Victoria.
- John Nothdurft (BHCC) asked about activity since September 2017 (close of Financial year). The Treasurer stated that with size of the Schools Finals being run, CV would be expecting a greater surplus than previous years

- Ian Birchall (CCC) asked about the policy for awarding grants. The Treasurer said he would email it to Ian, as well as put a copy of the policy on the website, so it could be easily accessible.
- Leonid Sandler proposed that the Chess Artists Chess Club become fully affiliated (Moved Leonid Sandler, Seconded Katrin Aladjova)
- The Chairman raised a procedural point that the vote required a simple majority to pass.
- Gary Wastell asked if the club was incorporated. Tom Kalisch responded that although the club had voted to become incorporated, it had yet to be formalised.
- As a result of this, Leonid Sandler withdrew his motion
- Thai Ly (MCC) asked if the club could be affiliated at the next AGM, however this is something that can be done at the executive level, without the need for an AGM vote.

#### **d. Adption of Annual Reports**

- **That the annual reports be adopted. Moved** Katrin Aladjova; **Seconded** Chris Wallis; **Carried**

#### **5. Proposed Chess Victoria Calendar for 2018**

- Executive will aim to have a calendar of non-regular club events published later in the year

#### **6. Election of Executive Members**

- The chairman went through the nominations for the various executive positions as follows:
  - a. President – Leonid Sandler was the only nomination for the position, so he was elected as President.
  - b. Vice-President – Peter Tsai was the only nomination for the position, so he was elected as Vice-President.
  - c. Treasurer – Trevor Stanning was the only nomination for the position, so he was elected as Treasurer.
  - d. Secretary – Kerry Stead was the only nomination for the position, so he was elected as Secretary.
  - e. Executive Member – Katrin Aladjova & Chris Wallis were the only nominations for the two positions, so they were elected as Executive Members

#### **7. Election of General Meetings Chairman**

- The President noted that Geoffrey Keenan was the only nomination for General Meetings chairman, so he was elected as General Meetings Chairman.

## **8. Notice of Motions**

- There were no motions on notice for the meeting

## **9. General Business**

- Trevor Stanning congratulated Leonid Sandler on being awarded the International Arbiter title from FIDE
- Thai Ly (MCC) asked if there were any other arbiter titles awarded this year.
- Peter Tsai noted that both Simon Dale & Chris Zuccala had been awarded the FIDE Arbiter title
- Thai Ly asked about the tender process for upcoming Victorian events.
- Leonid Sandler responded that an email would be sent out in the next two weeks & the CV website would also have this information.
- Peter Tsai proposed that events run by non-affiliated clubs or chess businesses to have rating fees inline with affiliated clubs (seconded Chris Wallis)
  - Thai Ly asked what the current rate is (KS responded double rate for affiliated clubs)
  - **Motion carried** (LS abstained)

## **10. Close of Meeting**

- Chairman Geoff Keenan thanked the delegates for attending & declared the meeting closed at 7:41pm