

Minutes: Canberra Chess Club Committee Meeting of 30 Mar 2022

Status: Final

Submitted by Gary Trevean on 1 Apr 2022.

Meeting Location: CCC Clubroom Philip

Meeting Times: Wednesday, 30 Mar 2022 – 1800 to 1840

Present:

Henk Doel, Simon Louie, Brian Butler, Assad, Gary Trevean, Roy Teymant

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 9 June 21 were accepted as correct.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

General Business

1. Date of 2022 AGM.

The Committee agreed that the 2022 AGM would be held on **Wednesday the 15 of June 22 at 7pm**. This date did not clash with the start of any tournaments and was a little over 12 months after the previous AGM.

2. Weekly Charge to Members for Rental of Clubrooms.

Currently members are charged \$3 per night for the rental of the clubroom. Earlier in the financial year it had been suggested that the charge could be reduced to \$2 per night. The Treasurer (Brian) advised that the number of players attending games post Covid had decreased to around 20 to 24 people which meant that to cover our rental costs we could not afford to reduce the nightly fees. Brian advised that there were some members not paying the fee who he would chase up to ensure they pay in future.

The Committee agreed that the nightly charge will stay at \$3 while player numbers were insufficient to adequately cover the cost of hiring our Philip clubroom.

3. Catering for Winter Lightning and EOY Lightning Events.

Brian asked for approval to expend up to \$100 on catering for the Winter Lightning and EOY Lightning events.

The Committee approved the expenditure of \$100 on catering for the Lightning events.

4. Search for Better Premises to Play in for Canberra Chess Club

The Committee agreed that our current premises were not conducive to providing an environment for our members to socialise as well as play chess. The general consensus was that an environment like a community club where people could have a meal or drink together before the game and after the game, as previously available in the Hellenic Club, would improve the experience for our members. Two initiatives were proposed to find better premises:

a. ANU Room

Henk advised that he was exploring the possibility of the CCC using a room at the ANU where there were nearby bars and restaurants.

Simon expressed the concern that we would not have any security of tenure if the university became aware that the vast majority of players were not university students.

Action: Henk to explore ANU option further.

b. Formally In Writing Approach Appropriate Community Clubs

Gary proposed that he write directly to community clubs, such as the Southern Cross Club, Weston Club etc detailing what our requirements are and requesting accommodation on their premises on Wednesday or Thursday nights to play chess under their community obligation program.

Gary proposed that we do this in April and continue to do it every year, even if unsuccessful this year, so that we are in the queue for any openings that may come up. The Committee endorsed this approach.

Action: Gary with the assistance of Roy to develop a document detailing our requirements and approach any suitable clubs.

Next Meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be held after the 2022 AGM or earlier if there is any need to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss any significant issues affecting the CCC, such as new premises.