

SAJCL AGM – Chess Centre, Thursday 1st March 2018

Meeting commenced 7:10pm

Present Alan Goldsmith (AG), Lorraine Gormly (LG), Richard Thorne (RT), Peter Serwan (PS), David Koetsier (DK), Sabrina Koetsier (SK), Susanne Wells (SW), Louise Boryo (LB), Cameron Wheeler (CW), Trish Bartholomaeus (TB)

Apologies

Annabel Howard - Walford
Sam Bartram - Walford
Seona Payne – Rose Park
Paul Dorian - St Paul's
Judy Harris – Concordia

The **Minutes** from 2017 were accepted - SK moved, LG seconded.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Alan reported the new website <http://www.sajuniorchess.org> is working well - with the results and events being updated regularly now.

Also, the SAJCL has placed a special order for 100 DGT 2010 clocks from the ACF at a cost of \$3000 thanks to a special once-off deal by the ACF for Chess Federations. They will be used on Friday nights for the Secondary matches as well as all Primary A and Primary B matches.

SAJCL President's Report for 2017 (available on <http://www.sajuniorchess.org>)

The SA Junior Chess League had a highly successful year for school chess in 2017. We had several new schools taking part (Glen Osmond PS and Seymour Junior School) and continued strong support from all our regulars.

I'd particularly like to thank those schools who have acted as hosts for our Primary Competitions - CBC, East Marden PS, Grange PS, Rostrevor, Prince Alfred College, St Peter's, St Pius', St Andrews, St Ignatius, St Michael's Lutheran, Walford and Westminster - we know it is quite a lot of work to organise the rooms for the matches and greatly appreciate all the effort involved. And of course, a special thanks to the Directors of Play for managing each event.

The results of all the matches for last year can be found on the website, [sajuniorchess.org](http://www.sajuniorchess.org) - but particular mention must be made of the success of East Marden PS in the Primary A Grade and PAC in the Secondary Division 1 Competitions - both teams represented SA brilliantly at the Australian Schools Teams Competitions in Sydney in December, East Marden coming equal 2nd (but 3rd on count back) in the Primary Open and PAC finishing second in the Secondary Open.

Throughout the year we also ran the State Junior titles for all ages of juniors from U8 through to U18 and it is obvious that we have some immense talents in the State.

We had three outstanding performers in the Australian Junior Championships: Feiyang Wang won the U10 Open with 7.5 points out of 9, Ethan Retnarajah finished second in the U12 with 7/9 and Athena-Malar Retnarajah came second in the U10 Girls with 6/8 (and scored 6 in the U10 Open).

We also had many others who impressed greatly and were close in the finish: Eric Menezes placed 15th in the U16 Open. Arist Giouvantsioudis-Mousiandis was in a tie for 5th place in the U14 with a score of 6/9 just ahead of George Bartley who scored 5.5, while Christiaan Viljoen scored 5 and Matthew Daly 4.5. Dimandiw Kosgallana scored 6 in the Under 12 to finish equal 12th, while Oliver Fenton scored 5.5, Gabriel Cregan 4 and Jeremiah Wheaton 3.5. Iker Hernandez won 5 games at his first attempt in the U10 Open.

So, I think SA junior chess is in great shape. We have some serious events planned by the SA Chess Association this year which should be very beneficial for many of our top juniors and we need to encourage them all to take part. There are opportunities for them to gain a much coveted FIDE rating.

Talking generally, there was a bit of a mishap with the trophies last year - unfortunately many of the State trophies were ordered very late and the inter school trophies were also mistimed. I hope this year that we remedy this and have the trophies ready for all events, in particular the school matches, available well before the last round. I am also very conscious that every student deserves a Participation Certificate and so hope to have blank certificates ready to be personalised by the Directors of Play very early in the season.

Many thanks again to the Committee members, the parents and coaches and I trust we have another wonderful season.

Alan Goldsmith

President
SAJCL

Matters arising from the Report

A discussion took place about Certificates and Trophies and the following motion was passed:

Participation Certificates are to be emailed to schools and it will then be the school's responsibility to print the certificates off on card and then personalise them and distribute to their own players.

RT Moved, LG Seconded Passed unanimously

AusJCL SA Representative Report

DK says he did not have to report to SAJCL
However the AJC is no more, any remaining monies it had have been returned now to the ACF and control of Junior Chess has reverted back to the ACF

Treasurer's Report - Absent

In light of the fact that there was no Treasurer's Report, Alan instead gave a Financial Statement and explained that there had been a mixup with the despatching of the invoices to the schools last year meaning that only about 60% of the schools had paid their fees and that there was about \$4000 outstanding. However those schools who did not receive the invoices are being contacted and are making their payments.

We currently have \$3400 in the bank and all the debts from last year have been paid.

Our expenses for 2017 were:

Insurance	\$540.00
CC Rent	\$6000.00
Trophies	\$3844.15
ASTC	\$2400.00
Young Masters	\$750.00
DOP Fees	\$1320.00
Hall Hire	\$150.00

Our Income for the year:

School Fees	8716.00
Tournaments	2265.80
Donation	500.00

The new Treasurer will be asked to give the report for 2018 about 2 weeks before the next AGM and we will find an Independent auditor.

Election of Officers

AG declared all the positions vacant and handed over to PS as deputy chair to oversee the election of President.

President RT nominated AG for President. LG seconded. All in favour – accepted
Alan Goldsmith is re-elected as president for SAJCL

Deputy President – RT nominates PS. SW seconded. All in favour.
Peter Serwan is re-elected as Deputy President.

Vice President – PS nominates SK. SW seconded.
Sabrina Koetsier is re-elected as Vice President.

Secretary - AG nom LG. PB seconded.
Lorraine Gormly is re-elected as Secretary.

Treasurer - AG nominates Zina Koodrin. LG seconded
Zina Koodrin is elected as Treasurer.

The Public Officer - AG nominated Janeen Herrmann, Seconded LG
Janeen Herrmann is elected a Public Officer

The Secondary Representative will be sought from students at a school.

The Primary Representative - AG nominates TB. LG seconded
Trish Bartholomaeus is elected as Primary Representative.

Committee

RT nom DK. SK seconded. *David Koetsier is elected a committee member.*

RT nom SW. AG seconded. *Suanne Wells is elected a committee member.*

SK nom LB DK seconded. *Louise Boryo is elected a committee member.*

Fees

It was noted that the fees for the interschool matches had not been raised for several years and so after much debate, the fees have been raised a modest amount:

Fees 2017

\$50 Affiliation
\$75 Prim A
\$60 Prim B & C
\$100 secondary

Fees 2018

\$60 Affiliation
\$100 Secondary
\$80 Prim A
\$70 Prim B & C

Any other business

Composite Teams

This proved to be very contentious and it was decided that we will email out a Survey to all the schools to see if they were happy to allow Composite teams to take part in the Secondary Division 1 and the Primary A grade competitions. They are already permitted to take part in the lower grades. It is proposed that we allow composite teams with 1 member only form each school but students are not permitted to play in a composite team if their school already enters teams in the competition. If the survey suggests that there is little opposition to this notion, we will call a SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on April 12th to permit the change to the constitution.

Code of chess

DK wished it to be noted that he considered the 'Code of Chess' was broken last year when the Primary A Grade competition was not run solely as a Round Robin but was extended a further 2 rounds to make it a 7 round event. The problem arose because there were only 6 teams instead of 8 in the A Grade. Alan explained that after 5 rounds all the normal rounds for a round robin had been played and a further 2 rounds were added using the Swiss Format to allow all students to play the normal 7 rounds - a practice used by SACA and the SAJCL for all its interclub matches for many years. It was a surprising and heated discussion at the time and caused quite a bit of friction in an otherwise great season. It apparently still causes ructions.

Evelyn Koshnitsky Shield

It was decided to hold the EK Shield on the Wednesday afternoon in Week 9 in Term 3 and the B & C grade Finals on the Friday of that same week.
A new venue for the Finals will be sought.

Meeting closed 8:36ppm