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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 Minutes

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025

BY MICROSOFT TEAMS

1	CALL TO ORDER Meeting start time: 7:02pm																																																																																
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3	MINUTE'S SILENCE A Minute's Silence was held in honour of chess players who passed away during the year (and in early 2025): <p data-bbox="177 1464 400 1928"> Anton Reid Peter Weir Aiden Howard Bruce Gloistein Ron Lanning Prashant Mistry David Taylor Wayne McDougall Denis Boyce Bill Poole Ross Corry Arthur Pomeroy Bob Mitchell </p>																																																																																
4	APOLOGIES Bob Gibbons (Life Member), Andrew Janisz (Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club)																																																																																

	<p>Resolution: Apologies received be accepted Moved: Craig Hall Seconded: Nigel Metge Carried by voice</p>
5	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM (see separate document)</p> <p>Resolution: Minutes be taken as read Moved: Craig Hall Seconded: Paul Spiller Carried by voice</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING Chair indicated these would be discussed as they arose in the Agenda.</p>
6	<p>ANNUAL REPORT for the calendar year ended 31 December 2024 – includes President’s Report and Financial Statements (see attached document in email)</p> <p>PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p> <p>Nigel Metge (Chair) spoke to his report. First, he noted an accidental omission. The Middle Game Chess Foundation is hereby thanked for their significant financial contribution to chess in 2024 and in particular the Budapest Olympiad Open Team Captain’s fee which they paid directly.</p> <p>Helen Milligan (NS) objected to the line ‘The goodwill built up with FIDE benefited us directly by getting substantial funding from FIDE for our Olympiad teams’ on the grounds that it was untrue. Nigel agreed to the deletion of this specific sentence noting that the Federation was in good standing with FIDE in part through hosting the Torch Ceremony and former World Champion Vishy Anand.</p> <p>Caleb Wright (MM) made the following statement:</p> <p>On behalf of MM and its individual members, we thank the admin for sending out our remit on 15 Jan, 17 Mar & 26 Mar which re-iterates that MM believes NZCF and all officials are operating legitimately.</p> <p>He then commented on the following items from the Chess Development Plan:</p> <p>1.1 Foster good relations - odd, in that MMRSACC gets \$5 per member after the NZCF membership fees and the NZCF gets \$15. 4.1 Good Communication – mentioned the motion that failed at Council which aimed to force Councillors to have an open mind. Councillors should be able to compare their views with others. 5.1 Manage Finances – Giving Councillors free meals at the torch ceremony banquet – not acceptable 7.1 Governance of NZCF - On behalf of MM and its individual members, we thank the admin officer for sending out our remit on 15 Jan, 17 Mar & 26 Mar which re-iterates that MM believes NZCF and all officials are operating legitimately.</p> <p>Martin Dreyer (HP) – thanked the President for paying for the Silver Rook refurbishment and valuation. He noted that as previous NZCF accountant, he had a generic entry in Balance Sheet for ‘Trophies’.</p> <p>TREASURER’S REPORT</p> <p>Treasurer’s report had been circulated along with a 2025 budget.</p> <p>Russell Dive (Treasurer) spoke briefly to his report.</p>

Some minor changes to be made before filing – FIDE Other Fees needed further breakdown, and 2023 comparatives on page 29 had now been corrected.

John Ansell (NP) asked why there were Olympiad captain's fees in the Olympiad costs, when it had been said that the Middle Game Chess Foundation had paid for these.

Treasurer replied that the costs there were for the Women's team and only the Open team's captain's fees had been paid by the MGCF.

Caleb Wright (MM) asked if the tournament levy cap of \$5,000 had been requested by Summit CC for 2025. Treasurer - not at this stage.

Caleb Wright further questioned Council's authority to apply this cap, saying it was a matter for the AGM. The Treasurer disagreed. The AGM could set fees, but Council had the right to waive. Caleb Wright wants consistency.

MMRSACC feels the Summit only situation is inconsistent with end of year remits regarding ACC & MMRSACC.

Bob Smith (life member) asked what the legal fees of \$10k were for in the 2025 budget. The Treasurer replied that there might be costs involving the reregistration process and had put in a contingency as well – see assumptions in the budget.

He also asked about accounting fees, there were some in 2024 (relating to 2023), but the Treasurer was not anticipating any for 2025.

Martin Dreyer (HP) thanked those involved in the preparation of the annual report. He had some minor changes to suggest to the financials but would email those to the Treasurer.

Motion: That the annual financial statements included in the annual report be approved.

Moved: Craig Hall

Seconded: Nigel Metge

Carried by voice

7 **PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2024**

These awards were made at the 2025 NZ Chess Congress

For substantial and ongoing financial and time support as Patrons to NZ Chess:

Jim Benson

Grant Kerr

Chris Benson

Tony Booth

For Captaincy of Olympiad Teams and Development of NZ Chess talent:

GM Bojkov and IM Herman van Riemsdijk

For Exceptional longevity of participation in top levels NZ Chess:

IM Anthony Ker (Played in 45 consecutive Congresses)

IM Paul Garbett (Played in 1969 Congress and earlier)

2023 President's Award

Craig Hall for exceptional service to NZ Chess including HOD for 2 Olympiads

8	<p>NOMINATION OF PATRON & VICE-PATRONS FOR 2025</p> <p>Patron Jim Benson</p> <p>Vice Patrons</p> <p>Chris Benson Tony Booth Grant Kerr</p> <p>Moved: Nigel Metge Seconded: Craig Hall Carried by voice</p> <p>Chair commented that some of the current patrons are not as young as they used to be, and the new Council should approach others in good time.</p>
9	<p>SELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER</p> <p>Richie Christie nominated by Nigel Metge to log and count the votes – no objections</p>
10	<p>ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL 2024</p> <p>Notices on voting procedures were circulated on 26 March 2025 – essentially by voice first, if not clear, then voting via teams Chat.</p> <p>The following nominations were received (Position / Nominee / Nominating Club):</p> <p>President: Craig Hall (Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga) Vice-President: Paul Spiller (Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga) Treasurer: Russell Dive (Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga) Secretary: Richard Christie (Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga)</p> <p>The above officers were elected unopposed.</p> <p>Resident Councillors: Helen Milligan (North Shore), Robert Gibbons, Ying Wang, Evguenia (Jennya) Charomova, Barry Hooton (Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga) – election required</p> <p>Caleb Wright (MM) reminded delegates that they could abstain from voting / and could vote for UP to 4 candidates.</p>

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025					
Item	Election - Auckland						
Club	Votes	Jennya Charamova	Bob Gibbons	Barry Hooton	Helen Milligan	Ying Wang	
Auckland Central	2		2	2		2	
Auckland Chess Centre	4				4		
Canterbury	4	4	4	4		4	
Counties	1				1	1	
Gisborne	1				1		
Hamilton	1				1		
Hawkes Bay	2				2		
Howick-Pakuranga	4	4	4	4		4	
Invercargill-Southland	3	3	3	3		3	
Mount Maunganui	3				3		
New Plymouth	4				4		
North City	2	2	2	2		2	
North Shore	4				4		
Otago	3	3	3	3		3	
Papatoetoe	2				2		
Summit	4	4	4	4		4	
Upper Hutt	1	1	1	1		1	
Waitakere	1	1	1	1		1	
Wellington	4	4	4	4		4	
Total	50	26	28	28	22	29	

Jennya Charomova, Bob Gibbons, Barry Hooton and Ying Wang were declared elected.

Chair thanked outgoing Councillor Helen Milligan for her service on Council.

Helen Milligan (NS) commented that it was obvious that someone had been brought in to stand against her, and that there was a split in New Zealand chess. She thanked those who had voted for her.

1 ELECTION OF REGIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR 2024

The following nominations were received (Position / Nominee / Nominating Club):

Central North Island Regional Councillor: Robert Smith (Waitakere/Canterbury/Howick-Pakuranga), Caleb Wright (Mount Maunganui RSA) – **election required**

Wellington Regional Councillor: Andrew Brockway (Wellington), (no nomination received for the second Councillor position but may be co-opted by Council)

Canterbury Regional Councillor: Cory Broad (Canterbury)

Otago Regional Councillor: Vacant (Richard Christie was nominated by the Otago Chess Club, but opts for the unopposed Secretary position instead – councillor may be co-opted by Council))

Andrew Brockway (Wellington) & Cory Broad (Canterbury) were declared elected.

Election of Central North Island Regional Councillor

John Ansell (NP) spoke:

- Delegates to note that one candidate is nominated by two clubs not in the region, the other by a club in the region.
- He mentioned the email sent round by the CNI clubs, supporting Caleb Wright.

- He said that normally the merits of the candidate would be paramount, but in this case it was one of principles.
- A regional councillor represents the region. In his view they should be selected by clubs from the region and not by others.
- No nominating club (for Bob Smith) had spoken to any club in the region before nominating him and this is disrespectful.
- This seems like a conspiracy that 2 clubs have spontaneously nominated him. People need to think before voting.

Bob Smith (Life Member) spoke:

- He had been involved in lots of chess activities in the region and lived there.
- He apologized for not having time to get local club nomination.
- He said his record spoke for itself. He would be a good representative for the region but also was supporting the development of chess nationally.

Caleb Wright (MM) spoke:

- He confirmed all the John Ansell had said.
- Said that MMRSA CC was obliged not to support Bob Smith as the MMRSA had concerns about Bob Smith and had blocked his emails.

Bob Smith (Life member) replied:

- Someone had told the MMRSA that he was a serial complainer and that was why they were not communicating with him, he said this was untrue.

Chair stated that all Councillors were there for development of chess nationally rather than a particular Club or Region interest.

John Ansell (NP) disagreed saying Regional Councillors are there to represent regional interests.

Helen Milligan (NS) said that she wanted it formally noted that NSCC believes the nomination of Bob Smith is totally against the spirit of the NZCF constitution.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025		
Item	Election - Central North Island			
	Club	Votes	Bob Smith	Caleb Wright
	Auckland Central	2	2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4		4
	Canterbury	4	4	
	Counties	1		1
	Gisborne	1		1
	Hamilton	1		1
	Hawkes Bay	2		2
	Howick-Pakuranga	4	4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3	3	
	Mount Maunganui	3		3
	New Plymouth	4		4
	North City	2	2	
	North Shore	4		4
	Otago	3	3	
	Papatoetoe	2		2
	Summit	4	4	
	Upper Hutt	1	1	
	Waitakere	1	1	
	Wellington	4	4	
	Total	50	28	22

Bob Smith declared elected as Regional Councillor for Central North Island

John Ansell (NP) made a statement on behalf of New Plymouth Chess Club – they regard the outcome as an utter disgrace and a shame for New Zealand chess.

Caleb Wright (MM) – MMRSA CC agrees with this statement

Bob Smith said he was looking forward to working with the CNI clubs and working together to make their relationship better. John Ansell said that might be hard given the circumstances, Bob Smith replied that they should give it a try.

Chair thanked outgoing Councillor Caleb Wright for his service to Council.

Martin Dreyer (HP) – on behalf of HPCC moved for a vote of thanks to all outgoing Councillors. Seconded Richie Christie. Carried.

Bob Smith left the meeting at 8:15pm.

Meeting took a short break until 8:25pm

12 APPOINT AUDITOR/FIX HONORARIA

Council proposes AGM does not appoint an auditor for 2025 nor any honoraria.

Chair noted that in time, paying for professional accounting services and an auditor is valuable in building confidence with Clubs and possible Sponsors. The voluntary work of Councillors should also be recognised with small Honoraria, funds permitting.

13 NEW NZCF MEMBERS

Noted that the Mohua Chess Club (Canterbury) joined as an associate member and the North City Knights Chess Club (Wellington) joined as an affiliated club member during 2024.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

(Please see attached documents for the original remit as some formatting changes have been made to accommodate this agenda)

The following were proposed as life members of the NZCF (Nominee / Nominating Club):

Arthur Pomeroy (Canterbury/Wellington) - withdrawn
Nigel Metge (Waitakere/Auckland Central/Summit)
Ewen Green (Howick-Pakuranga/Auckland Chess Centre)

Martin Dreyer (HP) apologized for the lack of information sent around to all clubs in support of Ewen's nomination.

Paul Spiler (HP) did send out a document which was sent to FIDE in support of an application to the FIDE Senior Veterans Program. Timothy Ha (AC) posted the link and the wording into the Teams chat for all to see.

Paul Spiller (HP) talked briefly to Ewen's nomination, detailing some of his contributions to chess in New Zealand.

Motion: That Ewen Green be made a Life member of the NZCF

Chair declared Motion carried on voice and Ewen Green awarded Life Membership NZCF

Nigel Metge then vacated the Chair – handed over to Paul Spiller (HP).

Paul Spiller (Chair) talked briefly to Nigel's nomination, detailing some of his contributions to chess in New Zealand.

Caleb Wright (MM) – again - On behalf of MM and its individual members, we thank the admin for sending out our remit on 15 Jan, 17 Mar & 26 Mar which re-iterates that MM believes NZCF and all officials are operating legitimately.

Caleb then spoke:

There was a clear move at the last AGM to look at how the AGM votes, Nigel Metge cast his chairperson's vote against this.

Nigel Metge was also part of a group of Councillors who voted for free meals at the torch ceremony banquet

And also, part of a group of Councillors who voted against the motion to make Councillors have an open mind and be open to other views.

Motion: That Nigel Metge be made a Life member of the NZCF

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Item	Life Member - Nigel Metge				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2	2		
	Auckland Chess Centre	4		4	
	Canterbury	4	4		
	Counties	1			1
	Gisborne	1			1
	Hamilton	1			1
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4	4		
	Invercargill-Southland	3	3		
	Mount Maunganui	3		3	
	New Plymouth	4			4
	North City	2	2		
	North Shore	4		4	
	Otago	3	3		
	Papatoetoe	2			2
	Summit	4	4		
	Upper Hutt	1	1		
	Waitakere	1	1		
	Wellington	4	4		
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	30	11	9

Paul Spiller (Chair) declared Motion carried and Nigel Metge awarded Life Membership NZCF.

Paul then vacated the Chair back to Nigel.

Nigel Metge made a brief statement thanking all for the significant recognition of his service in NZ Chess starting from membership in Auckland Chess Centre 1970. He noted that as a life member of the NZCF the \$15 Federation fee is not payable by any Club he joins. However, he will continue to pay the full subscription fee to any club he joins, and that Club can choose to keep the \$15 or donate it to NZCF.

Timothy Ha (AC) commented on the lack of a unanimous poll, suggested some other kind of threshold (higher) might be needed for future votes like this.

Richie Christie (IN) – the voting thresholds can be changed via the constitution (remits at an AGM or SGM or via consultation for the new constitution).

The following Remits were received:

Remit 1

Remit Papatoetoe Chess Club

20 December 2024

\$15 Levy Exemption for Host Schools for Interschools Chess Tournaments

A school that hosts an NZCF interschool tournament should not have to pay the \$15 per team NZCF levy as it is difficult enough to find a venue or schools willing to host this tournament.

These events need planning weeks ahead, the host school then loses the hall for the entire day plus the time taken for table setup the day before.

We wish to encourage schools to keep hosting us. Schools are set up already for the children from the visiting schools and the host school itself, playing in these tournaments. They have facilities such as bathroom and medical supplies etc. Thus, we want these schools to enter their teams without them being asked for fees. Finding another venue is always going to be more expensive and more hassle for the organisers.

Papatoetoe Chess Club
President
Scott R Smith

Caleb Wright on behalf of Papatoetoe Chess Club said that the motion would need to be voted in ie. it was not being withdrawn.

He spoke briefly to the motion.

Chair declares Motion carried.

Remit 2

Remit New Plymouth Chess Club 1, 2025 – Limiting the Number of Councillors a Club may nominate

Background: The management of the Federation is vested in a Council comprising the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, together with a number of Resident and Regional Councillors. The NPCC believes that to be effective, Councillors must feel free to act independently and in the best interests of the Federation. However, when a majority of the Council is being elected year after-year due to the nominations of a single club, then there are good reasons to be concerned about the freedom of the Councillors so elected to act independently. At the 2022 NZCF AGM, the Howick Pakuranga Chess Club nominated eight of the thirteen Councillors and all eight were elected unopposed. At the 2023 AGM, the HPCC also nominated eight of the thirteen Councillors and once again all eight were elected unopposed. Similarly, at the 2024 AGM, the HPCC nominated eight of the twelve Councillors, with seven of those elected, and the eighth withdrawing before the meeting due to ill-health. All of these nominations coming from a single club could just be for convenience, but alternatively it suggests a level of behind-the-scenes coordination that would cast doubt on the elected Councillors' freedom or willingness to act independently. It almost certainly means a majority on the Council will think similarly on many issues and establishes an anti-democratic norm, deterring other clubs from proposing competing nominations and creating an orthodoxy which resists change. This remit seeks to improve the independence and diversity of NZCF Councillors by limiting the number of nominations for Council that can be made by any single Club in a given year.

Proposal: It is proposed that the Constitution be amended so that no Club may nominate more than TWO persons for Council at a given AGM.

John Ansell (NP) mentioned that ISCC had emailed round with some comments on the 4 NPCC remits, and that he felt that NPCC had alleviated any concerns with their email reply.

Voice vote inconclusive, so went to a poll.

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Item	NPCC 1 limiting number of nominations to 2 per club			
Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
Auckland Central	2		2	
Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
Canterbury	4		4	
Counties	1	1		
Gisborne	1	1		
Hamilton	1	1		
Hawkes Bay	2	2		
Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
Mount Maunganui	3	3		
New Plymouth	4	4		
North City	2		2	
North Shore	4	4		
Otago	3		3	
Papatoetoe	2	2		
Summit	4		4	
Upper Hutt	1		1	
Waitakere	1	1		
Wellington	4		4	
Chair (if applicable)				
Total	50	23	27	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 3

Remit New Plymouth Chess Club 2, 2025 – Restriction on NZCF Employees and Contractors holding Council Office

Background: As discussed in Remit 1, the NPCC believes that to be effective the Federation’s Councillors must feel free to act independently and in the best interests of the Federation, however where a Councillor is also an employee or contractor to the Federation, they may find their loyalties due to that relationship (i.e. with the management of the Federation) conflict with the need to act truly independently in their role as a Councillor. The current NZCF constitution anticipates this issue in Section 3.3.5 (APPOINTED OFFICIALS), which requires that if at any time a member of the Council is a paid employee, then they are not entitled to vote at meetings. However, this restriction does not really go far enough for a number of reasons:

- any Councillor contracted to provide services to the Federation effectively has almost exactly the same conflicts as an employee and so should be subject to the same restriction.
- removing the voting rights of conflicted individuals still allows them to propose motions and influence discussion around the Council table; and
- it denies an individual with an independent voice from holding the office such a Councillor occupies, effectively reducing the size of the Council.

Proposal: any Councillor contracted to provide services to the Federation effectively has almost exactly the same conflicts as an employee and so should be subject to the same restriction; removing the voting rights of conflicted individuals still allows them to propose motions and influence discussion around the Council table; and it denies an individual with an independent voice from holding the office such a Councillor occupies, effectively reducing the size of the Council.

It is proposed that the NZCF Constitution be amended so that a person who is a contractor to the Federation or in an employment relationship with the Federation be ineligible to hold office on the Council of the Federation. Furthermore, it is proposed that any Councillor who is a contractor to or employee of the Federation at the time this amendment is adopted, or who becomes one during their term of office, will immediately lose the right to vote at meetings of the Council and must vacate their office on Council within one month.

John Ansell (NPCC) spoke to this motion.

He noted that the current constitution prevented employees from having a vote on Council and that this motion just took things a bit further.

Bruce Pollard (Waitakere CC) asked who it affected. NM answered that currently there were 3 contractors – the admin officer, the webmaster and also a social media team.

Helen Milligan said that when she was Secretary she had not been allowed to vote.

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Item	NPCC 2 (3) - Employee and Contractors				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4	4		
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1	1		
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	23	27	0

Chair declared Motion lost

Remit 4

Remit NPCC 3, 2025 – Prorating NZCF Membership Fees

Background: The NPCC prorates its annual subscription for new members: for junior members the full 2024 subscription was \$60 and for senior members it was \$90, but for members joining in September, for example, only half the full rate was charged. The Club's subscription year runs from March to February of the following year. Since the \$15 NZCF membership fee is not currently prorated, it comprises 25% of the Club's full junior subscription, but 50% of the prorated junior subscription charged to new junior players in September. Since the Club has a fairly high level of turnover in junior players, with many joining later in the year, this tends to have a significant impact on annual subscription income. In 2024 the Club's total subscription income would have been \$3,960 if it had collected the full annual subscription from every member, however, due to prorating, actual subscription income was \$3,403, or 14.1% less than that, yet the Club still paid the full \$15 membership fee for all 65 of its members i.e. \$975. The Club believes that it needs to give value for money and expects that if it charged the full subscription throughout the year it would deter players, especially juniors, from joining. If interested players did not join there would be no membership fee to remit to NZCF on their behalf, so under the current regime NZCF benefits from the discount offered by the Club to attract new members but pays none of the price of doing so. This is unfair.

Proposal: It is proposed that the Supplementary Regulations are amended so that NZCF prorates its annual membership fee for Club members who join Clubs part way through a year, as follows: - the full NZCF membership fee is charged for Club members who renew their membership and anyone who joins the Club before May 1st. - two thirds of the full NZCF membership fee is charged for anyone who joins the Club after April 31st, but before August 31st. - one third of the full NZCF membership fee is charged for anyone who joins the Club after August 31st. For the avoidance of doubt, if adopted, this amendment would come into effect for 2025 i.e. Clubs would be invoiced in November 2025 according to the regime set out directly above. Clubs will be required to report the (re)joining date of their members in their annual membership returns.

John Ansell (NPCC) spoke briefly to his motion.

He asked Richie Christie (ISCC) what they paid for their junior members as it appeared that U13s did not pay subs at ISCC.

Richie Christie replied that ISCC did not charge U13s subs, but if they played in NZCF events, then they charged the membership fee of \$15. He confirmed that even if the U13s did not pay anything to ISCC that they were members and ISCC paid over the correct membership fees to the NZCF.

Paul Spiller (Howick Pakuranga CC) said that they for example had subs of \$150 for adults (including \$15 for NZCF membership), if an adult joined halfway through the year, they charged \$75 PLUS the \$15. For juniors it was \$130, so half was \$65 PLUS \$15.

John Ansell (NPCC) said it was unreasonable to pay \$15 when you were only a member for a few months.

Bruce Pollard (Waitakere CC) said that they ran a junior club separate from the adult club and paid no fees to the NZCF for these juniors. John Ansell asked if Waitakere CC had an exemption for these juniors, Bruce Pollard was not sure, but the juniors were considered a separate club.

John Ansell then asked Craig Hall about the exemption, who confirmed that clubs could request this.

Helen Milligan said that at NSCC juniors were members of the incorporated society and therefore they paid NZCF membership fees.

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Item	NPCC 3 - prorating membership fees				
Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain	
Auckland Central	2			2	
Auckland Chess Centre	4	4			
Canterbury	4		4		
Counties	1	1			
Gisborne	1	1			
Hamilton	1	1			
Hawkes Bay	2	2			
Howick-Pakuranga	4		4		
Invercargill-Southland	3		3		
Mount Maunganui	3	3			
New Plymouth	4	4			
North City	2		2		
North Shore	4	4			
Otago	3		3		
Papatoetoe	2	2			
Summit	4		4		
Upper Hutt	1		1		
Waitakere	1			1	
Wellington	4		4		
Chair (if applicable)					
Total	50	22	25	3	

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 5

Remit NPCC 4, 2025 – No NZCF Membership Fees for Life Members of Affiliated Clubs

Background: Most affiliates will have their own Life Members and one of the usual benefits of Life Membership is not having to pay an annual subscription. In regard to membership fees, the NZCF Constitution and Supplementary Regulations make no distinction between the Life Members and ordinary members of Affiliated Clubs, meaning that the Clubs are required to remit NZCF membership fees for all of their members, including Life Membership holders. Requiring Clubs to remit NZCF membership fees for members from whom they receive no income seems out of touch.

Proposal: It is therefore proposed that the Constitution and Supplementary regulations be amended so that no NZCF membership fees are payable for the Life Members of Affiliated Clubs, with this amendment to come into effect for 2025 i.e. affected Clubs would not be invoiced by NZCF for any of their Life Members when membership fees become payable in November 2025. "Life Member" in this context means a member of an Affiliated Club (as distinct from an Associated Club) who has been elected to Life Membership at a General Meeting of said Club and is consequently not under financial obligation to the Club in order to maintain their membership.

John Ansell (NP) spoke briefly to his motion:

This was a chance for the NZCF to acknowledge the clubs and their players.

Bruce Pollard (WT) said he was a life member of Waitakere Chess Club, and asked about how the process might be managed, would the NZCF keep lists of club's life members for example.

Richie Christie (IN) said it could be as simple as each club declaring their current life members annually on their club membership return.

NZCF AGM 2025	30/03/2025				
Item	NPCC 4 - Free NZCF membership for club life members				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2	2		
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4	4		
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1	1		
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)			1	
	Total	50	25	26	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 6

Remit 1 by Auckland Chess Centre.

“Remove voting cap and simplify vote calculation”

The Auckland Chess Centre moves that effective immediately,

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE NEW ZEALAND CHESS FEDERATION INCORPORATED 3.7.8 Poll Be amended from:

3.7.8 Poll On a poll being taken each affiliate shall have one vote for each 20 (or part thereof) individual club members paid for the preceding calendar year, up to a maximum of 4 votes per affiliate. NUMBER OF PAID FOR MEMBERS VOTES 1-20 1 21-40 2 41-60 3 61+ 4 Unfinancial members shall have no power either to vote or give notices of motion.

To:

3.7.8 Poll On a poll being taken each affiliate shall have one vote for each individual club member paid for the preceding calendar year. Unfinancial members shall have no power either to vote or give notices of motion.

Timothy Ha (AC) – this change is to reflect the chess population affected by any decisions taken.
Caleb Wright (MM) – doing what people want ie. no taxation without representation

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	ACC 1 - one vote per member - remit 6				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4			4
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1		1	
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	18	28	4

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 7

Remit 2 by Auckland Chess Centre. “Publish Club Affiliation forms submitted by affiliated and associated chess clubs”

The Auckland Chess Centre moves that effective immediately,

NEW ZEALAND CHESS FEDERATION SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2. MEMBERSHIP: AFFILIATED CLUBS 3. MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Within, 2. MEMBERSHIP: AFFILIATED CLUBS the following is added,

- **2.4. PUBLICATION** The final complete annual Club Affiliation Form in 2.1 shall be published on the NZCF website.

Within, 3. MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATED MEMBERS the following is added,

- **3.4. PUBLICATION** The final complete annual Club Affiliation Form in 3.1 shall be published on the NZCF website.

Timothy Ha (AC) – ACC wants everything to be clear and in the open
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John Ansell (NP) – may be an issue with new members as the form includes their DOB.

Timothy Ha (AC) suggested the forms could be redacted.

Bob Gibbons - this is not how the remit is worded however as it says FINAL and COMPLETE.

Nigel Metge (Chair) said disclosing DOBs might be illegal in terms of Privacy Act.

Richie Christie (IN) agreed.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	ACC 2 (remit 7)				
Club		Votes	For	Against	Abstain
Auckland Central		2		2	
Auckland Chess Centre		4	4		
Canterbury		4		4	
Counties		1		1	
Gisborne		1	1		
Hamilton		1	1		
Hawkes Bay		2	2		
Howick-Pakuranga		4		4	
Invercargill-Southland		3		3	
Mount Maunganui		3	3		
New Plymouth		4		4	
North City		2		2	
North Shore		4	4		
Otago		3		3	
Papatoetoe		2	2		
Summit		4		4	
Upper Hutt		1		1	
Waitakere		1		1	
Wellington		4		4	
Chair (if applicable)					
Total		50	17	33	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 8

Remit 3 by Auckland Chess Centre.

“Restructure Tournament Levies to prize fund-based system”

The Auckland Chess Centre moves that effective immediately, NEW ZEALAND CHESS FEDERATION SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 7.1 LEVY RATES Be amended from:

7.1 LEVY RATES Tournament levies shall apply to all open tournaments rated by the Federation. The rates for each player shall be:

TOURNAMENT	LEVY
New Zealand Championship	\$7
New Zealand Major Open	\$7
New Zealand Seniors Championship	\$7
New Zealand Women's Championship	\$7
New Zealand Rapid Championship	\$7
North Island Championship	\$7
South Island Championship	\$7
North Island Rapid Championship	\$7
South Island Rapid Championship	\$7
Other open tournaments	\$7

NZCF Council shall have the right to waive or reduce levies for an event where it considers it appropriate.

To: 7.1 LEVY RATES Tournament levies shall apply to all Open and Official NZCF tournaments rated by the Federation.

The rates by total prize fund shall be: TOTAL PRIZE FUND LEVY Up to \$1,000 \$0 Above \$1,000 10% of total prize fund non-monetary prizes are excluded when calculating total prize fund. Prize funds from a multi section tournament or event are combined when calculating total prize fund. NZCF Council shall have the right to waive or reduce levies for an event where it considers it appropriate.

Timothy Ha (AC) – this remit supports clubs, especially smaller ones – the current system does not support the creation of new tournaments.

Richie Christie (IN) pointed out that the remit would lose the NZCF about \$21,0000 in revenue annually.

Helen Milligan (NS) said if money was an issue, why did Council waive some tournament levies for Summit Chess Club.

Caleb Wright (MM) echoed this saying if money was an issue, why did Councillors give themselves free meals at the torch ceremony.

John Ansell (NP) said those were one offs, but this annual loss would occur year after year.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	ACC 3 - remit (Tournament levies)				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4		4	
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1		1	
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	18	32	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

Remit 9

2024 December 23 To: NZCF Secretary Subject: Mount Maunganui RSA CC Remit for the 2025 March AGM.

Add to Interschool rules “Any contractual arrangements offered by NZCF to parties potentially organising regional events will be subject to an open tender process to ensure NZCF receives quality and value for money.”

This allows NZCF Council to establish an open and transparent procurement process which thoroughly examines and evaluates all possibilities to ensure the best outcome. Additionally, this allows NZCF to grow its pool of organisers by allowing all volunteers and helpers a chance to channel their enthusiasm and efforts. Due to the voting irregularity, the above motion was rejected at the January 2018 Palmerston North Congress AGM. While Mount Maunganui (MM) and its individual members maintain that Council and NZCF continue to act and operate legitimately in all matters, MM believes in being proactive to bring this remit back to an AGM in the best interests of a sense of an environment with order amongst all players and all groups and harmony amongst all players and all groups – all in an effort for some finality on the remit issue, especially being that MM was the member club who introduced the remit.

Caleb Wright (MM) – again - On behalf of MM and its individual members, we thank the admin for sending out our remit on 15 Jan, 17 Mar & 26 Mar which re-iterates that MM believes NZCF and all officials are operating legitimately.

He added that this was not a new remit, rather one that had been to a previous AGM where voting rights had potentially caused issues.

Nigel Metge (Chair) spoke briefly, saying this would allow ChessPower or others to bid on and potentially get to run official NZCF interschool events.

John Ansell (NP) – membership fees have had a corrosive effect on volunteers.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	MMRSACC 1 - Remit 9				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4	4		
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1		1	
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	22	28	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

15 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

From New Plymouth Chess Club

In relation to Council's 1st other item below:

"That the partial waiving of membership fees for 2023 for ACC (\$350) and MMRSACC (\$155) by Council at the meeting on 21 April 2024 be ratified."

Background:

It is our view that Council's actions in waiving the outstanding monies due by ACC and MMRSACC amount to an acceptance by Council of the interpretation both Clubs made of Council's remit increasing fees passed at the 2023 AGM. i.e. that their fee calculations were an acceptable interpretation of the effect of the remit.

Why else would Council have issued a credit to these two clubs, rather than suspend them as required by paragraph 5.2 of the Supplementary Regulations?

Furthermore, ratifying Council's actions here amounts to this meeting accepting the interpretation that both ACC and MMRSACC made of the 2023 remit increasing fees.

Why should those two clubs alone benefit from having reduced fees in the first 6 months of 2023? In fairness, shouldn't every other club be entitled to the same discount?

We believe they should!

To be voted on ahead of Council's motion, 1. Ratification...

We therefore move that the Council's motion be amended from:

"That the partial waiving of membership fees for 2023 for ACC (\$350) and MMRSACC (\$155) by Council at the meeting on 21 April 2024 be ratified."

to:

"That the partial waiving of membership fees for 2023 for ACC (\$350) and MMRSACC (\$155) by Council at the meeting on 21 April 2024 be ratified, **AND that any other club that wishes to use the same interpretation as those clubs did of the 2023 remit increasing fees may do so and, upon application, have credit notes issued accordingly by Council.**"

After some discussion over the order in which this and the following item should be voted on, it was agreed that this amending motion be voted on first.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	Amendment to partial waiver				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2		2	
	Howick-Pakuranga	4		4	
	Invercargill-Southland	3		3	
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4	4		
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3		3	
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1		1	
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	20	30	0

Chair declared Motion lost.

From Council

1. Ratification of partial waiving of membership fees for 2023 – Auckland Chess Club (ACC) and Mount Maunganui RSA Chess Club (MMRSACC)

Background:

At the AGM held on 11 January 2023, the following remit was passed:

‘That the following fees be increased from 1st July 2023:

-Membership Fee from \$10 to \$15

In November 2023 ACC and MMRSACC sent in membership returns of 70 and 42 (excluding any life members) respectively.

Invoices for \$1050 and \$630 respectively were issued in December 2023.

ACC paid \$700 and MMRSACC paid \$475, leaving balances of \$350 and \$155 respectively.

The following reason was given by the 2 clubs for the underpayment of membership fees:

That as the increase in fees only took affect from 1 July 2023, that they would pay \$10 in respect of members who joined their clubs prior to 1 July 2023 and would pay \$15 on behalf of those who joined their clubs on or after 1 July 2023.

Council’s reply to both clubs was that section 4.7.1 of the Constitution needed to be read in conjunction with 2.3 of the Supplementary Regulations:

“4.7.1 REGISTRATION YEAR

The Federation shall have a membership affiliation for the Calendar Year commencing on”1st January, but with membership fees calculated and paid retrospectively, at the end of the year. Both Affiliated Club Members and Associate Club members shall pay membership fees by 31st December. A member shall be regarded as unfinancial if Membership Fees are one month or more in arrears.”

And Supplementary Regulations 2, particularly 2.3. which states:

“2.3 AMOUNT

The amount payable to NZCF by the Club shall be calculated as \$15 for each individual Club Member who belonged to the Club during the Calendar Year.”

On 16 March 2023 a legal opinion from Stephen Lukey was received by Council – this was sent to both clubs. Both invoices remained partially paid and at the Council meeting on 21 April 2024 the following motion was passed:

Motion: That the NZCF waives the outstanding amounts due by ACC and MMRSA CC in respect of 2023 membership levies and that this decision be submitted to the 2025 AGM for ratification.

For: Bob Gibbons, Caleb Wright, Helen Milligan, Nigel Metge, Paul Spiller

Against: Richie Christie, Russell Dive, Art Pomeroy, Craig Hall

Carried

As a result, credit notes for \$350 and \$155 were issued and both clubs were notified.

To be voted on (ratification)

That the partial waiving of membership fees for 2023 for ACC (\$350) and MMRSACC (\$155) by Council at the meeting on 21 April 2024 be ratified.

Caleb Wright raised a point, stating that there were in fact 2 relevant motions passed at the 2023 AGM, one relating to membership fees and another relating to tournament levies. Craig Hall (Secretary) raised a point of order about Caleb's point regarding the tournament levy date of application – the tournament levy motion from 2023 was not relevant as it had nothing to do with matter to be discussed and voted on.

NZCF AGM 2025		30/03/2025			
Item	Ratification - Partial Waiver				
Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain	
Auckland Central	2		2		
Auckland Chess Centre	4	4			
Canterbury	4		4		
Counties	1	1			
Gisborne	1	1			
Hamilton	1	1			
Hawkes Bay	2	2			
Howick-Pakuranga	4		4		
Invercargill-Southland	3		3		
Mount Maunganui	3	3			
New Plymouth	4		4		
North City	2		2		
North Shore	4	4			
Otago	3		3		
Papatoetoe	2	2			
Summit	4		4		
Upper Hutt	1		1		
Waitakere	1		1		
Wellington	4		4		
Chair (if applicable)					
Total	50	18	32	0	

Chair declared Motion lost.

The incoming Council to advise ACC and MMRSA that the waiver was not ratified by the AGM and that the outstanding membership fees are due.

2. Ratification of waiving of tournament levies in respect of the Auckland Chess Weekend (ACW) events run by Auckland Chess Centre (ACC) prior to 1 September 2024.

Background

In 2023 ACC started running a series of chess tournaments called the Auckland Chess Weekends (ACW). These were submitted for NZCF and FIDE rating and were disclosed as internal ACC events – and therefore not subject to tournament levies.

However, these events had both a large number of non-ACC members participating and also charged an entry fee, therefore, under NZCF Supplementary Regulations 7.2 no exemption for the paying of tournament levies as was applicable.

7.2 EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from tournament levies include club internal and invitational events for which no entry fees are charged.

Council sought and received a legal opinion from Stephen Lukey on 27 July 2024.

At an in-committee session of the Council meeting of 25 August 2024, the following motion was passed:

That Auckland Chess Weekenders are liable for tournament levies as per Stephen Lukey's legal opinion and if there are any invoices in arrears, further Auckland Chess Weekend and other open events will not be rated. Auckland Chess Weekenders held on or after 1 September will be invoiced. Auckland Chess Weekenders held in 2024 prior to 1 September will be put to the 2025 AGM for a decision on whether to invoice.

To be voted on (ratification)

That the waiving of tournament levies by Council at the meeting on 25 August 2024 in respect of Auckland Chess Weekend events run by ACC prior to 1 September 2024 be ratified.

NZCF AGM 2025	30/03/2025				
Item	Ratification 2 - Auckland Chess Weeknds				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2		2	
	Auckland Chess Centre	4	4		
	Canterbury	4		4	
	Counties	1	1		
	Gisborne	1	1		
	Hamilton	1	1		
	Hawkes Bay	2	2		
	Howick-Pakuranga	4			4
	Invercargill-Southland	3	3		
	Mount Maunganui	3	3		
	New Plymouth	4	4		
	North City	2		2	
	North Shore	4	4		
	Otago	3	3		
	Papatoetoe	2	2		
	Summit	4		4	
	Upper Hutt	1		1	
	Waitakere	1		1	
	Wellington	4		4	
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	28	18	4

Chair declared Motion carried

Caleb Wright raised the option of the forthcoming SGM having 2 constitutions for clubs to compare. Chair noted that this meeting was not the proper place to discuss; rather the SGM on Constitution reform.

Motion from Canterbury Chess Club (Craig Hall):

Seconded: Summit Chess Club (Craig Hall)

That the AGM endorses Council's interpretation of the application of membership fees for 2023.

NZCF AGM 2025	30/03/2025				
Item	Canterbury Motion				
	Club	Votes	For	Against	Abstain
	Auckland Central	2	2		
	Auckland Chess Centre	4		4	
	Canterbury	4	4		
	Counties	1		1	
	Gisborne	1		1	
	Hamilton	1		1	
	Hawkes Bay	2			2
	Howick-Pakuranga	4	4		
	Invercargill-Southland	3	3		
	Mount Maunganui	3		3	
	New Plymouth	4		4	
	North City	2	2		
	North Shore	4		4	
	Otago	3			3
	Papatoetoe	2		2	
	Summit	4	4		
	Upper Hutt	1	1		
	Waitakere	1	1		
	Wellington	4	4		
	Chair (if applicable)				
	Total	50	25	20	5

Chair declared Motion carried.

Richie Christie (IN) asked a question of the ACC delegate via the chair.

As ISCC and Otago CC had voted against the ACC remits, would the committee members of those 2 clubs be welcome to become members of ACC.

Martin Dreyer (HP) welcomed the question, as he and others wanted to know the same thing.

Others spoke out, saying it was a matter to take up with ACC directly.

Nigel Metge (Chair) closed the meeting by thanking all the Councillors for contribution over the 4 years of his Presidency. Notwithstanding differing points of view among Club Delegates we are all New Zealanders wanting the best for chess in NZ – more money, more players. more competition!

Martin noted that this referenced a quote from Bill Ramsay:

'More money and more players, if you have both of those, we can solve anything!'

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CLOSE

Meeting closed 11:17pm