



132nd Annual General Meeting
Of Durban Chess Club
9th October 2025

Agenda

Date : 9th October 2025

Time : 7.00 pm

Venue : St Cyprian's Church Hall, Umbilo Road

1. Attendance
2. Minutes of previous general meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Reports of committee members:

President
Treasurer
Captain of Play

5. Prize giving
6. Election of Committee members
7. Membership fees
8. Calendar 2026
9. General

Minutes of the 132nd Annual General Meeting of Durban Chess Club held on 9th October 2025

1. Attendance

The meeting occurred on the 9th of October 2025 with 21 members present. See attached registers.
Apologies: Jason Subke and Bongani Mgaga.

The meeting was chaired by Jerry (Mbusiswa Zuma - president)

Starting Time – 7:15 pm

2. Minutes of previous general meeting

No objections were voiced. The previous minutes were agreed upon.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

4. Reports of committee members

President

Jerry acknowledged a lot of improvement from last year. He mentioned that attendance during the later part of the year was concerning, as the member participation decreased.

He was looking forward to the New Year, to grow club membership and increase ratings of members.

He expressed pride at the successes of the junior members.

Thanked the committee for working very hard.

Treasurer

Keith Rust reported that

- Income is more or less the same when compared to last year.
- Entry fees of R1,500 from prior year still not received from DUT students.
- The clubs financial status is stable although membership has reduced slightly.
- The clubs expenses increased from R21,000 to R24,000 this year.
- Two new items which contributed to expenses
 1. Rating fees are now being paid to Chess SA to run rated tournaments.
 2. FIDE fees of R735 were paid for Club Championship to be FIDE rated.
- Our weekly expenses are Church rental R350 and Car Guard R150.

Prize money for 2026 Championships to be discussed further by the Committee, 1st R2000 and 2nd R1500 was proposed.

General discussion about sponsorships and donations. Amro stated that donations were needed to support financially stressed students. Hemant asked whether donations contribute towards membership fees. Jerry mentioned how are the donations going to be allocated to members. John mentioned a possible solution, where donations could fund members in tournaments. How would these contribute to membership fees and which members would benefit. Keith and Hemant preferred that these should offset total expenses. Hemant recommended that the Committee will decide usage of donations. Jerry

spoke about the need for sponsorship ideas to promote the club next year. Hemant acknowledges completion of discussion and Jerry seconds proposal.

Captain of Play

Keith Rust reported that there were four main tournaments held this year.

- The Revive Swiss, with 1st Jason Subke, 2nd Sivuyile Mgobhozi, 3rd Sphelele Makhanya. This tournament had good attendance.
- Club Championship, which was both FIDE rated and Chessa rated. Prizes were awarded to the winners and to the best junior players (see below).
- Rapid Swiss tournament, with 1st Madhav Puran, 2nd Cyril Danisa
- Second Swiss - Zhemba started with 4 out of 4 then he left, ended in 3 way tie between Madhav Puran, Jerry Zuma and Khulekani Danisa.
- There were also several blitz events, with various winners.

Keith expressed dissatisfaction about the number of defaults. Members must notify him in advance, if unable to play.

It was noted that in the absence of Keith, there are other qualified arbiters who will substitute, namely Sphelele Makhanya and Imtiaz Buckas.

This topic on the agenda was concluded.

5. Prize giving

Club Championship winners: Cyril Danisa and Sphelele Makhanya

Best Junior prize (shared): Madhav Puran and Jaydon Dunkley

6. Election of Committee members

The elections were conducted by Hemant Nowbath (as one of our oldest members). He was happy with member turnout and thanked the outgoing committee.

Ahdir nominated Jerry for president . Cyril seconded the proposal.

Amro nominates Keith. Keith declines position. There were no other candidates.

Ahdir nominates John Kahn. John declines position.

Solly nominated Senzo for vice- president. He accepted nomination. Anothe seconded the nomination. There were no other candidates.

Hemant nominated Ahdir for secretary. He accepted nomination. Solly seconded the nomination. There were no other candidates.

Ahdir nominated Keith Rust for treasurer. He accepted nomination. Amro seconded the nomination. There were no other candidates.

Amro nominated Keith Rust for Captain of play. He accepted nomination. Craig seconded the nomination. Cyril nominates Sphelele. Sphelele declines position. There were no other candidates.

Solly nominated Amro for committee member. He accepted nomination. Jerry seconded the nomination.

Ahdir nominated John for committee member. John declines the position. Hemant nominated Cyril Danisa for committee member. He accepted nomination. Aphelele seconded the nomination. There were no other candidates.

Summary of Committee members for 2026

Positions	Names
President	Mbusiswa Zuma (Jerry)
Vice-president	Senzo Msimango
Secretary	Ahdir Puran
Treasurer	Keith Rust
Captain of play	Keith Rust
1 st committee	Amro Gabriel
2 nd committee	Cyril Danisa

7. Membership fees

Ahdir stated that membership fees need to stay the same at R400 per annum. Hemant agrees. It was discussed by members and no opposition to membership fees was posed. Therefore the fees for 2026 be set at R400. The fees need to be paid before the end of the 1st Swiss. Sphelele suggested that members must pay at least R50 before Tournament to show commitment and to ensure good collection of fees.

8. Calendar 2026

Keith presented the draft 2026 calendar, which is similar to the 2025 year:

- The Revive Swiss starts 15 January 2026. Time control – 60 minutes + 30 seconds.
- Club Championship will be FIDE rated. FIDE laws more strict. Same time control.
- The calendar is structured to accommodate national tournaments in March and April.

Members not keen on Fischer Random format.

Jerry stated the club should play versus other clubs.

No objections to draft Calendar, programme accepted. See attached document.

9. General

Solly suggested that members think big, the club is 100 years old and members have created a good image of the club. Also mentioned to affiliate with sports club that has lots of funds, which could boost the clubs financial standing.

Ahdir mentioned that we need to increase membership before joining a sports body. Hemant agreed. Lacey to promote club via social media.

Members were happy at newcomers being proactive.

10. Closure

Jerry closed meeting at 20:30