



Australian Go Association

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Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on 1 October 2005 at the Melbourne University. The meeting commenced at 6.30pm., Doug Buckser being Minutes Secretary.

1. *Minutes* — the minutes of the 27th AGM were accepted.

2. *President's report* — *Devon Bailey*

The President's report was presented. Devon noted that the Korean Kiwon would not be holding further Korean World Amateur [individual] Championships, but a Teams Championship event will be held regularly. The AGA should consider whether this event should be included in the AGA Credit Point system for representative selection; he also suggested that the Credit Point system should be extended to give bonus points for players attaining higher than 5 dan level. The report was accepted.

3. *Secretary's report* — *Neville Smythe*

The AGA continues to receive journals from the Nihon Kiin, Hankuk Kiwon, British Go Association and the US Go Association. We received and accepted an invitation to the International Pairs Go Tournament; Lauren Bull and Mark Bell from the Brisbane club have been selected as our representatives. The report was accepted.

A motion of thanks to Neville for his contribution to the AGA was passed by acclamation. John Hardy moved a motion of thanks to retiring President Devon Bailey which was passed by acclamation.

4. *Treasurer's report* — *John Hardy*

The Treasurer's report and budget (separate documents) were received. The AGA remained in the black this year. Dues from several new clubs will appear in the new financial year. The report was accepted.

5. *IGF Director's report* — *Brad Melki*

The main focus of the IGF is the recognition of Go as an Olympic sport. The IGF has joined the International Mind Sports Association together with the peak bodies for Chess, Bridge and Draughts in order to increase the chances of success. Brad noted that several IOC representatives have stated that it is unlikely non-physical sports will achieve Olympic status.

The Philippines were expelled from the IGF during the year.

The international rating system is under review.

The report was accepted.

6. *Editor's report* — *Andrew Pullin*

John Hardy reported that Andrew has been too busy recently to proactively update the web site, but said he will add items and correct details in response to feedback. Andrew said he was willing to stand again as webmaster.

7. *Ratings report* — *David Bofinger*

David has written a software program to calculate ratings using a statistical algorithm. Details of the system, and current ratings arrived at by the program are available on AusGo.

The report was accepted.

8. Other Agenda items

Expenses-paid invitations to International Tournaments

From time to time the AGA receives invitations to send a player or players to international tournaments; for example this year we are sending a pair to the World Pair Go Championships and a team to the Korean Amateur Baduk Association Teams Championships, as well as of course the WAGC. For the WAGC and the Korean World Amateur Championships (when held) the selection of the Australian representative has been made under the Credit Point scheme rules: the player at the top of the points table is offered the selection, and the player selected has Credit Points deducted from his total. For other tournaments where full expenses are offered by the sponsors (eg the two tournaments mentioned above) the Committee has made the selection after applications are called for, and Credit Points are not deducted from the selected players totals. The AGM is asked to consider whether the KABA tournament selection should from now on be on the same basis as the WAGC using the Credit Point table

—*discussion*

This year, the points will not be deducted because there isn't enough time to organise. This year's participants are Dong Ming, Yi-Ming Guo and Raphael Shin.

Dong Ming said the top three players should go each year, regardless of the number of points. If Australia doesn't send its best team, we may not get future invitations. He would not want to participate if he goes with a couple of low-dan players and has no chance of success.

David Bofinger moved that the committee be given the power to determine the points to be deducted. The motion passes.

Devon said that there are significant credit points assigned for promotions from 1 to 2 dan, 2 to 3 dan, 3 to 4 dan and 4 to 5 dan, but not 5 to 6 dan. Devon moves that this should be re-examined. Motion passes.

9. Election of Office Bearers

The Committee was elected as follows:

President: John Hardy

Vice-President: YiMing Guo

Secretary: Doug Buckser

Treasurer: David Ormerod

IGF Director: Brad Melki continues (not due for election this year)

Editor (and Webmaster): Andrew Pullin

Committee Members: Neville Smythe, Dong Ming Liu, David Bofinger

[*added after the meeting*: the Committee co-opted Devon Bailey and Raphael Shin to the Committee]

[*added January 2006*: Doug Buckser has reluctantly had to resign as Secretary. Neville Smythe resumed as Secretary.]

10. Venue of 29th AGM and appointment of Tournament Director for 29th Australian Nationals

Brisbane was selected as the venue for the 2006 National Championships and 29th Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm