

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association

Chair and President: John Hardy
Minutes Secretary: David Bofinger
IGF Director: Neville Smythe

Previous Minutes

The Minutes had been previously distributed. *Accepted*

President's report

John Hardy reported on visits to Japan and Korea.

Changes have been made to the credit point system. In the future, no points will be awarded for promotion.

The web site has not been updated for a long time and something needs to be done; David Bofinger suggested that if no web master could be found then we might consider a collaborative method such as Wiki.

Attendance at the Nationals was particularly disappointing this year, especially compared with other major tournaments such as the NEC cup.

(Full report attached) *Accepted*.

Treasurer's Report

(Report attached) *Accepted*.

IGF Director's Report

The IGF Director for Oceania is selected by New Zealand this year; Neville Smythe was elected.

The International Mind Sports Association is organising a competition known as Intellimpiad for Go, Chess, Bridge, and Draughts. This will be in Beijing around the time of the 2008 Olympics, with a view to someday getting mind sports into the Olympics.

(Report attached) *Accepted*.

Web Site

The following volunteered to assist with web site development: Rick Lush; Jason McKay.

Elections to Committee

President: John Hardy
Vice-President: Guo Yi Ming
Treasurer: David Ormerod
Secretary: Neville Smythe
Membership Registrar = Treasurer
Committee members: David Bofinger (ratings officer); Raphael Shin

Next Australian National Championships

The next nationals will be held in 2007 in Sydney. Robert Vadas will be tournament director.

AGA Revenue Increase

JH proposed that the AGA take 10% of all entry fees to AGA tournaments. This would be seen as a charge for the credit points earned.

Clarification requested: Some tournaments (Toyota-Denso?) are sponsored and so have no entry fees. Would this be 10% of sponsorship as well?

Clarification requested: What about kyu players, who don't earn credit points?

DB was concerned at increasing revenue when the AGA was already in surplus. JH felt that little could be done with the AGA's present budget, and an increase in revenue had to precede new initiatives.

Some concern expressed that increased entry fees might deter players from attending or clubs from organising. JH felt that clubs were more likely to seek external sponsorship if they had to pay this tax.

Suggested modification: Charge a percentage of prizes. Rejected, partly because some prizes were non-cash or sponsored.

Modification: charge to be voluntary for now. Accepted.

Motion (JH, NS) 10 in favour, 3 against; carried.

Votes of Thanks

To outgoing committee members Andrew Pullin and Liu Dong Ming. Carried *by acclamation*.