

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association

Held on Saturday September 29, John Hardy in the Chair; minutes taken by David Bofinger

Previous Minutes

The Minutes had been previously distributed. *Accepted*

President's report *attached Accepted*

Treasurer's Report *attached*

The Treasurer brought to the attention of members that the budget item for promotion had not been used. *Accepted.*

Secretary's Report

As well as the usual correspondence from international Go Associations, the Secretary's time this year has been devoted to getting the new AGA web site established, and arranging Australia's representation in a number of international tournaments, often at short notice (including an unexpected invitation to the International Pair Go Tournament when another country withdrew). The McMahon system was trialled in two tournaments this year with success, and should be considered in future tournaments. It was also noted that the British Go Association is considering adopting the American Go association rules (which have already been adopted by the French Association); the rules certainly have some advantages, as noted in a recent BGA journal article. In response to a question from David Bofinger, our tournament directors are at liberty to use the AGA rules if they wish.

Accepted

IGF Director's Report

As IGF Director, Neville Smythe attended the IGF AGM in May, and will be attending an Extraordinary Meeting in Seoul in October. The main focus of the IGF currently is the push, with other members of the International Mind Sports Association for Olympic recognition, and expects to take part in a World Mind Sports Games event in Beijing in October next year.

Accepted.

Ratings report

David Bofinger presented the latest results from his statistical analysis program. It was suggested that data on KGS ratings of players might be collected and compared. Comparison of Australian ranks with other systems was discussed, Neville Smythe suggesting that in approximate terms our ranks are about the same as US, perhaps 1 to 1.5 stones stronger than Japanese, 1 to 2 stones weaker than EGF.

Accepted.

Business arising from the Minutes

It was agreed that the Committee should draw up lists of players interested in competing in overseas tournaments, so that the AGA can more effectively respond to invitations at short notice.

The web site has been redesigned; further developments may come with the appointment of a permanent webmaster.

Motions proposed (items 8 and 9 of the Agenda)

Motions as proposed by the Committee concerning the running of the Korean Ambassador's Cup, and changes to the Credit point Rules, were approved.

Sponsorship

The Treasurer raised the need for finding sponsorship funding, and called for volunteers to help with this task.

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, Wyatt Song.

The Editorship will be discussed with David Mitchell.

Dilshan Angampitiyawas appointed Webmaster.

Next Australian National Championships and AGM

The next nationals will be held in 2008 in Canberra. David Ormerod or Neville Smythe will be tournament director.