

## Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association

Meeting brought to order at 5:54pm on Saturday the twenty-eighth of October, 2010, after the third round of the Australian National Go Championships, at the Young Go Academy in Strathfield, Melbourne, Victoria.

Minutes taken by Horatio Davis (horatio@go.org.au). Meeting chaired by John Hardy.

1. The draft agenda circulated by the AGA secretary was accepted by the leave of the meeting.
2. David Bofinger moved that the minutes of the 2009 annual general meeting, having been previously circulated by the AGA secretary, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Neville Smythe and carried. There was no business arising from the minutes.
3. John Hardy gave the annual president's report verbally. He reflected upon five years in the office of president, noted the recent successes in the strategy of building bridges between the AGA and the big four go federations (especially China), noted that the Association was cruising along quietly, and observed the two largest constraints on the organisation's future were scarce human resources and scarce funds. Horatio Davis moved that this report be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Bofinger and carried.
4. Neville Smythe as vice-president noted that the vice-president's report would be integrated with item 7, his report as IGF director for Australasia. He then moved a vote of thanks to John Hardy for his years of service. The motion was seconded by Tony Purcell and carried by acclamation.
5. Horatio Davis gave the annual secretary's report verbally. He reflected upon the changes in player demographics and club dynamics, and reported that the Association was in tolerable shape for a volunteer recreational organisation in this current era. David Bofinger moved that this report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Tony Purcell and carried.
6. Larry Wen gave the annual treasurer's report verbally, the financial statements for 2009 having been circulated previously. He reported approximately \$184 net income for the financial year and a final balance of \$6000 cash in hand, and then thanked all the donors and sponsors that made this result possible. Tony Purcell moved that this report be accepted. The motion was seconded by David He and carried.
7. Neville Smythe gave the annual report of the IGF director representing Australia and New Zealand verbally. He noted that the International Go Federation had moved to governance by triumvirate, with the presidency rotating between Japan, China, and Korea, and all three countries contributing a broader base of funding. He noted that the World Mind Sports Association, which the IGF helped found, would be accessing new levels of funding with the admission of duplicate poker, and reported that the next World Mind Sports Games would be in China, and would include go.
8. David Bofinger as ratings officer gave a brief verbal report.

John Hardy declared all committee positions vacant and called for nominations.

- Neville Smythe nominated Raphael Shin for president, seconded by Robert Vardas. There being no other nominations, Raphael was elected unopposed.
- Horatio Davis nominated Neville Smythe for vice-president, seconded by David Bofinger. There being no other nominations, Neville was reelected unopposed.
- Larry Wen nominated Horatio Davis for secretary, seconded by David Bofinger. There being no other nominations, Horatio was reelected unopposed.
- Neville Smythe nominated Tony Purcell for treasurer, seconded by David Bofinger. There being no other nominations, Tony was elected unopposed.
- Horatio Davis noted the receipt of a written nomination by Alex Hanyasz of himself as an ordinary committee member.
- Larry Wen nominated himself as an ordinary committee member, seconded by Matthew Crossman.
- Tony Purcell nominated Matthew Crossman as an ordinary committee member, seconded by Larry Wen.
- Sang Dae Hahn nominated himself as an ordinary committee member, seconded by Tony Purcell.

- There being at this point four nominations for three positions, Horatio Davis noted there would need to be an election. Dae Hahn thereupon withdrew his nomination.
  - Feng Feng An of the Sydney Weiqi Club nominated himself as an ordinary committee member, seconded by Miao Xian.
  - There being at this point (again!) four nominations for three positions, Horatio Davis noted there would need to be an election. Larry Wen thereupon withdrew his nomination.
  - There being three nominees for three positions, Feng Feng An, Matthew Crossman and Alex Hanyasz were declared elected.
10. On advice from Neville, the appointment of non-committee officers was delegated to the committee due to press of time.
  11. Neville Smythe moved that the 2011 Australian National Championships be held in Canberra, with Tony Purcell appointed as tournament director. The motion was seconded by David Bofinger and carried.
  12. There were four items of general business.
    - Tony Purcell spoke to the idea of holding a national league-of-8 event proposed by Robert Vadas. Discussion was tabled pending further details for implementation.
    - Horatio Davis noted that Australia participates in the Oceania regional selection tournament of the World Student Go Oza, and called for more student players to step forward.
    - Dae Han proposed expanding the Australian Championships to a full Australian Go Congress. In view of Canberra being the host club for 2011, the view of the meeting was that further discussion be held under the aegis of Tony Purcell as tournament director.
    - John Hardy noted that arrangements were under discussion for a national tournament sponsored by parties from the recent Xi'an province delegation that visited Australia. He observed that severe issues with the projected budget made it infeasible at present, and asked that anyone with offers of sponsorship to plug the gap should see him after the meeting.

There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting closed at 6:53pm.