

**Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association
at the 35th Australian Open, Links Hope Island Golf Club, Gold Coast
Saturday the 8th of December, 2012**

Chair: Neville Smythe.

Minutes: Horatio Davis and Matthew Crossman

Apologies: Tony Purcell, Matthew Richardson, Larry Wen

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm AEST.

There were no amendments to the draft agenda.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were approved by acclamation.

Neville Smythe observed that there was nothing notable to report as vice-president of the AGA, and gave a verbal report as Australasian director of the IGF. Neville commended the Australian go team at the 2012 World Mind Sports Games, ably captained by Billy Sun on essentially no notice, noted that the next WMSG would be in 2016 in Rio, and highlighted the coming 2013 World Amateur Go Championship to be held in Sendai.

Tony Purcell tabled a written report in absentia as 2012 secretary of the AGA, which having been circulated to the meeting beforehand was summarized verbally by Neville Smythe. Tony noted the contributions of David Bofinger (2012 WAGC competitor for Australia), Billy Sun and the Australian WMSG team, David Ormerod (go evangelist and stalwart of Canberra Club) and many other members of the association.

Horatio Davis gave a verbal précis of his previously circulated written report as 2012 treasurer of the AGA, noting an income of \$310 in membership fees and expenditure of \$463.69 in operational overheads for FY2012, and a current bank balance of \$7444.52.

The chair declared all elective offices of the Association vacant, and called for nominations for the national committee of 2013.

Dae Hahn and Neville Smythe nominated Raphael Shin for president. Billy Sun declined nomination for president. There being only one nomination, Raphael Shin was declared elected.

Horatio Davis and Rene Hexel nominated Neville Smythe for vice-president. There being no other nominations, Neville Smythe was declared elected.

Neville Smythe and Dae Hahn nominated Tony Purcell in absentia for secretary. There being no other nominations, Tony Purcell was declared elected.

Neville Smythe and Kyle Jones nominated Michael Richardson for treasurer. There being no other nominations, Michael Richardson was declared elected.

Neville Smythe and Horatio Davis nominated Billy Sun (Melbourne), Matthew Crossman (Brisbane), and Erli Qiu (Gold Coast) for ordinary committee membership. Dae Hahn and Neville Smythe nominated Alexander Hanysz (Adelaide) and David He (Sydney) for

ordinary committee membership. There being five nominations for five vacancies, these members were declared elected.

The chair observed that it was Victoria's turn in the rotation and proposed that the Victorian Go Club host the 2013 Australian National Go Championships in Melbourne, with Billy Sun as tournament director. This was approved by acclamation.

The chair called for general business from the floor of the meeting.

Dae Hahn raised the issue of the Korean Ambassadors' Cup in Sydney having a different rule for choosing the Australian competitor at the global Korean Prime Ministers Cup, than every other KAC in other countries (which send the winner as the national representative). Neville Smythe observed that the rules were as they were at the organizing club's request (this being the SKBA) and noted that the committee would resume discussions with the Sydney Korean Baduk Association on the matter this year.

John Hardy observed that communication of all the initiatives and tournaments noted in the annual reports was reaching the ordinary membership patchily if at all, and asked for the record why this was so. Various replies were made.

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:17pm.