

# Australian Go Association Annual General Meeting 2014

## Minutes of the meeting

### Location

The meeting opened at 5.20pm, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Philas House, 17, Brisbane Street, Surry Hills, 2010.

### Apologies:

Raphael Shin – President, Sydney; Anthony Purcell – secretary; Michael Richardson – treasurer, Canberra.

### Meeting Officials

The meeting was chaired by Neville Smythe; Minutes by David Mitchell

### Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

### Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### Reports

The president's report was delivered by Neville Smythe on behalf of Raphael Sing and is attached.

The treasure's report was delivered by Horatio Davis and is attached.

There was no report from the secretary.

The meeting unanimously approved the reports and thanked the office bearers for their time, commitment and efforts over the previous year.

### Election of office bearers for 2015

**President:** Neville Smythe proposed Raphael Shin continue as president – Raphael had previously agreed to accept nomination. The proposal was seconded and with no other candidates Raphael was elected unopposed.

**Treasurer:** David Mitchell proposed Horatio Davis for the role as treasurer. Horatio accepted the nomination which was seconded and with no other candidates Horatio was elected unopposed.

**Secretary:** Neville Smythe proposed David Mitchell as secretary. David accepted the proposal which was seconded and with no other candidates David was elected unopposed.

Neville Smythe was elected vice-president unopposed.

### Other committee members:

The meeting elected unopposed the following people as ordinary members of the committee:

Matthew Crossman, Yoko Usami, Erli, Billy Sun and David He.

Two players were nominated as observers and elected unopposed by the meeting: Alexander Hanysz of Adelaide and Clive Hunt of Perth. (Neither person was present but had accepted nomination prior to the meeting.

#### **Change to membership fee structure**

Neville Smythe proposed that a club with 30 or more members pay a flat membership rate of \$200 per year. This proposal complements the existing \$150 flat fee for clubs with 20 members. There was a brief discussion. The meeting passed the proposal unanimously.

#### **Location of 2015 National Championships**

The scheduled location of Canberra is not available in 2015; Horatio Davis proposed that Queensland host the event. There were no other suggestions or volunteer clubs and the meeting accepted Queensland's offer unanimously.

#### **A.O.B.**

Neville Smythe proposed that the bank arrangements change so that just one signature is required for the bank accounts. This was agreed reasonable because the Treasurer is in Queensland and there are no other officers from the AGA in Queensland. The meeting passed the proposal unanimously.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.

## President's report

The Secretary send his apologies. Due to the Secretary being ill and the Treasurer apparently giving up Go, the Committee has been coasting this year. However Australia did participate in a number of overseas tournaments, with the able assistance of Erli Qiu in helping to put together teams.

Joanne Missingham represented Australia in the Globis Under 20 Cup, a new event in Japan set up to find the strongest young player in the world and at the same time to stimulate Go in Japan, which has seen the demise of all its sponsored international tournaments. As Joanne turned 20 later in the year, this tournament came at a very opportune time for her. Unfortunately JiaJia lost her first games, as the European players turned out to be surprisingly strong.

Dae Hahn represented Australia at the World Go Championships in Gyeongju, Korea; next year, the WAGC will be held in Bangkok, the first time the WAGC has been held outside Japan, China or Korea.

Most notably, this year Australia was ably represented by two of our younger players in overseas tournaments: Aaron Chen in the Korean Prime Minister's Cup in Incheon, and

Amy Song teamed up with Wei Xu from Melbourne in the 25th World Pair Go Championship in Tokyo; considering that Amy and Wei had not previously played together or neither had any experience with Pair Go, they acquitted themselves remarkably well!

## Treasurer's report

The bank account continues in good health. As of the last formal statement on the 30th September 2014, the Association had \$7213.83. In the time between then and this writing, the Queensland Go Society has cashed the subsidy cheque of \$1000 for the 2012 Nationals at the Gold Coast, and Neville has deposited sundry membership funds, leaving a bank balance of approximate \$6600. We are waiting on the last bank statement for 2014 to reconcile against.

Annual expenditure continues steadily at approximately \$300 per year in tribute to the International Go Federation, \$120 per year for a post office box in Woody Point, Queensland and \$10 per month for web hosting, and sundries such as domain renewal totalling perhaps \$60 per year. Completely exclusive of bulk and individual membership fees, the Association has ten years' expenses in its cash reserves.

The AGA Paypal account required considerable paperwork to unfreeze it, which Tony Purcell has burnt considerable time and earned considerable kudos to do. As of this writing, there have been 13 individual memberships and 3 sustaining memberships paid into the Paypal account (\$280) since the beginning of 2014, and a balance of \$431.70 has piled up in there since the last transfer to the bank account in July 2012.

I am requesting the authority to change the bank account to require one signature to transact (traditionally it has been two of the president, secretary, and treasurer) in order to allow real-time management of the AGA's expenditures and income. Other than that, it ought to be a quiet year in this portfolio.