



Australian Go Association

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Australian Go Association Annual General Meeting 2016

Minutes of the meeting

Location

The meeting opened at 12:05pm, Saturday 3rd December at Box Hill Town Hall, Whitehorse Road, Melbourne.

Attendance

A list of attendees is attached.

Apologies:

Raphael Shin, Yoko Usami, Erli Qiu, Matthew Crossman & Robin Garner.

Meeting Officials

The meeting was presided over by David Mitchell (chairman and minute taker); Horatio Davis (treasurer) and Neville Smythe.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed a true record. Proposed by Horatio Davis, Seconded by Neville Smythe - passed unanimously.

Matters arising

The travel scholarship was discussed. Despite direct e-mail to all members and promotion on social media the initiative received little support. Because of the lack of interest the meeting decided to revert to the previous ad-hoc scholarship process.

David Mitchell reported that the AGA rating system had been overhauled by a small group with particular thanks extended to Neville Smythe who worked tirelessly on the software. The AGA have a flagship rank of 7dan which is only given where a player has achieved the required number of promotion points, won at least 2 National events and has the approval of the National Coach. A small group headed by Neville will maintain the system over the coming years.

Reports

There was no report from the President (Raphael Shin).

Horatio Davis provided a detailed treasurer's report is attached. Horatio also provided a commentary on the finances. Neville Smythe proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by David Mitchell - the motion was passed unopposed.

The secretary's report was delivered by David Mitchell (attached). A motion to accept the report was proposed by James Kaaden, seconded by Neville Smythe - passed unanimously.



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Election of office bearers for 2016

President: David Mitchell proposed Raphael Shin continue as president – Raphael had previously accepted the nomination. The proposal was seconded by Horatio Davis and with no other candidates Raphael was elected unopposed.

Vice President: David Mitchell proposed Neville Smythe as vice president – Neville accepted the nomination. The proposal was seconded and with no other candidates Neville was elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Neville Smythe proposed Horatio Davis for the role as treasurer. Horatio accepted the nomination which was seconded by Billy Sun - with no other candidates Horatio was elected unopposed.

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

Other committee members:

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

Matthew Crossman, Yoko Usami, Erli Qiu, Billy Sun and James Kaaden – there being no other candidates these people were elected to the committee.

Incorporation of the AGA

David Mitchell proposed that the meeting direct the committee to investigate and incorporate the AGA. Currently the AGA is not an incorporated entity which means it has no legal status – effectively the membership entrusts all AGA assets to the officers to do with as they wish. Without incorporation the AGA cannot apply for grants, cannot be left bequests – it also means the officers of the Association are personally liable for any legal action. Neville Smythe seconded the proposal.

Horatio Davis opposed the proposal – he felt incorporation was costly in terms of man power and there was no immediate need.

There were 8 in favour, 2 against and 36 who abstained. Given the lack of support for the proposal the proposal failed.

Constitutional change

A proposal to change the constitution in preparation for incorporation was withdrawn.

Location of 2017 National Championships

Sydney is the next location in the cycle – Horatio Davis proposed Sydney organize the 2016 National Championships, Seconded by Neville Smythe. David Mitchell accepted the proposal on behalf of the Australian Go Congress Organizing Committee and the Sydney clubs. The motion was passed unanimously.



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A.O.B.

Changes to AGA Bank accounts

Horatio Davis explained the need to change the existing bank accounts. The following proposals were put...

1. Horatio proposed that the meeting resolves to close the Association's account at the Footscray Mall branch of the ANZ Bank (BSB 013481, account 493800806) – this was seconded by Neville Smythe and passed unanimously.
2. Horatio proposed that the meeting resolves to open a replacement account for the Association, with the same signatories, and delegates the authority to do all things necessary or convenient for this purpose to the 2016-2017 treasurer, Horatio Davis – this was seconded by David Mitchell and passed unanimously

Presentation of 7 dan diplomas

Diplomas were presented to:

Wei Zhou & Guyu Liu who were at the meeting. The certificates for Raphael Shin, Yiming Guo & David He will be presented to them at a later date.

AGA lapel pins

The AGA has purchased lapel pins with the AGA logo for members to purchase – the pins are available direct from the AGA at a cost of \$8 per pin (including postage and packing). AGA clubs or event organisers can purchase pins in lots of 10 at \$55 (including postage and packing).

There being no other business David Mitchell proposed the meeting closed, seconded by Horatio Davis and passed unopposed.

The meeting closed at 12:35pm.



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List of members at the meeting

(Alphabetic order)

Mark Ahn
Jinan Cao
Edwin Clarke
Zhoujia Dai
Horatio Davis
Zihan Gao
Liang Hong
Jang Hyemin
Carry Jin
Kyle Jones
James Kaaden
Jesse Lewis
Daniel Li
Yigeng Li
Yongheng Li
Shu Lin Zhu
Guyu Liu
Jingbo Liu
David Meng
David Mitchell
Yanis Newman-
Pache
Markus Pache
Tim Qin
William Rui
Wei Shan Zhong

Liu Shilong
Neville Smythe
Amy Song
Billy Sun
Ningxuan Wan
Aaron Wang
Zhou Wei
Gareth White
Jieyu Wu
Zhu Xian
Wenxu Xie
Wei Xu
Daniel Xu
Han Yang
Zekun Yu
David Zhang
Eric Zhang
Yuhan Zhang
Shengfang Zhou
Jacky Zhu
Cheng Zuo



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AGA Secretary's Report for 2016

By David Mitchell

2016 has been a busy year for the AGA committee, there have been 4 committee meetings so far and another is scheduled for December 2nd just before the National Championships in Melbourne.

The strong support for the AGA and Go players in Australia from the Korean Amateur Baduk Association (KABA) continued throughout the year. Yiannes Pache-Newman spent two months studying Go with up and coming Korean players and top professionals with all expenses paid by KABA. KABA have also sent beginner's sets and teaching equipment to support new AGA clubs and the AGA Youth initiative.

The second Australian Go Congress was held in Parramatta in over 3 days in January but local players failed to participate. The support from Raphael Shin and the Hanho Newspaper is significant and the Congress is a rare opportunity to build the base of Go players and publicize the game. The 2017 Congress will be held at The University of Sydney later in the year (Sept/Oct) with invitations being sent to Korea, China, Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, USA and Europe. AGA members who want to spread and support the game should attend this and all other Go events.

During 2016 there have been new projects as well as the continuation of existing initiatives. In summary, the AGA achievements are:

- The revision of the AGA rating system and the upgrade of the Agatha system to suit the new ratings process.
- The establishment of the rules and implementation of the 2016 Travel Scholarship. This was a significant point of discussion at the 2015 AGM but support (in terms of applications for the scholarship) has been well below expectation. Just one application was received despite e-mails to all members and publicity on Facebook and other social media.
- The staging of the second Online Go Tournament – this attracted more players, including those from Far Eastern Australia (a.k.a. New Zealand) who took the honors.
- The Youth sub-committee continues its work to promote Go to young people around Australia. There was an 'incursion' at Forest Lodge Primary School and a new club has been formed at Churchlands in Perth has been sent books and sets.
- A review of the AGA constitution and the AGAs legal status leading to two proposals at the 2017 AGM. I've included an extract on what this means at the end of this report.
- The continued use of social media extending on the Facebook presence with a Twitter account (thanks to Horatio) has helped spread day to day news more freely amongst members.



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As I mentioned last year, the AGA is in need of people to do things - the workload taken on by some committee members is onerous. The Treasurer for example is responsible for the Internet web site and email services, AGA membership registration, is part of the ratings system working group, organizer of the Online Tournament as well as his Treasurer role with the management of PayPal, bank and AGA financial accounts. Despite some committee members taking on multiple tasks there are jobs which are not covered such as marketing & publicity. Help is needed from AGA members to fulfil the AGA's constitutional aims. Don't be shy – volunteer, make a difference!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dintchen".

David Mitchell,
Secretary,
AGA



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AGA Legal status

The AGA is an unincorporated entity; the following extract explains the situation.

"Unincorporated associations are not regarded as legal entities by law even though their members may regard them as independent organisations. They are really only a collection of people acting together. This is the most obvious difference between unincorporated and incorporated organisations.

Members of an unincorporated association are, subject to the powers of the association's constitution, capable of entering into contracts and doing things on behalf of other people in the association. They are also individually and personally responsible for any debts incurred in the name of the association. Where a contract is signed on behalf of an unincorporated association, the individual members are responsible and may be sued. Similarly, if someone is injured through an unincorporated association's negligence and there is no insurance, the association cannot be sued but individual members may be sued."

Australian Go Association - Balance Sheet – Year ended December 31, 2016

		2016	2015	Change
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Transaction bank account		\$6,052.44	\$8,243.95	-\$2,191.51
PayPal balance		\$0.00	\$56.44	-\$56.44
Amounts owed to AGA		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Inventory of AGA merchandise	note 1	\$2,430.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.00
Total current assets		\$8,482.44	\$8,300.39	\$182.05
Fixed assets				
Fixed assets accumulated depreciation	note 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	note 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$8,482.44	\$8,300.39	
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
VGC advance dues for 2016	note 4	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Hosting reimbursements owed to AHD		\$0.00	\$500.40	
IGF dues reimbursements owed to Neville		\$0.00	\$243.69	
Total current liabilities			\$944.09	-\$944.09
Long-term liabilities				
Unrealised profit on unsold AGA merchandise	note 1	\$986.58	\$0.00	
Total long-term liabilities		\$986.58	\$0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$986.58	\$944.09	
NET ASSETS		\$7,495.86	\$7,356.30	\$139.56
EQUITY				
Opening balance		\$7,356.30		
Change in equity		\$139.56		
Closing balance		\$7,495.86		

note 1
note 2
note 3
note 4

we value lapel pins at \$5 sale price inc GST each, bought 500, so far have sold 14 (\$2.70 + GST cost so \$2.03 profit)
we don't have any fixed assets
...therefore we don't depreciate them
Victoria Go Club paid \$400 in FY2015 to cover 2015 and 2016

Australian Go Association - Profit and Loss - Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	
Income		
Bulk Membership Fees	\$800.00	note 6
Sustaining Memberships	\$150.00	note 5
Individual Memberships	\$290.00	note 7
Tournament income	\$360.00	note 8
Specific purpose donations	\$1,000.00	note 1, 3
General donations	\$0.50	note 4
Interest	\$0.00	note 13
Sales of merchandise	\$70.00	note 14
Total Income	\$2,670.50	
Expenses		
IGF Dues	\$509.69	note 11
Bank and Transaction Charges	\$65.22	note 17
Tournament expenses	\$300.00	note 9
Internet hosting	\$609.75	note 15
Sponsorships	\$1,600.00	note 1
Scholarships and Bursaries	\$250.00	note 12
Write-offs and adjustments	\$6.31	note 10
Postage and freight	\$92.50	note 16
Cost to buy merchandise	\$1,485.00	note 14
Depreciation	\$0.00	note 2
Total Expenses	\$4,918.47	
Net Income	-\$2,247.97	

note 1	\$1000 sponsorship for Amy Song's dual international attendance + \$600 sponsorship of KABA visit to Nationals
note 2	AGA has no depreciating assets, all donated go sets and books distributed onwards, inventory not depreciable
note 3	Amy Song sponsorship was entirely offset by \$300 (QGS) + \$200 (Sydney Go Club) + \$500 (private donor)
note 4	people inclined to this tend to purchase sustaining memberships instead
note 5	Alexander Hanysz, Neville Smythe and Brian Humphreys, 2 out of 3 by PayPal
note 6	Queensland Go Society, University of Sydney Go Club, Sydney Go Club, SKBA; Victoria paid for 2016 last year
note 7	mix of 29 renewals and new members, of which 13 collected by Neville in person, the rest via PayPal
note 8	2016 Australian Digital Tournament charged \$10/head, all collected via EventBrite
note 9	\$200 prize pool for Australian Digital open, \$100 for second division, payment pending
note 10	leftover change in respect of note 11, too small to bother depositing, writing off
note 11	Neville pays IGF dues in person at WAGC, includes reimbursements for 2016 (\$266) and 2015 (\$243.69 in-kind)
note 12	The 2015 AGM resolved to award \$250/state to assist travel to the Nationals – Yanis Newman-Pache is the only awardee, payment pending
note 13	We have epsilon interest rate on our working bank account and no term deposits (amount too small)
note 14	We have commissioned a second run of the AGA lapel pins, bought an inventory of 500 and sold 14 so far
note 15	We pay ~US\$11/month for internet hosting by reimbursement to Horatio, this is A\$109.35 for 2016 to date and A\$500.40 since 16/1/2011
note 16	\$65 shipping go books to David Mitchell from storage, plus lapel pin freight of 27.50
note 17	\$13.18 of Paypal fees for AGA dues, \$0.20 of bank fees, the rest Eventbrite handling fees for 2016 Australian Digital