

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Australian Go Association

29/9/2001

Held at the Country Comfort Motel, Frankston Vic. Meeting opened at 18:40.

## 1 President's Report

"I would like to open my report with congratulations to Dong Ming Liu on achieving 3rd place in the last WAGC. A remarkable achievement for Australia.

Thank you to Brad Melki for yet another NEC Cup this year and also thanks to Brad for obtaining the breakthrough for Australia to participate in the new Toyota Denso Cup — due to have its inaugural entry competition early next year (2002). More is to be heard from Mark Bell in due course.

Thank you to John Hardy and Andrew Pullin for undertaking the mammoth task of organising the logistics of the new Toyota Denso Cup entry competition.

Thank you to Ed Lomax for organising our first two web championships...an amazing exercise in the logistics of electronic communication between slippery opponents...

also thanks to Chris Visser for organising our Ausgo web connection and thanks to William Schubert for his support via the Kiseido.KGS website.

In Sydney the news is that Criss Kang will head the Sydney Kiwon (Korean Paduk/GO Association); the new CASS GO Club has 20 members on the books, after a 2NBC local radio breakfast interview, a colour photo display and interview published in a local newspaper(The Leader) and a lot of letterbox drops.

I would also like to thank all those people who work quietly in the background to provide support and continuity in our efforts. These folk are often nearly invisible but some of whom I am aware are: Mr Yeo, VP of the Singapore GO Association for assistance with equipment for CASS; Neville Smythe...our Association Secretary and local diplomat; Kaz Miki for organising in Adelaide; Robin Garner, our Association Treasurer; Tony Appleby...equipment guru in Melbourne; Brian Taylor, our non-playing Tournament Director; Western Suburbs Leagues Club, the major sponsor of the West's Sydney GO Club; Raphael Shin, regular sponsor of the Sydney Club and my own backups, Tom Poynton and Robert Vadas in the Sydney and CASS clubs.

I hope that I have not missed too many of our significant steadies and backups. Thank you one and all."

## 2 Secretary's Report

- The AGA has received the usual correspondence, American Go Association, Koreans, Japanese, BGA etc.
- Singapore invited Australia to send a team to this year's championship celebrating 25 years of their association, but it was impossible to assemble. We sent a note of congratulations.
- International Pairs Go Tournament. We are sending Shelly Mo and Tony Purcell.
- AusGo. Neville advised of the existence of the AusGo Yahoo Group, and recommended that all AGA members register for the group, as it has become a significant means of communication with Australian Go players. Members should login and register at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AusGo/>
- The AGA has come to rely on e-mail as the primary means of communication with member clubs. The Secretary requested all clubs to please nominate Club Liaison Officers, and reminded CLOs that it is their responsibility to disseminate all information to members who may not receive e-mail.

## 3 Treasurer's Report

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## 4 IGF Director's Report

- Go as an Olympic sport. Japan is still pushing for Olympic recognition. The response from the IOC is that member countries of the IGF should push for acceptance by the local Olympic committees.
- In Europe there is a strong push to have draws calculated by computer, and as far as possible to attempt to give each player the same number of games on white as black.

## 5 Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were elected unopposed.

President	Devon Bailey
Vice President	Dong Ming Liu
Secretary	Neville Smythe
Treasurer	Robin Garner
IGF Director	Brad Melki
Newsletter Editor	Andrew Pullin
Membership Registrar	(none—falls to Secretary)
Committee	K Miki
	Greg Parker
	Raphael Shin

## 6 Promotions and Encouragement Awards

Following last year's AGM, a postal vote was conducted (and passed) to establish a rating system, and a set of initial ratings for players who participate in Australian tournaments. This year we have the ability to promote some players whose performance has significantly improved since the initial ratings were set, and award some representative points to those players who are eligible.

Of note is the promotion of Guo Yiming, the first Australian player to be awarded the rank of 8 dan. This promotion recognizes his virtually unbeaten record in tournament Go in Australia over the past 2 years.

Dong Ming Liu was promoted to 7 dan in recognition of his outstanding achievement in coming 3rd in the 2001 World Amateur Go Championships.

The following promotions were announced:

Player	From	To	Points Awarded
Yiming Guo	7 Dan	8 Dan	
Dong Ming Liu	6 Dan	7 Dan	
Frank Yang	4 Dan	5 Dan	
Michael Su	3 Dan	4 Dan	2500 (?)
Jin Yeong Jung	2 Dan	3 Dan	
Gordon Sutton	1 Dan	2 Dan	1000

## 7 AGA Web Site

Andrew Pullin reiterated his commitment to establishing a permanent web site for the AGA, with a registered domain name.

## 8 Toyota Cup

Mark Bell from the Queensland Go Association spoke at length about the forthcoming Toyota Denso World Oza Go Tournament, to be held in Brisbane in January 2002. He stressed the need to have a large turn out, as the sponsor was expecting to see around 100 players. The pre-registration form was distributed and all players intending to attend were urged to return the form as soon as possible.

## 9 Other Business

The meeting discussed 3 motions foreshadowed by the Queensland Go Club, but after lengthy discussion the motions were withdrawn. It was felt that the intent of the motions, where still appropriate, could be met within the existing rules of the AGA.

## 10 Nationals 2002

To be held in Brisbane, with Mark Bell as contact.

Meeting closed far too late.