



Australian Go Association Inc.

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Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 5th April 2018

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), Horatio Davis (HD), An Younggil (AYG), Daniel Li (DL), Allan Hunt (AH), Erli Qiu (EQ)

Apologies – Raphael Shin, James Kaaden (JK), Matthew Crossman (MC)

The meeting commenced at 7.02pm (Sydney time)

Reading & approval of the minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed a true record. There were no matters arising.

Incorporation

DGM reported the AGA's application to the NSW DFT for incorporation had been accepted and the AGA has been an Incorporated Association since 18th March.

DGM has created a generic Google account for use by the Secretary and Public Officer. The Google Drive cloud storage for the account has committee, AGM, Financial and other AGA documents for the committee. As and when the committee changes the access rights to the Drive will be changed. The ownership of the Google account will change in line with the Secretary/Public officer roles.

There is a .zip file called Committee Satchel – this contains a number of documents that every current and future officer or committee member must be familiar with.

DGM asked that all officers and committee members verify access and familiarise themselves with the contents of the Committee satchel.

Appointment of Public Officer

The email vote to appoint David Mitchell as Public Officer was confirmed by the meeting.

Use of AGA Inc

The Incorporations act requires that all official correspondence use the name "Australian Go Association Inc" or "AGA Inc". DGM advised the committee there is a Word template in the Google Drive and that the website, email signatures and registrations with International organisation need to change.

Digital Tournament

Horatio reported that the Tournament finished this week and was won by Billy Sun. Overall, the event was successful but there were some lessons for future events. These include giving everybody plenty of



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notice of the event, make scripts that can read Agatha results for publication, Agatha 6.1 changes were really good (thank to Neville), ensuring the rules are water-tight, finding a way for people to communicate without publishing email addresses.

There was discussion about preparing a guide for Tournament Directors so that new tournaments don't make avoidable mistakes.

Horatio volunteered to run the 2019 event which was unanimously agreed. DGM proposed a vote of thanks for Horatio who ran the event single handed. This was passed unanimously with applause!

Collegiate Tournament at Sydney Uni

Daniel Li reported that Sydney Uni were well advanced in their bid for the 2019 Collegiate Tournament. There was strong support from the Vice-Chancellor with accommodation and tournament rooms being agreed and booked. The tournament rooms will be in the same building as the 2017 Go Congress and accommodation will be the new resident accommodation which will be completed in February 2019.

The organisers will visit Sydney Uni in the next Monday and Daniel will be attending this year's event in Cambridge UK. All students are encouraged to send an application, the organizers in the UK will determine who will participate.

Horatio observed that the British Go Association were hosting the registration process for 2018 and expected the AGA would need to do a similar thing for 2019.

Note: There was an email decision to provide a letter of support for the Sydney University bid – that was sent to Daniel on 24th March – a copy is attached to the minutes.

Online Go Club

DGM briefly explained the Online Go Club project – there is a document attached explaining the history, purposes etc.

DGM also explained to the meeting that the idea for the project had been entered in the 2018 Iwamoto awards. Currently, there are 49 members from across Australia with 2/3rds of members being kyu players and over 70 teaching videos and lectures.

Horatio asked if the club was an 'organ of the AGA or a club?' DGM confirmed the AGOC is a Go club, similar to any other Go club but totally online – no physical presence, no costs, no income, simply a platform where players from anywhere can find fellow Australian Go players or a teacher to help them improve. There is a board of directors who represent the major sources of players Melbourne Uni and other Victorian clubs and Sydney Uni, SGC and other Sydney Clubs. There is no constitution or



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governance rules – the aim is to play and teach Go. Member suggestions and ideas are posted on Facebook and are given due consideration. If the club survives and prospers such things may be considered.

Chinese City Tournament

Erli explained that an Australian Team had done well in the 2017 event and we were entering a team for 2018. Erli expects to know the name of the opposing team by the end of this month and there will be a one day event in Sydney between the Australian and Chinese teams – this will take place sometime in July. At this stage Erli has no venue or sponsor but is looking for support with players from the local clubs and Sydney Uni attending the event. Erli will talk to Daniel about Sydney Uni and DGM offered to liaise with the SGC – all efforts are dependent on securing a suitable venue. In a post meeting email NS suggested that Erli document the history of the event.

Korean Pro visit & equipment

DGM had no requests from any club or tournament organise to requesting a visit by a professional player, the deadline for the request has now passed.

There was discussion of equipment and books. DGM told the meeting that Perth's request for 3 sets and 1 series of books and Adelaide's request for clocks had been fulfilled with the parcels arriving this week. Perth and Adelaide paid the shipping costs as per previous practice.

There was discussion about the Tasmanian request and the needs of other clubs. It was agreed that sets were not a major challenge, the biggest need is for beginner's books and clocks (to facilitate tournaments). It was agreed that DGM will apply for 10 clocks, 5 sets and 50 books.

Membership and cessation of membership

The question of cessation of membership is not covered in the AGA Constitution and therefore reverts to the NSW DFT Model constitution which has a 3-month period of grace. During the period of grace the member has the same rights as a normal member except any rep-point are not applied until the membership fee is paid.

HD proposed that bulk memberships are aligned with the Association's financial year. This was passed unanimously. It was recognised that changing the rules for direct members would require a change to the Constitution, HD indicated he would be putting a proposal at the AGM.

World Pair' Go email

There was some discussion of the Pair Go email – Pair Go requires a team of a male and female the problem for the AGA is there are only 21 female players in Australia. The 2017 Congress scheduled a Pair



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Go event but it was dropped because there were insufficient teams – another attempt will be made at the 2018 Congress.

The requests to add pages and update information on the AGA website will be dealt with by Neville and Horatio. Horatio is updating the AGA website this weekend so can include the Pandanet logo and Pairs Go page as NS and HD decide.

The AGA has its own rating system, a change to use Pandanet ratings as the national standard would require serious consideration.

Any other business

There was no further business.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 14th at 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 8:50pm