



Australian Go Association Inc.

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Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 6th August 2018

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), An Younggil (AYG), Daniel Li (DL), James Kaaden (JK), Allan Hunt (AH)

Guest - none

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), Erli Qiu (EQ), Matthew Crossman (MC)

Note – Action items are in bold.

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm (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.

Horatio Davis resignation

DGM documented the actions and decisions following Horatio Davis surprise resignation as Treasurer and committee member. The document has been emailed to all and a copy is in the Google Drive repository.

Confirmation of James Kaaden as Treasurer

The meeting voted unanimously to confirm the email vote and the appointment of James Kaaden as Treasurer following the surprise resignation of Horatio Davis. DGM completed the ANZ process of adding James as a signatory to the AGA bank account and removing Horatio Davis. NS supplied PayPal credentials to JK who now has access to all financial records for the AGA.

Confirmation of the appointment of Allan Hunt to the committee

The meeting voted unanimously to confirm the email vote inviting Allan Hunt on to the committee.

Confirmation of Web Master and Web Content roles

The meeting voted unanimously to confirm the email vote and the appointment of James Kaaden as Publicity Officer to take on the role of Web Content manager and Matthew Crossman as Web Master. NS supplied Web Hosting credentials to MC so he has access to all domains on our hosting service including australianggo.asn.au and mailing lists. JK also has access to deal with hosting payments.



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It should be noted these roles were split to relieve the workload on individuals – role descriptions for both positions are in the Google Drive repository. To assist in the transition Neville Smythe is assisting Matthew with the Web Master tasks and David Mitchell is assisting James Kaaden with the Web Content tasks. In the long term the roles of Web Master and Membership Registrar (currently both held by MC) will be held by different people to avoid overloading and burning out people. Similarly, the roles of Treasurer and Publicity Officer currently held by JK will also be split. DGM explained this is a strategic move to engage more people in active roles and to reduce the workload for an individual.

Finance report

JK presented a draft balance sheet and 2017/18 P&L – the documents are in the Treasury folder on Google Drive. The trading profit for the AGA for 2017/18 was almost \$1,100. The actual increase in the bank balance was reduced by \$570 because of an outstanding debt from 2016/17.

JK noted the AGA pays \$10 per month in fees to the ANZ.

The expenditure for the 2018/19 period was estimated to be around \$500 – this included the Internet hosting (\$100), IGF fees (\$300), NSW DFT fees to lodge form (\$100).

JK will review both the Balance sheet and P&L and present final documents for the next committee meeting.

There was discussion about holding the AGM (required to validate the accounts) be held at the Go Congress in Sydney. It was agreed to hold the AGM at the National Championships but that future National Championships should be held no later the December 10th.

Note: NSW DFT regulations require an AGM to be held within 6 months of the end of financial year and discuss and approve the accounts.

The meeting thanked James for taking on the role and producing the accounts over a very short period of time.

Overhaul of AGA website

DGM reported the new AGA website AGA-Inc.asn.au was created about 2 months ago and has been working well since. The website is a WordPress website using (free) plugins where necessary. The content of the website is up to date with not just information from the old website but additional information too. The registration of members remains on the old website until the complex backend processes and interfaces to databases have been resolved by MC.



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The plan is for Matthew to audit and plan for a WordPress instance on australiango.asn.au. Once that is done the AGA-Inc.asn.au web content will be migrated to the australiango.asn.au site. The AGA-Inc.asn.au will be change to forward traffic to the australiango.asn.au domain.

Note: MC has personal problems at this time and has not commenced his role as Web Master, as mentioned above **NS and DGM will continue supporting the website and web content.**

Collegiate Tournament

DL reported the 2018 Collegiate Tournament was very successful with well over 100 participants from around the world. The Ing organising team arranged trips for players to London, Oxford and Windsor. The Australian Team did well with Daniel winning the 'B' division. **Daniel will send some photographs in the coming weeks.**

DL talked with the vice-Chancellor and engaged with others at Sydney Uni and has booked the venue in a large room in the Quadrangle building. The Ing Organizing team will handle all other logistics including hotels for guest, accommodation for participants at the YHA, transport to etc.

DL reported that Australia has 10 places across the five groups (Open, Dan, 2 x Kyu and female). Ing said that Sydney Uni should have 2 to 4 spots with the remainder from other parts of the country. **DL will consider the selection process for discussion at the next meeting.**

China cities tournament

AYG & DGM reported that the China Cities game held at the Sydney Go Festival in Olympic Park was a great success. Erli Qui did a great job to get over 300 people and their families to attend.

Several AGA members attended including NS, May, Song, Tony Purcell, David Bofinger, Tom Chen, Cindy Hu and others. There were lessons and games with young people many of whom had not played before.

There was a great friendly atmosphere and everybody had a great time unfortunately the Sydney team lost the game on time.

DGM proposed a vote of thanks to Erli for his efforts – this was passed unanimously.

AGA Council

The spreadsheet on Google Drive containing the names of possible candidates for the AGA Council was reviewed. DGM proposed the AGA Committee create the AGA Council which will contribute ideas and two additional candidates added (Aiden Walsh and David Ormerod). **DGM will prepare a role**



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description and send invitations to all on the list. The processes for the Council will be a matter for the council to discuss and report to the full committee.

2018 AGA Survey

Allan reported the 2018 Survey was complete and he would be using that material in an academic paper at the Academic Go Symposium in September. **Allan will also provide the data and his analysis to the AGA Committee so it can be used to shape future policy and activities.** The committee passed a motion of thanks to Allan for his efforts.

Assistance for small/remote clubs

DGM proposed that the assistance for small clubs propose be accepted and that three lectures be delivered to clubs around the country. The motion was passed unanimously (AYG declared a conflict of interest and did not contribute to the discussion or vote.

DGM proposed the three location for the lectures be Queensland, perhaps Griffith University, Melbourne, perhaps Melbourne Uni and Adelaide. This was passed unanimously and **DGM will contact the various location to arrange the details.**

There would be a sound and technology check a few days before the lecture to ensure the video and audio quality was acceptable.

Any other business

SA State Championships

AH reported that Brenton had held the tournament at the beginning of the month, as yet no details were available however Brenton expressed an interest in holding a National Championship in Adelaide.

Letter of thanks

DGM proposed that a letter of thanks be drafted to thank Horatio for his work for the AGA over recent years. This was passed unanimously. **DGM will liaise with Neville to draft the letter.**

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday October 8th at 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 8:20pm