



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 8th October 2018

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), An Younggil (AYG), Daniel Li (DL), James Kaaden (JK), Matthew Crossman (MC)

Guest - none

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS),

Missed the meeting due to daylight saving – Erli Qiu (EQ), Allan Hunt (AH)

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.

Finance report (JK)

JK confirmed the financial reports distributed with the minutes to be the final set of accounts that will be presented at the AGM.

JK and DGM confirmed that a single set of accounts is required – there is no requirement from the NSW DFT to provide two sets of accounts (one prior to incorporation and another after). The submission of the finance reports does not require the inclusion of minutes of the AGM or the financial records themselves.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting the ANZ bank sent a notification that our branch at the University of Queensland will be closing. The BSB and account number will remain the same but there will be no physical branch.

Membership update (MC & NS)

NS reported current membership stands at 476 members, including 2 life members and 40 associate members (under 16 years old).

NS has explained the registration process to MC – there will be a short period where MC does the work and NS will act as an advisor.



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Australianggo.asn.au website update (MC)

MC spoke to Horatio Davis at the Go Congress but MC does not have WebMaster access yet. Once that is done MC will be able to take control, investigate and get a clearer understanding of the situation and what is required. It was agreed to maintain the existing two domain solution until we have a tested solution.

DGM reported that he has created a sub-domain of 2018Nationals.aga-inc.asn.au with details of the 2018 National supplied by Horatio.

Australian Go Congress report – (DGM)

DGM reported the 2018 Congress was a success and enjoyed by all. The first two days of teaching, simultaneous games, lessons, lightning & team tournament, academic symposium and AlphaGo movie were very successful.

In all there were 70 players compared to 58 in 2017 and while is good there were some problems with other key performance indicators.

- Overseas players – In 2017 there were 14, in 2018 there were 4.
- Number of countries – In 2017 there were 5 in 2018 there were 2 (Korea and Japan).
- Number of local players – In 2017 there were 44, in 2018 there were 67.

DGM explained that future Congresses will need a team of people working throughout the year, not just one or two people. The key roles that must be filled are:

- Webmaster (the website needs a fully integrated payment system to prevent registrations occurring without payment)
- Marketing and Promotions (this would be a group of people who plan and execute all communications with local players, overseas organizations as well as developing and executing a Social Media strategy to engage and commit people earlier in the registration process).
- Volunteer organizer (Daniel Li did this job and hopefully can do it again next year).
- Broadcasting (James Kaaden did this job and hopefully can do it again next year)
- Tournament Director (somebody to run the tournaments during the event).

The Congress organizing committee will meet in November to review this year's event and the future.



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University tournaments report - (DL)

DL reports the Ing Foundation preparations for the 2019 tournament are on track with no problems. The organizing group are planning to have branded 'hoodies' for all competitors. DL is working on a means to select the Australian representatives for the event.

DL has circulated the information about the Panda Student tournament. Selection is carried out by the organizers through an online tournament.

Proposal to post video of meeting discussion on the Internet (AH)

There was discussion of this proposal but a decision was deferred until Allan Hunt can put his case.

AGA Council - (DGM)

DGM included a document with the minutes of the meeting detailing the role of an AGA Councillor. This was agreed by the meeting.

Due to the proximity of the AGM it was decided not to appoint councillors now but to commence the process with the incoming committee.

Small club remote lectures report - (DGM)

DGM reported that Griffith University, Adelaide and Melbourne Uni and Perth have been contacted about this initiative.

- Adelaide (Breton Williams) declined for now because of poor numbers and lack of access to technology but wants to be included in future offers.
- Melbourne Uni (Cary Jin) want to defer the offer until the start of term 2019.
- Griffith Uni (AH) are considering doing something in October/November.
- Perth (Silvia Lozeva and Clive Hunt) have been contacted but there's been no reply as yet.

Any other business

AGM.

DGM will request proposals for the AGM from the membership by Friday 12th October. All proposals will be included in the agenda.

The notice of the AGM and the agenda will be distributed on Wednesday 7th November (one month ahead of the meeting).

DGM will approach Horatio Davis and Allan Hunt to confirm the exact timing of the AGM. As in previous year's a lunchtime meeting is preferred to ensure a quorum.



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The agenda for the AGM will be as follows:

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- reports of the President and Secretary, and the financial statement of the Treasurer;
- election of the Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Membership Registrar plus 3 ordinary Committee members;
- Appointment of the National Coach (ex officio)
- Selection of the Tournament Director and venue for the 2019 National Tournament;
- Motions notified in advance

The notice will include nominations for each position and provision for proxy votes at AGM.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 5th at 7:05pm

The meeting closed at 8:00pm



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AGA Council

Overview

The AGA Council is the result of a lot of thinking about how to help people contribute to the betterment of Go in Australia.

The Council members are people from across Australia that are actively promoting Go in Australia, through teaching, organising clubs or in some other way assisting the AGA meet its Constitution aims.

The Council does not meet or have an administrative role within the AGA. The Council members support the AGA through regular communications with Officers of the AGA, with news, opportunities and/or suggestions that can improve Go in Australia.

The AGA Committee may also ask the members for feedback or suggestions on events, ideas and issues facing the association. The Council members may consult with local Go players and provide feedback to the Committee.

People will be approached by the AGA Committee, if they agree the AGA Committee will appoint them to the Council, Membership of the Council ceased at an AGM or earlier if the person chooses to resign. Each new committee will appoint people to the Council during its tenure.

The names and email address of members of the AGA Council will be listed on the AGA Website.

Role

Members of the AGA Council will...

- Continue their activities to support and promote Go in Australia.
- Act as a liaison between Go players they know and the AGA Committee.
- Suggest ideas that could assist the AGA Committee deliver its Constitutional aims.
- Provide feedback to the AGA Committee when asked by an Officer of the AGA.