



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 5th November 2018

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), An Younggil (AYG), James Kaaden (JK), Matthew Crossman (MC), Erli Qiu (EQ), Allan Hunt (AH)

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), Daniel Li (DL)

Note – Action items are in bold. *If a member requires more information about a specific topic, please email the Secretary-General (Secretary@AustralianGo.asn.au)*

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm (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 reported no change since the last meeting with only minor expenditure.

JK informed the meeting that the AGA currently pay \$10 per month in bank fees (a total of \$120pa), this represents approx. 10% of the AGA's income. JK proposed moving the AGA bank account to ING Direct with an account that has no fees. The meeting unanimously supported the proposal and **requested JK confirm the details of the new bank account & processes for the next meeting.**

JK also informed the meeting that the AGA's reserves were being depleted by inflation – the money is in a standard bank account (no interest). JK proposed moving half of the funds to either an interest-bearing account or into an investment account. The meeting unanimously supported the proposal and **requested JK provide details of investment options for the next meeting**

Membership update (MC & NS)

There has been no change to membership numbers or membership information since the last meeting.

Australian Go Survey (AH)

AH reported that the raw data from the survey has been published. AH also prepared an analysis of the information to be published on YouTube as part of the Go Congress' Academic Symposium.



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AH explained he was interested in understanding why people play on the Internet and the declining attendance at clubs. There is interesting information about the drivers for people to play at clubs and online which were linked to the way they started.

DGM had done some initial analysis of the free format answers and found two things. First, that all respondents were happy to use the term 'you should' while none volunteered to do anything. Second, the most common issues were a lack of tournaments and local clubs. DGM has prepared an published a simple guide to setting up a small Go club on the AGA website and will do a similar thing for running a small tournament.

The committee agreed to review Allan's analysis when it had been posted to YouTube and to discuss the matter at a later meeting.

Agenda items for the AGM (DGM)

DGM informed the meeting that the AGM will be held at lunchtime on Saturday 8th December and **the agenda will be emailed to all members by 7th November** in compliance with the constitution. There have been no proposals from the membership following the request sent via email and posted on Facebook.

The meeting discussed the proposed officer roles and candidates for inclusion on the Agenda. It was acknowledged that other candidates could be proposed at the meeting and the final decisions would be made by the members at the AGM.

The following proposals were put forward by the committee:

- President – Raphael Shin – proposer DGM, Secunder, JK;
- Vice-President – Neville Smythe – proposer JK, seconder MC
- Secretary-General – David Mitchell – proposer NS, seconder AH
- Treasurer – James Kaaden – proposer DGM, seconder, NS
- Membership secretary – Tony Purcell – proposer NS, Secunder MC
- National Coach – An Younggil 8P – proposer JK, seconder AH

The constitution allows for a maximum of 9 members on the AGA committee including officers. The three normal committee members would be decided at the AGM. MC and AH indicated they would be standing for another term on the Committee.

DGM has prepared a report which will be distributed with the AGM Agenda along with the finance spreadsheets prepared by JK.



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Notes: All candidates accepted nomination. Tony Purcell will not be at the AGM because of a prior overseas commitment. JK is unlikely to attend for personal reasons.

Australiango.asn.au website update (MC)

Matthew reported there has been no progress on this task. **DGM and MC will review the options on DreamHost and discuss how to migrate the registration process to a sub-domain.**

Motion to ban a Queensland player – (AH)

AH reported a recent incident between players in Queensland has resulted in one player being banned from all Queensland clubs and events. Details of the case were discussed and it was decided to refer the matter to a **special sub-committee (consisting of NS, JK & DGM) for a recommendation on the proposed ban.**

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

AH felt that while the existing minutes were accurate, they did not contain the details every discussion (Hansard level details). AH felt that such details would help people get more information about what the committee did and perhaps become more engaged with the AGA. AH acknowledged that a large percentage of people would not bother watching the videos but felt it was worthwhile.

Subsequent discussions of the proposal identified several problems. Some videos would require editing, for example, the previous item (motion to ban a player) detailed the names and background information which is published would deny natural justice. Editing of videos is possible but two issues arise first who decides what should be cut and second it takes many hours work to prepare a video that is suitable for publication (JK said it takes him about 1.5 days to do a similar task on the Congress broadcasting videos).

NS and DGM were concerned about disclosing detailed discussions about committee decisions beyond those published in the minutes and that may inhibit full and fearless discussion.

The meeting agreed that the existing minutes should remain the sole public record of the meetings and that **a notice should be placed at the beginning informing people that if they wanted more information about a particular topic to email the Secretary-General.**

Any other business

Jenny Yang Realty tournament.

NS proposed the Jenny Yang tournament recently held in Queensland be recognised as an AGA event accruing rep points for the competitors. This was passed unanimously.



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Next meeting

The date and time of the next committee meeting will be decided by the new committee elected at the AGM

The meeting closed at 8:36pm



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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.