



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 8th April 2019

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), James Kaaden (JK), Tony Purcell (TP), Allan Hunt (AH)

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), An Younggil (AYG), Daniel Li (DL), Erli Qiu (EQ)

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 7.04pm (AEDT)

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed a true record.

Matters arising

- Reconciliation of the number sustaining members – JK and NS will report at the next meeting.
- Bank fees - JK reported that he'd visited the ANZ bank and changed the account so the AGA will not pay bank charges provided the number of monthly transactions remains at the current level.
- Member information – There was discussion about the lack of email address and residential addresses. The members without either a postal or email address are bulk club members. NS observed that obtaining such information from Chinese & Korean players is very hard. *(DGM note: according to the constitution members must provide an address (email or residential) if they don't they are not members. The only real effects are that such people cannot vote at general meetings and cannot represent Australia, The Agatha system maintains the rep points and rates for both members and non-members.)*
- Chinese Alumni Association letter – DGM drafted and sent a letter to Erli Qiu
- Gender balance – AH did not prepare a proposal for this meeting but would do so for the next.
- AGA published ratings – DGM did not prepare a proposal for this meeting but would do so for the next.

AGA Tax Status

DGM reported that discussions with the ATO required the re-registering of the AGA Inc. The AGA has a new Australian Business Number (ABN) and Tax File Number (TFN) for the Incorporated association, the old ABN and TFN could not be used because of the change of legal status.



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The ATO allows the public officer to determine the tax status of the association by completing a form addressing a series of questions. DGM as Public Officer (PO) prepared the document and circulated it to the Committee via email and stored in the Document Repository. The committee agreed with DGM's assessment.

The process requires an annual review of the status by the PO. The ATO may audit the AGA and require a copy of the assessment documents.

Ing Collegiate Event

DL did not attend the meeting so there was no update.

Note: DL sent an email after the meeting which read as follows:

The 2nd Go festival is on the second last day of the world collegiate tournament. The main tournament will already be finished on the day before. And that day is mainly for sightseeing which should be going to blue mountain. So our event may have more people watching the China city game and playing as some players don't want to go to the blue mountain or they are more interested in joining us.

Membership of the International University Go Federation

NS explained the situation with this organisation which is Korean based and financed by the Korean Government of the next four years. The organiser of the Federation, Daniela Trinks has asked the AGA to join the organisation.

After some discussion it was agreed the AGA would join. DGM will send Daniela an email confirming this.

KBF Pro visit and equipment

DGM received an email asking if the AGA required any equipment or pros to visit for our major tournaments.

DGM reported that the AGA has 4 sets of 'Level Up' books, 4 clocks, 20 sets of stones, 10 boards still remaining from previous donations.

There was discussion about the attendance of Pro players at the Nationals and the Korean Ambassadors Cup (KAC). JK reported that Billy Sun will most likely have Chinese Pros at the National in Melbourne but the KAC was possible.

DGM agreed to talk to AY about both matters before replying to the email.



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Schools Program

DGM reported that Amy Song will be teaching primary students in Epping on Saturdays commencing next month. DGM will provide books and equipment as well as lesson material to assist.

DGM proposed that achievement certificates be issued to students as they complete each of the (worksheet) levels. These are not ranking certificates, simply a recognition that the worksheets have been completed correctly. The certificates would contain the AGA logo and be signed by DGM and AYG. The proposal was passed unanimously.

State of Origin

DGM reported Brenton Williams has withdrawn his offer to run a 'State of Origin' tournament. DGM requested the committee consider who could run such an event.

TP asked about the structure of the event and work so far. DGM explained that discussion had occurred between Brenton, Daniel Li and Cary Jin but no details had been set and no structure defined. The idea behind the event is to create competition and rivalry between states and encourage national interaction between Go players. The assumption was that the event would be held using the Internet with players congregating at a single location in each state (say their University) and all games would be monitored and if possible broadcast.

After some discussion TP agreed to look at the matter. DGM will provide contact details for Cary and Daniel to TP.

AGA Web Site

DGM reported there had been no update from Matthew Crossman; Matthew was planning to talk to Horatio but it is unclear if this had happened. The matter has been outstanding for 10 months and the Committee agreed that somebody else needed to be found to take on the task.

DGM explained the requirement which requires a migration task and the long term technical support for the website. The migration task requires the establishment of a sub-domain and the migration of the existing website to the subdomain, then the establishment of a vanilla WordPress website. DGM would then migrate the temporary AGA-Inc.asn.au website to the AustralianGo.asn.au website. The last part of the task is to isolate the registration process. Once completed the promotions officer (AH) would maintain the content.

DGM asked that the committee consider who could take on the task. AH indicated that he knows people who may have the skills.

DGM will contact AH so he can access the existing site and maintain the information.



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Australian Go Congress

DGM explained that the date for the next Australian Go Congress had been set to accommodate a group of up to 60 people organised by Yank Jaeho 9P visiting from Korea. The group is expected to include 20 to 30 Go players who will participate in the Go Congress. The date for the Congress is expected to be from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th February 2020 at Sydney University with the first two days being teaching and learning activities with tournaments occurring over the weekend.

There has been no announcement at this time because the contract with Sydney Uni has not been finalised. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks once the details have been confirmed.

Any other business

Sydney Go Festival

The committee welcomed the event and asked DGM seek more information from Erli

Pair Go

NS reported that the AGA has been asked to send players to the World Pair Go event. NS proposed that Daniel Li, Cary Jin and Yoko Usami to organise the selection, seconded by JK and passed unopposed.

Sports Accord event

NS asked how for news of the event. AH reported that communication with the organisers has been unsatisfactory; the organiser required the Gold Coast Go Club to hire tables, chairs and perhaps other things at their own expense. As a consequence AH reported that the Gold Coast Go Club would not be participating at the event.

Membership registrar processes

TP indicated that he will be seeking postal addresses from all members but would settle for an email address if a postal address was not forthcoming, this was approved by the Committee. DGM explained that all entrants to the Go Congress must supply a postal address and these addresses will be passed to TP as AGA registrar.

Next meeting

Monday 3rd June 2019, 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 8:15pm