



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 12th August 2019

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), Allan Hunt (AH), James Kaaden (JK), Daniel Li (DL), Cary Jin (CJ)

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), An Younggil (AYG), Tony Purcell (TP)

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 7.02pm (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

There were no matters arising.

Finance report

James Kaaden reported the AGA finances had taken a short term hit because of the change to financial year, extension of members by 6 months and the delay in payments from several bulk clubs including Melbourne, SKBA and Sydney Uni.

A full financial statement will be prepared for the next meeting and the AGM.

Membership report

TP could not be at the meeting. A written report will be issued within the next two weeks.

Web Master

The committee confirmed the email vote appointing Cary Jin the AGA Web Master and thanking him for his work completing the migration of the AGA-inc.asn.au web site to Australiango.asn.au and resolving the management of the AGA's Dream Host account.

The role description for Web Master has been updated in light of Cary's work and is in the document repository.



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Ing Collegiate Event

DL reported the Ing Collegiate tournament was very successful. The players enjoyed the tournament, organisation and events but were not impressed with the choice of accommodation. The Ing Foundation donated 51 the sets to the AGA which was a great benefit to the association.

Daniel put the proposal to Sydney Uni and convinced the Ing Foundation to hold the event in Sydney; he was also pivotal in organising the volunteers and most logistics in Sydney. Daniel was also master of ceremonies at the opening ceremony and organised the set up of the Great Hall for the entire week. In light of his efforts over close to two years, the committee confirmed the email vote to allocation 1,000 rep points to Daniel for his efforts over almost two years.

There was discussion about the use of the sets donated by the Ing Foundation. It was agreed the 51 sets should be used to promote Go in Australia. DGM reported that one set had been allocated to the Gold Coast (Erli Qiu had been given the set on the last day of the Ing Collegiate tournament); that an audit of the sets found missing stones, so one set has been set aside for 'spares'. This leaves 49 sets. The Ing Foundation requested that each volunteer and Sydney Uni club be allocated sets (11 sets in total).

DGM has created a spreadsheet in the repository to record the use of the sets.

It was agreed the sets should be used not be 'kept for best'. They should not be allocated to places with sufficient sets already (e.g. SGC, SKBA, QGS). The preferred destination is to new or fledgling clubs that are showing enthusiasm and initiative. There would be a maximum of three sets per club provided the club can demonstrate they have a place to store and care for the sets. Any club requesting sets will pay the postage and packing costs in line with the AGA's distribution policy.

AH, DL and NS were not aware of clubs that qualified and required sets.

CJ requested 3 boards for Melbourne Uni but was concerned about the weight of the stones. JK agreed to store the stones until CJ had a home for them at the University.

JK request 3 sets for the Fitzroy club and another three for the Victoria Wanderers.

DGM requested three sets for Keith Trevett in Port Macquarie and one or two sets for Rye Senjen in Victoria. Keith and Rye are enthusiastic and are establishing clubs away from capital/major cities.

It was suggested that sets could be used as tournament prizes, DGM pointed out this was of limited long term value to the association as only a few people would enjoy using the sets. It was agreed the committee would consider applications from tournament directors and manage the requests on a case by case basis and would limit this to a maximum of 5 sets.



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The sale of sets was discussed. James observed this would result in a change to the status of the association and involve tax implications. It was agreed the AGA did not wish to follow this path yet.

Sydney Go Festival

Erli was not at the meeting. DGM reported the plan is to hold the 2nd Sydney Go Festival at the Hurstville sport and aquatic centre on September 21st. Erli has requested volunteer to help teach beginners (mainly children). Erli will provide more detail in the coming weeks.

Website

DGM & CJ discussed the Web Master role in particular in relationship to social media. The Web Master role has been clarified so that all technical matters are controlled by the Web Master which includes managing the WordPress and other applications hosted by Dream Host. The website content, social media accounts and content moderation are controlled by the Publicity Officer, Secretary-General and other committee members appointed as administrators. This was agreed unanimously.

Schools program

DGM's report on Grose View PS was accepted. DGM explained the problems getting into a school and while we have all the equipment and methods the only path has been through an enthusiastic teacher or parent. DGM reported that he'd sent emails and followed up with phone calls to Cronulla, Woollooware, Caringbah and Kirrawee High schools and to Cronulla South and Woollooware Primary schools citing the lessons at the Japan Foundation and Grose View but with no success. Note: the phone calls were answered by the admin staff who promised to pass on the message but there were no returned calls).

Erli Qiu is contacting the CASS schools in Hurstville, Kogarah and Epping so lessons can be held following the Sydney Go Festival. Amy Song will teach at Epping, David He at Kogarah and David Mitchell in Hurstville. All we need are students!

The Japan Foundation had a 'tabletop board games day' in July and some Japanese people have attended the SGC as a result. Mr Hiro is planning Go lessons as part of the Japan Foundation's cultural outreach to schools – if/when that happens DGM has agreed to teach.

Australian Go Congress

DGM reported the launch for the 2020 Australian Go Congress is 13th August – 6 months before the event. There will be posters, fliers and other publicity over the coming months. All committee members were asked to promote the tournament with their local players and clubs.



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Any other business

Animaga event

JK reported that he and three volunteer will be teaching Go at an event in Carlton, Victoria called Animaga <https://animaga.com.au/> on 24th & 25th August. JK explained he is borrowing 10 sets for the event and that all volunteers need a 'working with children' clearance. Cary said he would assist.

Tedx talk

JK reported that Silvia Lozeva applied and has been accepted by Tedx to give a talk on 'Go and change the world'. JK has been in contact with Silvia and has volunteer to review/proof read the talk and assist where possible.

Australian Go census

AH has closed this 2019 Go Census and is collating the results which will be circulated in due course. DGM asked if there would be recommendations – AH said the number of replies this year was substantially less than in previous years and while he hoped to make recommendations it was unclear is that would be possible.

AGA Image repository

DGM proposed the AGA establish a repository of images from Australian Go. AH agreed to determine the right method (either on the AGA website or as a Google Drive folder).

Presentation at 3rd China Go Congress

NS has been asked to present a history and future of Go. NS will send a copy of the presentation to AH for publication on the website.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm Monday 7th October 2019.