



# Australian Go Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Present – Neville Smythe (NS), David Mitchell (DGM), Tony Purcell (TP), Allan Hunt (AH), An Younggil (AYG),

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), James Kaaden (JK), 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 7.01pm (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 has submitted the written which is included with these minutes and is in the repository.

### **Ing Collegiate Event**

Daniel sent the timetable for the event (see zip file in the repository) and requested a formal speech from the President of the AGA. DGM composed a speech (reviewed by Neville, Raphael & Younggil) which has been sent to the Ing Collegiate tournament organizers.

### **Sydney Go Festival**

Erli was not at the meeting and there has been no update or detailed request for assistance. As in 2018 we will await further information to assist with the project.

### **Out of date Rankings**

DGM submitted the following:

*The problem of out dated rankings exists in other Association including the American and European Go Association. The European solution is to limit the time frame in which a player's rating is deemed current and has different time periods for Dan, SDK and DDK players.*



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*I propose the Australian Go Association only published names and rankings of players who have participated in an AGA recognised event in the previous 2 years. The ranking information and functionality in Agatha would not be impacted.*

*Should a player starts playing again the activity date would change so their rank would be recognised and published. Obviously, the player performance will impact their rank but that is true for everybody.*

*So, I propose that the AGA only publish ratings for players who've played in an event within the past 2 years. The rating system has a 'last tournament date' so this is not hard to implement.*

The matter was discussed and the proposal passed unanimously.

## **KBF Pro visit and equipment offer**

The KBF have sent 1 demo board & stones for Victoria, JK will collect them as postal costs are high. There are also three Go clocks and 30 beginners books which will be used in tournaments and the Youth program. A visit by Korean Professionals to the KAC is being handled by RS & AYG.

## **Schools program**

DGM reported there have been more enquiries from the Chinese Society and similar organizations. As yet there are no classes because there is no demand from parents or their children.

DGM will be teaching Go at Grose Vale Public School on June 26<sup>th</sup> to all students (approx. 120). Some of the KBF books and equipment will be used and photographs taken to meet KBF requirements.

## **Website**

NS talked to Cary Jin about taking on the role of AGA Web Master. DGM sent details of the role and spoke to Cary who has agreed to investigate DreamHost and decide if he is prepared to take on the role.

AH has editor rights to the aga-inc.asn.au WordPress website and has been adding events and other information in his role as Publicity Officer. AH has also been given 'moderator' status for the 'news' mailing list so he can announce events and news to all Australian Go players.

## **AYG lesson as tournament prize**

Allan Hunt send a proposal to the committee for AGA support to encourage tournaments to give lessons with An Younggil as prizes (see .zip file in repository).

It was agreed that Tournament Directors (TD) can request a subsidy from the AGA for a maximum of two lessons at a maximum cost of \$100 per tournament. The TD must request the support in writing to the AGA committee and explain how the prize(s) will be allocated. If there are two prizes the committee



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recommend one for the top division and one for the kyu division. The tournament must comply with AGA Rep point rules (including at least 1 month notification and be open to all AGA members). The annual budget will be \$300.

## **Female participation**

AH sent documents (see .zip file in repository) from European clubs. These were simply a collection of statistics and analysis there were not actions or strategy suggestions. AH will prepare a document with recommendations based on his analysis to be reviewed at the next committee meeting. Once approved this will be sent to TDs as recommended practice.

## **FIGU**

An email with the FIGU Constitution and membership document have been sent (see .zip file in repository). NS reported animosity towards the organisation from people at the WAGC. There is a meeting planned for later this year but there is no agenda or proposals to consider at this time.

## **Australian Go Congress**

DGM reported that the 2020 Australian Go Congress was progressing well. The tournament will be officially launched towards the end of July (after the Ing Collegiate tournament is over).

## **Malaysian Tournament**

A notice has been sent to all AGA members about the tournament but there have been no entrants at this time (see .zip file in repository).

## **Kuksu Mountain tournament**

An email with details has been sent to all AGA junior members about the tournament but there have been no entrants at this time (see .zip file in repository).

## **Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **Next meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 7:55pm