



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the AGA Committee meeting 7th October 2019

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

Apologies – Raphael Shin (RS), Tony Purcell (TP), Erli Qiu

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

Animaga event

James reported that that Animaga event went very well and was supported by a number of people including Cary Jin, Jessie Lewis, Stu Ash and Mark Ahn. There were at least 20 people taught how to play and the stand was very popular. The organizers were very pleased and donated prizes for a 9x9 tournament including gaming mats, wi-fi keyboard and more. The organisers have also asked for us to participate again.

Perth Tedx presentation

DGM reported that Silvia's Tedx talk occurred but so far there is no published video.

AGA Census

Allan Hunt reported that he's been too busy with Uni work to analyse the Census. His analysis will be completed in the next couple of months. Allan did say that the absolute number of replies was around 120 but last year there were 180 however it seems there were more female participants this year.

The Gore Street Irregulars in Melbourne received their sets and sent a very nice thank you note. The Port Macquarie club also received their sets and have a demo board on loan. Keith Trevett organises the Port Macquarie club which is doing extremely well – the last meeting has 15 players, mostly beginners.



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Finance report

The end of financial year statements were prepared by James and distributed with the minutes. James noted that the move from a Jan-Dec, to a July to June financial year and the fact that 3 of the bulk club membership payments (totalling \$600) were not received during the financial year had impacted the figures. Despite this the AGA made around \$99 compared to \$543.

Some of the key differences between financial years are:

- In 2017/2018 we received a \$100 donation and \$135 from the online tournament – this did not happen in 2018/19.
- In 2018/19 we spent \$100 on remote lessons – this did not happen in 2017/18.
- This financial year we are reporting the PayPal charges; in previous years this was not reported.
- The 2018/19 IGF fees have increased this year because of the weakening Australian dollar.
- The web hosting fees have increased from around \$95 in 2017/18 to approx. \$175 in 2018/19.
- Some lapel pins we donated to the Ing visitors and others; this impacts the balance sheet.
- Full details of these and other factors will be documented and included with the agenda for the AGM.
- James also noted that changes to the bank account will remove approx. \$120 from our expenses.
- James also suggested that we deal with membership fees as donations which may reduce the PayPal fees.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the end of year financial report.

Membership report

No report. TP could not be at the meeting.

Neville raised the issue of membership lists from Queensland, Sydney Uni, SKBA and Melbourne. It was agreed to renew memberships for the existing list and seek updates as a matter of urgency.

DGM pointed out that AP in his role as Membership Registrar did not have a 'stick' to encourage people to supply accurate lists. It was suggested that players who are not members of the AGA at the beginning of an event will be allocated zero rep points. This was left for discussion with AS at a later date.

Sydney Go Festival

EQ could not be at the meeting. DGM reported that attendance of beginners and children at the event was disappointing – just 5 children and only 3 of them beginners. Most of the 25 to 30 people who attended already played and were pleased to meet and play games.



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Future events must be investigated fully prior to committing resources particularly if the organizer is interstate. Also, a realistic and pragmatic approach needs to be adopted to avoid wasting time and effort.

Archive and archivist

There was discussion about the role of the archivist including the role description sent with the minutes. It was agreed that historic information was important and that documenting photographs in particular is an important activity.

NS has placed several hundred images on the server and other documents have been added by DGM.

There was no obvious candidate for the archivist role but all members will consider the role description and candidates in the coming months.

Australian Go Journal

There was discussion about the effort, benefit and content of an AGA Go Journal. It was agreed that it would be good to give something back to members other than rep points.

Concerns were expressed about the amount of continual effort required and whether people would actually read the published document given the many and varied sources of information available on the Internet.

DGM suggested we publish an annual yearbook. This would include the results of all tournaments (from Agatha) and each tournament director would be asked to submit a short report and photographs (including people's names). These and a report from the WAGC & KPMC would form the basis of the AGA Journal. Depending on interest and effectiveness other educational materials including games could be added to the Journal.

The proposal to publish a journal at the end of 2020 was passed by the committee. DGM will prepare a template and information which will be sent to tournament directors in 2020. The committee will search for an editor to take control of the process.

Australian Go Congress

DGM reported that the venue for the Congress is under review because the ground floor at the Hanho Newspaper is being leased. DGM is concerned about the quality and access for the 1st floor and how the logistics of the Congress will work. A meeting is planned for tomorrow (8th Oct) and DGM will report back.



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Any other business

2020 Nationals

NSW will host the 2020 Nationals – Canberra are not in a position to hold the event next year.

AGM date

The AGM will be held at the National Championships on Saturday December 7th at midday.

Anniversary of AGA

DGM proposed a that Neville Smythe be given a life membership in recognition of his continuous work and dedication to the AGA and Go in Australia. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held by a new committee after the AGM. Any urgent matters between now and then will be dealt with via email or emergency committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:06pm