



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association commenced at 12:35pm on Saturday 7th December 2019 at 852 Canterbury Road, Box Hill South, Victoria, 3128.

The meeting was chaired by David Mitchell, Secretary General of the AGA who also took the minutes. Printed copies of the agenda and all written reports were distributed to all at the meeting.

Note: The AGA Constitution allows members to nominate a person as their proxy – no applications were received and no proxy votes were cast.

Item 1 – Apologies

Dr Anthony Purcell, Raphael Shin, Erli Qiu registered their apologies.

Item 2 – Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous AGM were read and there were no changes. David Mitchell proposed the documents be accepted as a true record, Neville Smythe seconded the motion which was passed unopposed.

Item 3 – Officer reports

The officer reports were distributed with the agenda.

President's report

Raphael sent his apologies to the meeting for not being able to attend and not presenting a report.

Vice President's report

Neville Smythe gave a brief overview of his report. A key message from his report was that there are more international events, particularly female events occurring so all players should be encouraged to register with the AGA so they have a chance to participate.

There were no questions on Neville's report which was accepted by the meeting.

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Treasurer's report

James Kaaden presented his report including the balance sheet and profit and loss statements to the meeting. Overall the association's finances are the same as previous years with a small profit.

David Mitchell proposed that the meeting approve the financial report, Cary Jin seconded the motion. The meeting unanimously passed the motion

Secretary General's report

David Mitchell reported three major achievements during the year; the staging of the Ing 6th Annual Weichi Collegiate Championships held at Sydney University. First, Daniel Li, Amy Song and others did a great job gaining the right to host the event and the day to day running of the tournament. Second, the AGA website is now up and running using the AGA's domain thanks to Cary Jin. Lastly the AGA Youth Sub-Committee organised an 'incursion' into the Grose View public school where all children were taught how to play. The children were excited and have set up a small club in the school.

The AGA was founded in 1979 and Neville Smythe was one of the founding fathers. Neville's efforts over 40 years have been the backbone of the association. The AGA Committee took the extraordinary action of conferring a life membership for Neville, he is only the third person to receive this honour in the history of the association. A trophy was also presented to Neville at the AGM in recognition of his efforts and the meeting gave Neville a standing ovation.

Item 4 - Election of Office Bearers & Committee members

Election of President - David Mitchell proposed Raphael Shin, seconded by Neville Smythe. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates Raphael was re-elected unopposed.

Election of Vice-President – James Kaaden proposed Neville Smythe, seconded by David Mitchell. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates Neville was re-elected unopposed.

David Mitchell stood down as chair of the meeting - Neville Smythe took the chair.

Election of Secretary-General - Neville Smythe proposed David Mitchell, seconded Cary Jin. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates David was re-elected unopposed.

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David Mitchell resumed as chair of the meeting.

Election of Treasurer – David Mitchell proposed James Kaaden, seconded, Neville Smythe. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates James was re-elected unopposed.

Election of Membership Registrar

Neville Smythe proposed Tony Purcell who has already agreed to stand for the role. David Mitchell seconded the proposal. There being no other candidates Tony was elected unopposed.

Election of the National Coach

Neville Smythe proposed An Younggil 8P, seconded by James Kaaden. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates Younggil was re-elected unopposed.

Elections of Ordinary Committee Members

The Constitution allows for three ordinary committee members. David Mitchell described the roles of the existing committee members:

The meeting was asked for nominations to fill the three places. There were three nominations, Cary Jin, Erli Qiu and Allan Hunt. The three candidates were elected unopposed.

Item 5 – location of 2019 Nationals, appointment of Tournament Director

The next National Championships and AGM will be held in Sydney with the Tournament Director to be decided at a later date.

Item 6 – Any other business

There was no other business.

There being no additional matters David Mitchell declared the meeting closed at 12:58pm.



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Those present

Tim Qin	Frank Xie	Shang Fang Zhou
Lin Shang	Sheng D Zhou	William Rui
Wei Shang Zhong	Zhou Jia Dai	Eric Zhang
Zequn Ma	Nevin Climenhaga	Shu Lin Zhu
Tony Hu	Rook Guo	Ryo Narikawa
Cheng Zuo	Daniel Xu	Neville Smythe
David Meng	Jingbo Liu	Rye Senjen
Rodney Topor	Linda Ivezic	Avan White
Hongsang Yoo	Wei Zhou	Benjamin Liu
Cary Jin	Ari Saito	Guyu Liu
Yigeng Li	Gordon Chen	Xin Lei
Ningxuan Wan	Jacky Zhu	Mango Fan
David Mitchell	Wei Jing	Gongsu Chen

David Mitchell
Secretary General

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