



Australian Go Association Inc.

ABN 21 578 331 587

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association commenced at Sunday 3rd December 2023 at The Karawatha Discovery Centre, 149 Acacia Road, Karawatha, Queensland 4117. The meeting commenced at 11:20am.

The meeting was chaired by David Mitchell, Secretary General of the AGA who also took the minutes. David told the meeting that he was recording the audio on his phone to obviate the need to take written notes.

Printed copies of the agenda and all written reports were distributed via email to all members prior to the meeting and printed copies were supplied at the meeting.

A list of AGA members at the meeting is in the appendix.

Welcome

David Mitchell welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Item 1 – Apologies

Dr. Anthony Purcell, Peter Simpson, and Bill Leveritt registered their apologies.

Item 2 – Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous AGM were read. David Mitchell proposed the documents be accepted as a true record; Neville Smythe seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Item 4 – Officer reports

The officer reports were distributed with the agenda.

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Secretary General's report

David Mitchell reported the AGA was continuing well but needs more people to play and more people to do things, such as organise clubs, tournaments, and anything else that will increase participation.

David Mitchell proposed the report be accepted; James Kaaden seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report

James Kaaden presented his report including the balance sheet and profit and loss statements to the meeting. James explained there had been a drop in income from membership, but the AGA maintained a small profit which was acceptable given the AGA is a not-for-profit association.

The AGA had maintained activities to help members including weekly Live Lessons from An Younggil 8P.

James pointed out that the AGA has a reasonable bank balance and would like to have suggestions on ways this could be used to improve Go in Australia. James asked members to consider options and email the ideas to James (his email address is in the Treasurer's report).

Horatio Davis asked about line item I02 – 'Tournaments', which indicated an income of \$710. Did this mean the AGA was running tournaments? David Mitchell explained that the tournament organisers run the tournament and donate funds to the AGA. In this case the income came from the Hahn Memorial tournament which had received sponsorship from the local council. James Kaaden explained that some overseas organisations send funds to the AGA for player travel to overseas events – that money is passed to the player and is not real income for the AGA.

David Bofinger asked how much money was spent on Live Lessons, James Kaaden said the total cost for the year was \$2065 which was less than the previous year. This was because the Korean Baduk Association sponsored the lessons for the second half of the year. The AGA has sent the KBA a letter of thanks for their continued support.

David Mitchell proposed the Treasurer's report be accepted; Neville Smythe seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.



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Item 5 - Election of Office Bearers & Committee members

David Mitchell explained that the AGA Committee was not just a talk fest, everybody on the committee has a role and responsibilities that they fulfil during the year. Anybody taking an officer or committee member role must commit to doing something for the Australian Go community.

Election of President - David Mitchell proposed Raphael Shin, seconded by James Kaaden. 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 Horatio Davis. David Bofinger asked about Agatha and the development language used. Neville explained that Agatha is developed in Live Code and the AGA has an annual fee of \$100 not the normal \$1000. There was a call for other nominations but there were none. There being no other candidates Neville was re-elected unopposed.

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

David Mitchell declared the role of Secretary-General vacant, and Neville Smythe took the chair of the meeting.

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

David Mitchell resumed as chair of the meeting.

Election of Membership Registrar

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



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Elections of Ordinary Committee Members

The Constitution allows for a committee of nine members including officers. Because of some people holding two officer roles there are five ordinary member vacancies. David Mitchell described the roles of the existing committee members:

There were five nominations prior to the meeting which were Erli Qiu, Amy Song, Peter Simpson, Colton Tinkey and An Younggil. There were no other nominations at the meeting, so the existing committee were elected unopposed.

Election of the National Coach

David Mitchell proposed An Younggil 8P as the National Coach, 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.

Item 6 – Location of 2024 Nationals & AGM

David Mitchell explained that historically the National Championships rotate between NSW, Victoria, and Queensland. The last National Championships were in NSW so next year would be Victoria's turn. The meeting voted to continue the sequence so the 2024 AGA National Championships and AGM will be held in Melbourne and organised by Billy Sun and James Kaaden.

Item 7 – Any other business

Travel group to Korea. Raphael Shin told the meeting that yesterday he had a message from the Baduk Association in Youngwoo. They extended an offer to host a travel group from Australia to play friendly games. Players would pay their own travel costs, but food and accommodation costs would be covered by the Korean association. David Mitchell asked Raphael to send him details which will be published on the AGA website.

International relations. David Bofinger asked if the AGA had relationships with overseas clubs and associations. David Mitchell said the AGA worked well with the British Go Association; Neville Smythe also knows people in the European Go Federation and Zachary Spiro knows people in the Netherlands. Anybody travelling to the US or Europe is encouraged to enter any tournament that coincides with their trip.



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Proposal to make Bill Leveritt a life member. Neville Smythe explained that Bill Leveritt was the founder of the Brisbane Go Club and one of the three founders of the Australian Go Association. Neville proposed that Bill be awarded life membership. David Mitchell seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

AGA Virtual library. David Mitchell explained that the AGA had received donations of books and a small amount of equipment from the partners of players, some of who have died. The main donors to date are Lorraine Bailey, Devon Bailey's wife; Pam Oxenham, Tony Oxenham's wife; Clive Hunt (from Perth) and David Mitchell. These books form part of the AGA virtual library which sends books to clubs for members to share. Any club that has not received books should contact David.

Vote of thanks to Horatio Davis. David Mitchell explained that Horatio Davis has supported clubs, run tournaments, and generally organising Go in Queensland and beyond for over 25 years of work. Horatio will be standing down from all organisational roles at the QGS AGM in February 2024. Horatio offered to talk to and help existing club organisers if they had any questions. There was vote of thanks and a big round of applause for Horatio.

AGA and Chinese Go update. Erli Qiu explained that the AGA has a team consisting of Raphael Shin, Billy Sun, Amy Song and An Younggil. The team participates in the World Cities Tournament; in December 2023 will be the 8th consecutive time the team has participated in the event. David will publish details on the AGA website and if possible, have a live game review. The meeting thanked Erli for his efforts in raising the profile of Go in Australia.

There being no additional matters David Mitchell declared the meeting closed at 11:55am.



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Those participating in the AGM were:

Raphael Shin	James Kaaden	Matthew Crossman
Amy Song	Stephen Yang	Tim Gu
Neville Smythe	Chris Zhao	B K Jeon
David Mitchell	S H Jeong	Younsong Li
Horatio Davis	Erli Qiu	J I Youn
Billy Sun	Steve Gong	Kevin Oh
W P Hong	W K Seo	Zachary Spiro
Yingsi Jin	Mark Brough	Bob Watson
Steven Cheng	J W Lee	Tashi Visschedijk
Ruochen Wang	Junya Miyami	Angelina Pan
Webber Tse	David Bofinger	Noah Su
Elizabeth Patrick	Allan Hunt	Colton Sinkey

David Mitchell
Secretary General