

Australian Go Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

29/9/2001

Held at the Country Comfort Motel, Frankston Vic. Meeting opened at 18:40.

1 President's Report

As per Devon's notes

2 Secretary's Report

- The AGA has received the usual correspondence, American Go Association, Koreans, Japanese.
- Singapore invited Australia to send a team to this years championships, but it was impossible to assemble. We sent a note of congratulations.
- Pairs Go Tournament. We are sending Shelly Mo and Tony Purcell.
- AusGo. Neville advised of the existence of the AusGo Yahoo Group, and recommended that all AGA members register for the group, as it has become a significant means of communication with Australian Go players.
- The AGA has come to rely on e-mail as the primary means of communication with member clubs. The Secretary requested all clubs to please nominate Club Liaison Officers, and reminded CLOs that it is their responsibility to disseminate all information to members who may not receive e-mail.

3 IGF Director's Report

- Go as an Olympic sport. Japan is still pushing for Olympic recognition. The response from the IOC is that member countries of the IGF should push for acceptance by the local Olympic committees.
- In Europe there is a strong push to have draws calculated by computer, and as far as possible to attempt to give each player the same number of games as white as black.

4 Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were elected unopposed.

President	Devon Bailey
Vice President	Dong Ming Liu
Secretary	Neville Smythe
Treasurer	Robin Garner
IGF Director	Brad Melki
Newsletter Editor	Andrew Pullin
Membership Registrar	(none—falls to Secretary)
Committee	K Miki
	Greg Parker
	Raphael Shin

5 Promotions and Encouragement Awards

Following last year's AGM, a postal vote was conducted (and passed) to establish a rating system, and a set of initial ratings for players who participate in Australian tournaments. This year we have the ability to promote some players whose performance has significantly improved since the initial ratings were set, and award some representative points to those players who are eligible.

Of note is the promotion of Guo Yiming, the first Australian player to be awarded the rank of 8 dan. This promotion recognizes his virtually unbeaten record in tournament Go in Australia over the past 2 years.

Dong Ming Liu was promoted to 7 dan in recognition of his outstanding achievement in coming 3rd in the 2001 World Amateur Go Championships.

The following promotions were announced:

Player	From	To	Points Awarded
Yiming Guo	7 Dan	8 Dan	
Dong Ming Liu	6 Dan	7 Dan	
Frank Yang	4 Dan	5 Dan	
Michael Su	3 Dan	4 Dan	3000 (?)
Jin Yeong Jung	2 Dan	3 Dan	2000 (?)
Gordon Sutton	1 Dan	2 Dan	1000 (?)

6 AGA Web Site

Andrew Pullin reiterated his commitment to establishing a permanent web site for the AGA, with a registered domain name.

7 Toyota Cup

Mark Bell from the Queensland Go Association spoke at length about the forthcoming Toyota Denso World Oza Go Tournament, to be held in Brisbane in

January 2002. He stressed the need to have a large turn out, as the sponsor was expecting to see around 100 players. The pre-registration form was distributed and all players intending to attend were urged to return the form as soon as possible.

8 Other Business

The meeting discussed 3 motions foreshadowed by the Queensland Go Club, but after lengthy discussion the motions were withdrawn. It was felt that the intent of the motions, where still appropriate, could be met within the existing rules of the AGA.

9 Nationals 2002

To be held in Brisbane, with Mark Bell as contact.
Meeting closed far too late.