

### **Executive Summary:**

The board approved a motion to post meeting agendas a year in advance so board activities are more transparent to the membership. Andy Okun, AGA president, reported on efforts to identify and recruit more AGA volunteers, collegiate go programs, and financials from US Go Congress 2018 including how to make Congress more affordable in the future. Lisa Scott, Congress Coordinator, reported good progress on the 2019 Go Congress in Madison, WI (prices to be posted soon) and on the venue for the 2020 Go Congress in Colorado.

### **AGA Board Meeting Minutes 1/13/2019**

#### **In Attendance:**

Samantha Fede (secretary)  
Steve Colburn  
Lisa Scott  
Paul Celmer  
Martin Lebl (chair)  
Chris Kirschner  
Gurjeet Khalsa  
Andy Okun (president)  
Chris Saenz

Meeting called to order at 8:07pm EST

#### **1. Approve minutes**

Steve motions to approve November minutes, Lisa seconds, unanimous. November 2019 minutes approved.

#### **2. President's report**

Have gotten back in touch with Daniella Trinks that I would be glad to serve on the board of the International Go University. Is the American Collegiate Go Association an appropriate entity to involve? ACGA was created by Ing, not related to AGA. Does the ACGA still exist? It runs the collegiate league with funding from Ing. I will see if Justin or Michael want to be more involved with us and the university, but I don't want to interfere with it. [Chris Saenz joins]

I have been going over my list of go acquaintances to recruit volunteers. For example, we may need to recruit a new Treasurer soon. One possible key volunteer is Hajin Lee, who is trying to organize a pro tournament between EGF and AGF pros.

I have created a timetable of our key offices and their appointment deadlines etc, based on Chris Kirschner's request. The idea would be that these renewals would be automatically added to minutes and brought up at appropriate times. [Chris Saenz: Sounds good.]

We've received financials from 2018 congress. The estimate we have is around 40,000. This has produced a large surplus, which is good because part of that goes to funding for National Go Center.

Steve: That seems like too large of a profit for Congress given that everyone I talk to says its too expensive.

Lisa: The last two years, the projections in advance said we were close to breaking even, so it's good we're on the positive side.

Andy: It raises the question of what can we do to make it more affordable.

Lisa: I think the next two years worth of organizers are interested in making it as affordable as possible.

Chris Kirschner: It's hard to budget accurately, since attendance is so variable. Once we hit the break even point, the rest adds up quickly to a surplus.

Martin: The solution is dynamic pricing.

Lisa: We're not capable of supporting that right now.

Andy: We probably need to put up a certain amount that may be a risk but serves as a subsidy for everyone or a subgroup (like we do for kids). Maybe college aged people.

Lisa: If the AGA is interested in putting money into this, we can put together some ideas. The prices for 2019 are projected to go live in the next 1-2 months.

Chris Saenz: Does the pricing change majorly between the venues every year? Like rural vs. urban?

Lisa: Yes, but not so much based on place. We try to keep registration pretty stable.

Andy: Hotel venues have more expensive rooms but then event space is free. Colleges, rooms are cheaper but we have to pay for playing space.

Lisa: The 2020 venue will be hotel-like but will sort of split the difference.

Andy: Speaking of 2020, it's in estes park colorado. It's at a slightly higher altitude. It's a very nice venue.

Lisa: 330 degrees around the YMCA camp is mountains, and they really want us to be there.

Andy: Another thing is after we get estes-park figured out, we'll start planning and getting bids for 2021. Nothing specific yet.

Chris Saenz: We rotate by parts of the country, so what's next?

Lisa: We'd like to, but mostly we look for people to enthusiastically volunteer. We haven't gotten any interested parties from the coasts.

Chris Saenz: Kevin Chao is interested to host it in Orange County at some point.

Andy: There's been a major change in leadership in the KBA, the new president is Kim Yong Sam, he's a strong player, friends with many of the pros we knew.

I also sent out christmas cards to AGA people.

### **3. Congress progress update**

Lisa: We've covered most of it in the president's report. I got the 2020 contract yesterday, we need to review it and then prices will be set after its finalized. 2019 still has a couple of minor last minute prices to figure out. We were able to get prices for lunch lowered. Things are going the way we want.

### **4. Membership manager fix progress update**

Steve: We've made good progress so far. We're at the paypal stage. We've created a new server with the data and now we need to investigate the paypal settings with the new server to make sure it points to the right place. We've moved everything from going to Roy to Daniel (currently inthe process of making sure this occurs, and should go quickly at this point).

Paul Celmer: Has any responded to Charles's email?

Martin: I figured we'd reply after the meeting. I think we can do better in 2019 [than a manual approach].

Chris Kirschner: I agree we shouldn't do that stop gap measure.

Steve: I've tried to ask Chris Garlock to send something out to the membership, but I'm not sure how to put out a message that isn't too technical. It's something Chris Garlock (VP of communications) needs to do, but it hasn't happened yet.

### **5. Membership manager alternatives research update**

Chris: This is all very preliminary. There are a couple places we should get more info on, but I think one of the larger issues is communicating between the companies and the rating system to have active updates. Who is our person to integrate that?

Steve: It's me.

Chris Kirschner: Okay, I will email you. This is not the first time going through this process and in the past we decided to stick with what we had. That may be the case here too.

#### **6. Setting terms on appointed leaders**

Martin: Andy pulled the list together and sent it to me so we can better keep track of it.

Chris Kirschner: I think we're in agreement that 1 year out meeting scheduling is acceptable, even though I'd like it to be further in advance. We should also publish agendas a year in advance so people can review them.

Chris Kirschner motions to prepublish the agendas for the year. Paul seconds. Unanimous.

Chris Saenz: I think scheduling a year out would work well. Maybe the second weekend of each month?

Lisa: Yes, I think that works for most months. Only mothers day and then holidays in the fall have conflicts.

#### **7. New business**

None

#### **8. Set time for Feb/March meeting**

10th of February and March.

#### **9. Adjourn**

Lisa moves to adjourn, Chris Saenz seconds, unanimous. Adjourned at 9:01pm EST