

AGA Minutes 1/12/2014

Attending:

- Gurujeet Khalsa (Director, Eastern Region, Chair)
- Chris Kirschner (Director, Western Region)
- Martin Lebl (Director, Central Region)
- Bob Gilman (Director, Central Region)
- Paul Celmer (Director, Eastern Region)
- Steve Burrall (Director, Western Region)
- Edward Zhang (Director at Large)
- Daniel Smith (Secretary)
- Andrew Okun (President)
- Ted Terpstra (Executive Vice President)
- Thomas Hsiang (Vice President, International Affairs)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM PST.
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. **Gilman moves to approve the minutes, Burrall seconds. Unanimous.**
3. President's report
 - a. Calvin Sun won the second AGA pro qualification tournament.
 - b. Online ratings: Andrew Jackson is working on it.
 - c. Congress cost is going to be higher in New York, registration will probably be \$400 or above.
 - i. Discussion of how to control costs, whether by subsidizations or more extreme cost cutting measures.
 - ii. We've applied for a tax exemption and expect to get it; this could save us \$100 per person.
4. CEGO contract
 - a. Contract with CEGO: CEGO will train young players, fund a major tournament, fund our pro system, fund AGA management, and may choose to engage actively with the AGA's school initiatives.
 - i. Negotiation done by Thomas Hsiang, with assistance from Peter Freedman and Andy Okun.
 - ii. We've agreed to restructure our tournament structure.
 - iii. We've agreed to some metrics to measure our progress.
 - iv. We've agreed to set some code of conduct for our pro players.
 - b. Hsiang (in response to question from Kirschner): the AGA contract does not require using the Chinese rules of Weiqi.
 - c. Khalsa: would like to see more explicit terms, regarding what we mean by "professionalize the AGA". It'd be bad to have vague wording here when we're taking their money, in case we have different ideas of what this means.
 - d. Kirshner, others: we may need to hire an administrator to effectively do this.

- e. Okun: We may need to create a 501(c)(6) to accept this much money for a professional organization.
- 5. Date and time of next meeting.
 - a. The next meeting will be on 02/16/2014 at 8 PM EST.
- 6. Adjournment
 - a. Zhang moves to adjourn, Kirschner seconds. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM, PST.