

AGA Minutes 10/5/2014

Attending:

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

1. Meeting called to order at 8:04PM EDT
2. Prior minutes
 - a. 7/20/2014
 - i. **Kirschner moved to approve the minutes, Gilman seconded. Unanimous.**
 - b. 8/15/2014
 - i. **Lebl moved to approve the minutes, Kirschner seconded. Unanimous.**
3. Election results
 - a. **Lebl moved to accept election results, Zhang seconded. Unanimous.**
4. President's report
 - a. Bylaws require signoff on all contracts - Okun says some contracts which haven't historically been approved by the board could be (venue contracts for congress, or the MOU), but some would be quite difficult (venue for pro dinner).
 - i. Kirschner: traditionally, we have considered those executive decisions.
 - ii. Khalsa: I think we should see the MOU's before they're signed, the others are not so important.
 - iii. Gilman: Congress is primary financial liability; we shouldn't have a process that is so unwieldy that it's difficult to get things signed. Perhaps put a model MOU in the handbook and state that president has authority to sign things that don't deviate from the model.
 - iv. Kirshner: I agree, but in the past, the board has refused to make such documents.
 - v. (discussion about source of recent MOUs)
 - vi. Khalsa: so we're looking for a volunteer to put together a model MOU, and to get a method of archiving such documents.
 - vii. Kirschner is volunteered to put together a model MOU.
 - b. Okun informs the board about a possible Go Congress sponsor.
 - c. Okun attended the Korean Prime Minister's Cup.
 - i. Had idea of new US vs Europe match between respective pros. Has a good lead for a sponsor.
 - ii. Zhang: Expresses concern about excluding existing pros residing in North America.
 - iii. Okun: If this is a brand new sponsored event, it's up to the sponsor to set the terms and it would not be diverting resources that would have been in play for existing pros (which is what we promised).
 - iv. Another possibility is a US vs. Korea match.

- d. Cherry Shen will take on the part of Karoline Li's job of responding to tournament invitations.
 - i. Zhang mentioned he knows Shen as a strong player and well-known organizer, and suggested Okun do a further introduction of Shen to the Board.
 - ii. Okun mentioned several reasons that he selected Shen for the Tournament Coordinator.
- e. Have not found a new webmaster.
- f. Staffing: Okun requests clarification on what information the board would like about appointments.
 - i. Which posts are "officers" and which are the president's staff? Is the distinction important for things like who is covered by our insurance policy? Which posts require approval by the board?
 - ii. Action item: obtain job descriptions from current V.P.s.
 - iii. Action item: request Policy & Governance committee to provide an opinion.
- g. Okun seeks sense of the board for draft contract.
 - i. Discussion tabled, to be continued via email. Okun will proceed if no objections are raised within 10 days.
- h. Okun will attend the Sport Accord World Mind Games in Beijing.
 - i. Pro qualifier tournament: First week of January. No venue yet.
- 5. Election of Board Chair
 - a. **Kirschner nominates Khalsa; Gilman seconds. Kirschner moves nominations be closed; Gilman seconds. Unanimous. Khalsa will be Board Chair for another year.**
- 6. Chapter Rewards discussion
 - a. Not a formal proposal at this point.
 - b. Discussion of fitting this in the budget; not intended to be deficit spending.
 - c. Gilman: perhaps it'd be good to start small and then scale up if it seems to be working.
- 7. Date and time of next meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be on 11/16/2014 at 8PM EST.
- 8. **Lebl moves to adjourn, Celmer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 EDT.**