

AGA Board Meeting, May 17, 2015

Attending:

- Andy Okun, President
- Gurujeet Khalsa, Chairman, Director Eastern Region
- Paul Celmer, Director, Eastern Region
- Edward Zhang, Director at Large
- Martin Lebl, Director, Central Region
- Bob Gilman, Director, Central Region, and Executive VP
- Chris Kirschner, Director, Western Region
- Ted Terpstra, Director, Western Region

Called to order about 6:00 pm Mountain Daylight Time

Approval of March 8 Board minutes deferred

Cuba news briefing -- Bob Gilman

- 4 invitees have been rejected by the US State Department for entry visas; one received a visa last year which is still valid, and he will be the only Cuban attending in St. Paul
- Andy Okun will explore a media release as regards the AGA's efforts to bring Cuban players here. Bob Gilman will assist
- The Ibero-American Championship will likely be held in Havana in October 2015. Relaxed guidelines for US citizens traveling to Cuba will make it somewhat less difficult for US players to participate

President's report

- Secretary candidate has been selected.
- Status of "officers" not listed in by-laws needs clarifications
- List needed of these people and their term of appointment
- Andy will prepare material for next meeting
- Congress 2015
- Preparations seem to be going well
- Sign-ups now behind NYC last year but ahead of Tacoma
- Lee Haijin, Korean pro, to attend. YouTube has Haylee videos, many subscribers, would like to do some sort of YouTube video at Congress
- Nick Sibicky coming also, strong Seattle area player, makes videos for beginners (8,800 subscribers)
- Andy to try to organize something with him at Congress also
- AGA should explore social media like YouTube opportunities -- Andy
- Pro qualification tournament
- Late August appears to be best time
- \$7,000 AGA contribution (org costs + prizes)
- Pro committee hasn't met sent January: will meet soon
- in LA most likely

- Rank certificate program nearing completion (Jon Boley and Chris Kirschner have been working on this)
 - On-line ratings -- progress but completion date not set
 - Reserve investment -- Andy is still working on possibilities
 - Eric Lui going to MLilly Tournament
 - Samsung International tournament will include AGA pros in their invitation
 - Nihon Kiin will invite AGA pros to new event
 - gives formal recognition to pros outside Asia
 - European pros won some games last year
 - Budget
 - Andy will have draft out, will need email discussion
 - Cash situation good overall
 - INAF (Iwamoto North America Foundation)
 - \$2,000,000 in process of investment
 - Board meeting upcoming
 - Looking to get out RFP (on East coast go center)
 - General Discussion
 - Provide certificates of participation for people who attend Congress -- Edward's suggestion - Andy will discuss with Josh Larson
 - Next meeting July 5
- Adjourned 7:21 Mountain time