

AGA Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 04, 2015

Attending

Gurujeeet Khalsa (Eastern Region, Chairman)
Martin Lebl (Central Region)
Chris Kirschner (Western Region)
Ted Terpstra (Western Region)
Bob Gilman (Central Region, Executive Vice President)
Andy Okun (President)

Denis Wheeler
Steve Colburn
Lisa Scott (Volunteer Coordinator, secretary pro tempore)
Stephen Hu
Larry Gross
Andrew Jackson (Vice President of Operations)

Minutes

Session called to order at 3:09pm CDT.

President's Report

1. The membership income is steady and the organization has a surplus.
2. The financial results of the New York Congress were good, and a process is in place for any outstanding bills.
3. The board investment plan for reserves is still in the works.
Approximately \$50,000 will be available for projects valuable to the organization. An operational case reserve of ca. \$130,000 will be maintained. The remainder will be invested and proceeds from this investment will be added to the annual budget.
4. There are 96 chapter members and 2,012 human members. These numbers are fairly stable. The database does not include gender information and the accounts of some deceased members may need to be updated. The Membership Manager is to be upgraded to include fixes to generate needed reports and track new fields such as gender.
5. International Situation Update
 1. The World Mind Sports Games will likely be in Macao in 2016.
 2. On September 25 and 26 the Ing Foundation is holding the four-round Chang Qi Cup in Cambridge, MA (Harvard). There will be an associated amateur, AGA-rated, Ing-sponsored tournament run by the American Collegiate Go Association. The event will include lectures and a large group of visiting Professionals. College organizers may apply for travel funds.
2. Live Video Streaming of games appear to have had substantial success and Andrew Jackson and team are looking at ways to continue to grow

this. Currently revenue options have been turned off on the Youtube channel so as not to turn off potential viewers.

1. The 2015-2016 budget is not yet complete but will be sent to the board soon.
 2. There were four events with qualifier points this year. The intention is to award points year-round, rather than just in the first part of the year with any large tournament (having a top open section without handicaps) earning points. A committee of Chris Kirschner, Andy Okun, and Cherry Shen is to report to the Board with recommendations before the next meeting.
- <end of President's report>

Gilman expresses concern about the implementation of online ratings and asked that the President get the Board an estimate for completion.

Kirschner informs the board that he and Jon Boley have been actively working on an additional algorithm for generating rank certificates but still have a few issues to iron out before making a proposal.

The Board thanks Paul Celmer for his service to the board and welcomes Diego Pierrottet to the board. The Board also congratulates Martin Lebl and Chris Kirschner on their re-election.

The Board agrees that it has been remiss in posting minutes, exacerbated by not having a functioning Secretary. Tepstra volunteers to write small press releases for the E-Journal after each meeting to keep the public up to date. The sense of the Board was that prior minutes should get approved by the next meeting.

There is to be a presentation of the Chapter Rewards program at the Assembly Meeting encouraging Chapters to take advantage of the points earned.

Colburn asks that a previously sent draft policy for privacy be considered by the Board.

Gross asks what the policy is on self-promotion for rating upon entering a tournament. Khalsa clarifies that there is no AGA policy against self-promotion of any kind, but that it is at the discretion of each Tournament Director. Kirschner provides the history of this issue. Self-promotion is a means for improving players to get their rating to move upwards. Jackson offers to submit a proposal to the Board with suggestions for improving the ratings algorithm.

Kirschner reports that the Tournament Director workshop at the Congress had 14 or 15 attendees and that it was successful.

Terpstra is running a children's tournament at the Congress. He asks if a signed release is required for minors' photos to be released. Discussion of what policy is

and should be. The Board suggests that Chris Garlock be consulted as Vice President of Communications.

The next meeting is set for 8pm EDT on Sunday, September 13th.

Kirschner moves to adjourn. Lebl seconds. The motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned at 5:28 CDT.