

AGA Board Meeting Minutes for April 28th, 2019

AGA Board Members Present: Chris Saenz, Lisa Scott, Martin Lebl (AGA Chairman), Gurujeet Khalsa, Steve Colburn, Chris Kirschner, Paul Celmer

Also Present from AGA Administration: Andy Okun (AGA President), Andrew Jackson (AGA VP)

Called to order at 8:09pm EST

- Take notice that February minutes had been provisionally approved last time, with permanent approval if no objection raised by email by next meeting, so approved now.

- President's Report:

- Transatlantic pro tourney going well
- Terry Benson willing continue on Rules committee
- Daniel Ko working well as Treasurer, but might not serve a subsequent term, and nearing end of his two year term
- Signups and preparation for Madison Congress going well, but "who is going" page still not operational. Congress Director is working on it with volunteer in charge of that.
- Membership manager fix essentially done and ready to be rolled out, and if all goes well server switch and roll out will happen in a week or two
- Budget not ready, but days away, President promises it before his Australia trip
- Andy Okun to fill in for Thomas Hsiang at IGF meeting in Australia
- Also to serve as anti-doping officer
- Extended and animated discussion of rank certification, which is nearly ready to go.

Discussion includes discussing publishing explanation of rank vs. rating, and explanation of the rank determination process before the rank certification goes live. Notice is taken that this implementation has been in works for two years, and ranks were under discussion and consideration for decades before that.

- Discussion of the Congress website, promotion, registration stats. Agreed to update website, E-Journal, and Facebook with notification that registration is indeed open and ongoing.

- Motion to discuss board communication policy in executive session – Lisa moves, Paul seconds, all ayes

Enter executive session at 8:49pm EST

Exit executive session at 9:08pm EST – Steve moves, Lisa seconds, all ayes

- Discussing timeliness of meeting agendas, and of how and when they are posted, with two weeks in advance on the website being the general consensus

- Discussing Paul's proposal of AGA subsidies for clubs bringing in pros for teaching and events, as has been AGA policy in the past. Paul suggest up to thousand, and Lisa suggest perhaps less. Notice is taken that the rewards program has around thirty thousand in the President's discretionary funds, which could be used for trial run of such subsidies before implementing it as a budget line item program. Paul agrees to write up proposal for the trial run.

- Future meetings set for May 19th, 2019 and June 9th, 2019 subject to the availability of the AGA

Secretary. Lisa to check with Samantha on her availability.

- Steve mentions Citileague final that will be broadcast by Michael Wanek as a point of interest to be watched and promoted. During discussion notice is taken that Pandanet is now preferable to the obsolete, but common usage IGS for Pandanet services.

- Steve moves to adjourn, Paul seconds, all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm EST