

# MINUTES OF THE AGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Sunday, 30 April 2006, 7 PM, EST

Attending: Bob Barber, Jeff Shaevel, Willard Haynes, Roy Laird, Allan Abramson, Mike Lash

Not attending: Yuan Zhou, Mike Bull

### 1. President's report

#### a. Discussion of lng budget

- o Should we move the \$6,000 as reserve for the Summer Go Camps out of the lng budget?

- o Roy – OK to treat this as we treat the Congresses, eg, if there is a shortfall, then we will help out, but no need to show it here: if needed, take it out of reserves

- o All agreed to this

- o Should we apply this \$6,000 to fund foreign pro teachers to tour the US?

- o Jeff – Why foreign pros?

- o Roy – Either foreign or domestic pros would be acceptable. What about local matching funds?

- o Jeff – Have locals submit proposals?

- o Mike – Allocate funding by region? → Roy – See no need for this

- o Allan – Against using such funds for foreign pros; we need to support our domestic pros; also, we should focus this money on teaching youth only, consistent with the purposes of the lng grant; also, should be soft on matching fund requirements – solicit proposals from locals and pros, and then evaluate

- o All agreed with Allan's position; Mike will draft an announcement and funding guidelines for Board review

#### b. Overall budget discussion (including new Pair Go funds)

- o Operational budget – Allan suggested "surplus" instead of "profits" from the Congress => Agreed

- o Reserves – Roy suggested moving the \$5,000 Congress reserve to the operational budget, showing it as an advance and as a reimbursement: no net cost => Agreed

- o Roy noted that the regional teaching workshops item overlaps the pro travel item, and asked if we would fund amateur teachers' travel

- o Willard observed that this is not a lot of money

- o Roy added that some form of local match is needed
- o Mike asked the Board to approve the concept, and he would take a month to develop guidelines for the program
- o Roy did not want to fund programs out of reserves, and suggested that the reserves were best spent on investing in growth and development; Jeff agreed with Roy
- o Roy then suggested that if a local club signed up 10 new members, then they could qualify for a workshop; he added that the threshold could be a percentage increase instead of an absolute number
- o Willard objected to this as hurting established clubs
- o The Board agreed to take another month to consider this item, and will send Mike comments within a week

o Willard then moved approval of the budget, consistent with this discussion. Roy seconded, and the budget was approved unanimously.

c. Other items from the President

- o Summer Go Camp policy: Roy moved approval, seconded by Willard, and approved by the Board unanimously

2. Old Business

- a. Initial discussion of IT issues (Jeff): deferred for lack of time

3. New Business

- a. Status of marketing ideas (Allan): nothing to report
- b. Dues discussion: deferred for lack of time
- c. Nakayama honors: Bob will contact Yoshi for ideas, and report next time
- d. TD Guide/Manual

- o Bob noted that Ken Koester has put a lot of work into it

- o Jeff said that Ken owns his work

- o Agreed to defer discussion, with further research and communication before the next meeting

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4. Open discussion: None

5. Adjournment: Move by Roy, seconded by Willard, approved by all. The Board then moved to a closed session on personnel issues.