

Draft Minutes, AGA General Assembly, August 10, 2013

1. Roll Call

- Willard Haynes, Davis Sacramento, 4
- Greg Smith, Central Mississippi Go Club, 1
- Judith Debel, Seattle Go Club, 10
- Terry Benson, Brooklyn Go Club, 3
- Andrew Jackson, Blacksburg go club,
- Jill Curtis
- Josh Larson, Twin Cities, 4
- Tim Hoyle
- Moon Ki Cho, Evanston & Schaumburg Go Club, 7
- James Sedgwick
- Brian Allen
- Ted Terpstra, San Deigo Go club, 3
- James Pinkerton, Greater Washington
- Brian McDonald
- Lisa Scott
- Arnold Eudell, Baltimore Go Club, 3
- Terri Schurter, Wings, 2
- Peter Baker,
- Gurujeet Khalsa, XYZ Go Club, 3
- Garret Smith, Nova, 5
- Mathew Hershberger, Gotham Go Group, 5
- Eric Jankowski
- Martin Lebl, Arizona Go Club, 4
- Andy Okun, Santa Monica Go Club,
- Daniel Smith

1. Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM PDT, the above being present.
2. **Greg Smith moved to table the approval of minutes to the end of the session, Haynes seconds. Unanimous.**
3. President's report.
 - a. Organization is financially solvent. Membership slightly declined, as did tournaments. New pair go coordinator is doing great. Greg Smith is new chapter coordinator: much energy has gone to strong player stuff; we'll continue this, but we want to do more for "regular" players. Greg has conducted a new survey of chapters, and will do more in the future.
 - i. Q: Current membership?
 1. Okun: on the order of 2,200.
 - b. Pro System
 - i. Q: Rate of new pros?
 1. Okun: Probably not more than one per year.

- ii. Q: Would you certify new pros even if they are weaker than existing pros?
 - 1. Okun: Probably not if that would cause derision to the system. But expect new pros to be stronger each year for the foreseeable future.
 - iii. Q: Perhaps a ten-game series between our pros? With game fees? So they could perhaps earn additional ranks?
 - 1. Okun: there is an idea about perhaps using some funds from teaching to provide modest game fees to our pros.
 - iv. (Discussion about prize money, game fees, pros, strong players, and the major tournaments.)
 - v. Q: Next objective for our pros?
 - 1. Okun: Results in Asian tournaments. Local titles. Promotion policies; it'd be nice to have "American 2p" mean something. They can teach.
 - c. International
 - i. Some tournaments have gone away, some new ones appeared. Eric Lui got into the Samsung.
 - ii. Sport accord mind games are happening in December for the 3rd year in a row; we're sending 4 people to that.
 - iii. We are consistently told things (invitations, etc) very late.
 - d. Operations
 - i. Many thanks to Jared Beck for his great work on the go congress website, and for making everything go smoothly.
 - ii. Thanks to Frank Lam for submitting new working code to the AGAGD. Hopefully it will be ready to go soon.
 - e. Youth
 - i. Pilot program in two schools, we'd like to expand it to two more schools in the Fall.
 - ii. AGF is active, raising about \$35,000 per year. \$10,000 to scholarships, \$17,000 to equipment. Getting more copies of Hikaru No Go into libraries.
 - f. Communications
 - i. We're now reissuing our informational items on Facebook.
 - g. Fundraising and Marketing
 - i. Thanks to Peter Freedman for running the marketing committee. We've gotten a few sponsorships, the most notable being Pandanet.
 - ii. Barnes and Noble is distributing a go set with our logo. We may be able to work with them in the future.
 - h. Treasurer's Report
 - i. (Discussion about ongoing inventory of AGA property.)
- 4. Future Congress Discussion
 - a. Vancouver team couldn't quite make it work.
 - b. Some people in NY stepped up, Matthew Hershberger and Yingzhi Qian.
 - c. Future congress meeting was well attended; we have plan B and plan C for this and the next congresses.

5. 2014 Congress Presentation
 - a. Possible Venue in West Chester (SUNY). Continuing to search for a better venue, but going ahead with this one.
 - b. Biggest asset is great local support in NY.
 - c. (Plan B: Chicago. Plan C: Minneapolis. Plan D: random hotel.)
 - d. Khalsa moves to approve Plan A, and to permit the President to explore, execute, and sign contracts as necessary for Plans B-D. Greg Smith seconds. Gotham Go Group abstains, all others vote in favor. Motion passes.**
6. New Business
 - a. Haynes moves that board assemble a list of additional services to be provided solely to AGA members, Debel seconds. Unanimous.**
7. Approval of minutes.
 - a. Greg Smith moves to approve the minutes, Khalsa seconds. Minutes approved without objection.**
8. Adjournment
 - a. Larson moves to adjourn. Approved without objection. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM PDT.