

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Irish Go Association

Wednesday, October 21st, Larry Murphys.

Members present: Ian Davis, Eoghan Barry, Arthur Cater, John Gibson, Noel Mitchell, Olivier Deme

Minutes of the previous AGM were read.

Treasurers report was presented and accepted. Income exceeded expenditure by over €400, association agreed to be in good financial health.

President's report presented verbally and accepted. Production of newsletter, expansion of Belfast Go Club.

Secretary's report presented verbally. Reorganisation of website, development of mailing list.

Top 8 - decision to hold an opening weekend tournament, with four rounds to be played. Possibility of optional fifth round mooted. Four places to be filled from previous Top 8, remaining four to be filled from Ladder. Principle deemed retroactive i.e. John Gibson should have replaced Stephen Flinter when he dropped out, John to receive 1 WAGC Point by default. Date set for weekend of 16th/17th January. Noel to seek gratis (or very cheap) room in hotel. Adjudication of outstanding games in 2009 Top 8, and settling of positions. Deadline for completion of Top 8 to be the close of the Irish Open - draw to be fixed if necessary to permit pairings to double up for both competitions. Rank requirement for Top 8 to be dropped. Deadlines for play-offs to be rigorously enforced. No WAGC points to be awarded to anyone who fails to complete 50% of their games.

Korean PM's Cup - Olivier went to Korea. Likelihood of no transport sponsorship for future tournaments, assistance to be offered to candidates on a case by case basis. Potential for sponsorship from companies?

Oromedia - content to be generated quarterly, Ian to oversee.

Online Interprovincials - to be held on KGS, 3 players per team, all play all, captains to be found.

Newsletter - better distribution to be organized, hard copy distribution deemed unnecessary.

IGA Shop - acquire a small number of sets for resale.

Direction of IGA - service existing go-playing population or seek to expand player base? Pursue connections with embassies, seek links on embassy and local Asian community websites (John, Ian, Noel, Olivier to pursue) including 0086.ie. Foster relations with chess clubs, other games clubs as potential sources of new members.

More small-scale tournaments to be held in Dublin - Eoghan to organise.

Elections - officers re-elected unopposed: Ian Davis (President), Eoghan Barry (Secretary), Arthur Cater (Treasurer). Ordinary committee members - Rory Wales, Noel Mitchell, Colin MacSweeney, Olivier Deme

Irish Go Congress - Eoghan to be Tournament Director. Improved efforts to publicize tournament online and at tournaments abroad.

Committee emails - Ian to contact Steve re adding Rory and Colin to committee redirect.

Clubs - Cork suffering in absence of Stephen Curran, no enthusiastic student presence to drive UCC club. Galway likely to suffer with Claas on sabbatical. Belfast solid but members should be encouraged to compete in IGA competitions e.g. ladder/Top 8.

Meeting dissolved into general gossip and revelry.