

Executive Summary:

The board received status updates on Go Congress planning for 2020 and on the progress of fixing the membership manager. The board approved money for a deposit on the 2020 Go Congress venue.

AGA Board Meeting Minutes 11/11/2018

In Attendance:

Lisa Scott
Samantha Fede
Chris Kirschner
Martin Lebl
Steve Colburn
Paul Celmer
Gurjeet Khalsa
Andy Okun

Absent:

Chris Saenz

Meeting called to order at 8:08pm EST

Approval of September Minutes:

Unanimous approval of minutes pending gurujeeet not having any issues with it-- previously he missed them being sent out so he didn't review it prior to meeting.

President's report:

- Working on organizing pro tournaments
- Notes that there is a new 3 kingdoms video game that features go prominently, and that it may be an opportunity for reaching new players or otherwise we could take it and maybe we can turn it into something.

Update on go congress 2020 [from Lisa]:

This is the next Colorado congress. The directors are great and doing great work. 2 possible locations: Ft. Collins & Estes Park. contracts still need to be finalized, but we know there are some price differences between the two. A summary of the pros and cons... Estes is further away from the airport, Ft. Collins has nicer rooms but is more expensive.

Martin: Are there differences in sizes of venues?

Lisa: CSU-Ft.Collins is about as big a venue as new york. In addition to dorms, there are some hotel options for rooms. Estes Park, we would still need to figure things out about the exact rooms. It's a YMCA camp like Black Mountain (NC). There are newer and older options there--

older rooms are more flexible but newer rooms may be more appropriate for our needs. Both have plenty of facilities and we toured them in August.

Andy: Would 30-40k approval be sufficient for the deposit at either?

Lisa: Yes, but may be more than necessary right now

Chris: Is there a lock on prices for the venues?

Lisa: There will be before any deposit is given.

Chris: The venues will give estimates to include av etc? Not just rooms.

Lisa: Yes, although notably CSU has been less clear.

Andy: We'll have to have a final approval of contract, but it may be quick turn around [so that's why we should approve the deposit amount, if possible, today].

Lisa: The deposit could be more like 3k, but we just don't know yet.

Paul motions to approve deposit up to 40k. Gurujeet seconds. Unanimous approval.

Membership Manager Update:

Steve: Michael has presented me a partially functioning membership manager. The biggest remaining thing is api paypal integration, need information from Roy before we can do that. I've been trying to contact him but we've been playing phone tag.

Andy: In terms of other options for new membership managers, due to illness etc, no progress has been made. I will have more progress next year.

New Business:

Steve: Pandanet-AGA City League starts soon.

Andy: Will there be an EJ story?

Steve: It's going out tomorrow.

Andy: Are there any notable teams this year?

Steve: There's a bay area team with professional players this year, including Mingjiu Jiang. Overall, there are 7-8 pros registered.

Scheduling:

Dec meeting: 12/16/2018

Jan meeting: 1/13/2019

Lisa motions to adjourn, Chris seconds, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm EST.