

MINUTES
AGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, April 22, 2007 – 8:00 PM EST

Meeting called to order by: Willard Haynes at 8:05 EDT
Type of meeting: Regular monthly conference call
Secretary: Pauline Pohl

Attendees:

Paul Celmer (Eastern Region)
Chuck Robbins (Eastern Region)
Robert Barber (Central Region)
Roy Schmidt (Central Region)
Willard Haynes (Western Region)
Gordon Castanza (Western Region)
Mike Lash (President)
Pauline Pohl (Secretary)

Absent: Roy Laird (At Large) Chairman

1. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Action items: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2007 meeting
Motion- Gordon Castanza
Second- Robert Barber
Approved unanimously

2. President's Report-Mike Lash

a) 2008 Budget

Mike Lash explained his proposed budget. He proposed modestly increasing spending for the Go Yearbook in part because it attracted so much positive response this year. In the process it earned some advertising revenue and he expects it to perform even better this year. He proposed increasing the budget for the President to allow him to respond more quickly to unexpected opportunities for travel for himself or others, awards, prizes, invitations, special events, etc..
Robert Barber made a motion to approve the proposed 2008 budget.
Gordon Castanza seconded the motion.
Willard Haynes asked if there was further discussion.

Paul Celmer asked why the budget had increased from \$75,000 to \$88,000. Lash explained that the main increase is due to the more income expected from the AGA investments plus \$2000 from yearbook ad income. On the expense side, \$8500 is being allocated to upgrade the AGA web site. There was some discussion about whether to include the entire cost this year or to spread it out evenly over the next few years. The Board decided that this detail could be decided later and they voted on the budget as proposed. The Board voted 6:0 to approve the proposed 2008 budget.

b) 2008 Ing Budget

Mike Lash reported that with program grants being approved again by the Ing Foundation, we will resume planning for specific programs based on this assumption. The programs are only those included in the grant applications and we don't necessarily need to continue planning on using AGA reserves for them if they are not funded.

c) Tournaments

USYGC

Mike Lash said he will be traveling to Seattle for the championship match in the US Youth Go Tournament.

NAIM Championship

We are gathering candidates for the qualifiers and have 4 interested hosts so far. There are 2 volunteer venues in the east and west, but none in the central region. We may need to add an internet qualifier or more events on both coasts.

d) Safety and Security Policy

Mike Lash reported that he will be getting expert advice on developing a Safety and Security Policy for the AGA. He will send it to The Board when he has a proposal.

e) Personnel

Lash confirmed that the transition of the Treasurer position from Ulo Tamm to Adam Bridges is scheduled to occur June 1. Mr. Bridges has much to do before then and Lash hopes that the transition will occur without much delay.

3. Rank Certification

Postponed until next meeting.

4. New Business

Mike Lash reported that there an individual Chinese is trying to organize a visit by Chinese professionals but that they are not necessarily those chosen by the Chinese

Wei Chi Association to represent China at the US Go Congress. They may be attending a local event in New York and looking for places to stay and teach go for a month or so prior to the Congress. This may be a problem, because there are only two Chinese professionals invited, and Lash is still awaiting clarification on the selections from the Chinese Wei Chi Association.

5. Schedule next monthly Meeting and Adjournment

The next monthly Board meeting will be held Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 8:00 PM EDT.

Robert Barber moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Celmer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 PM EDT.

Submitted by: Pauline Pohl, AGA Secretary