

## **Minutes of SAGA Council meeting Held on MSN on 13 January 2010 at 19h15**

*Background information on various points included in the agenda.*

Present: Chris Welsh, Steve Kroon, Andrew Davies, Andre Connell

Apologies: Ben Gale

Absent: Lloyd Rubidge

### Adoption of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 14/10/2009 were adopted without objections. [Proposed: Chris; Seconded: Steve]

### Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for 7 April 2010. Steve is to follow up on whether Wednesdays are suitable for everyone before proposing dates for the next meeting.

### Portfolio reports

Treasurer had nothing to report.

Membership secretary was absent.

Tournaments reported: 2010 Tournament calendar has been released, SA Open, World Pair Go Champs, and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Internet are in the process of being organized.

### **Reports on completed items from previous meetings:**

The completed items in the agenda were noted.

### **Unresolved items from previous meetings:**

#### No. 308: Bank signatories

Andre reported that no progress had been made.

#### No. 408: WMSG

Chris reported that no progress had been made.

#### No. 1008: Jaco Swanepoel's money owing

Steve reported that Jaco has not responded to his emails, and that he will try to phone him next.

#### No. 1208: SAGA's strategy and financial planning

Chris reported that no progress had been made.

#### No. 1508: Commemoration of Julius Paulu

Chris reported that he'd spoken to Paul Edwards, who said the anonymous donor of the trophy had not gotten back to him, and he did not expect him to. As such, the decision as to how best to use the trophy is in the hands of the council. It is thus agreed that the African Players' trophy will be renamed in honour of Julius Paulu.

#### No. 409: Resolving credit points mess

Steve reported that the preliminary WAGC points for 2009 had been posted, and the tentative final points were available and subject to appeal until 27 January. Welile was noted in the announcement as having second place for 2010.

#### No. 509: Maintenance of membership list

There was no update from Ben.

#### No. 709: Modifications to WAGC

The proposed formula change was passed unanimously.

#### No. 909: Soweto initiative

There was no update from Ben.

#### No. 1109: Allowing non-SA citizens to play in the SA Closed

Andre indicated that he had contacted the strong players to encourage them to participate. It was agreed that no further action would be taken officially.

#### **New items:**

#### No. 1409: MOU with CyberOro

After some discussion, it was agreed that the requirements of CyberOro, coupled with the demands on the council members, the relatively modest reward for news, and the lack of an active volunteer, were enough reason to turn the proposal down. However, it was agreed that Chris would contact Diana Koszegi to indicate why we were turning the offer down, and indicating how we could help them (e.g. they are free to use material posted on the SAGoClubs website, preferably with suitable attribution). Chris also indicated he would liaise with Chris Garlock (via Andrew Davies) to promote Go news in the AGA email newsletter.

#### No. 110: African Qualifiers for World Pair Go Championship

After quite a debate, it was decided that it would not be fair to demand that prize money for the tournament should go to SAGA. Instead, it was decided that in future, all SA representatives at tournaments which they can attend due to our status as an IGF member would be contacted, informed of the benefit that IGF membership by SAGA provides them, and mentioning that (anonymous) donations of any amount to help cover the cost of IGF memberships would be appreciated.

#### No. 210: SAGA memberships and the SA Closed

About half the meeting was taken up by discussion of this topic. Before it was agreed to vote,

Andre had to leave, so that there was no longer a quorum. Details of the discussion are available in the chat transcript.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Matters arising:

*African Qualifier for World Pair Go Championship:* Chris asked to put a thank-you on record to Steve and Andrew for their swift effort with the WPGC qualifier organization.