

Minutes of SAGA Council meeting Held on MSN on 16 May 2011 at 19h15

Background information on various points included in the agenda.

Present: John Leuner, Paul Steyn, Steve Kroon, Francois van Niekerk, David Richfield, Lloyd Rubidge

Adoption of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 17/1/2011 were adopted without objections. [Proposed: Steve; Seconded: Paul]

Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for 18 July 2011 on Google Talk.

Portfolio reports

Treasurer's report: John reported that he was still waiting for Andre w.r.t. the financial statements and treasurer's report.

Membership secretary's report: Paul reported that the list on the website is now mostly up to date, with 37 members. He is collecting contact details of members to give to the AGA for their members-only edition of their newsletter. There was some discussion, and it was recommended that we give members a chance to opt-out before having their e-mail address given to the AGA.

Tournaments: Francois had nothing to report.

Reports on completed items from previous meetings:

The following completed item was reported:

No. 1008: Jaco Swanepoel's money owing

Unresolved items from previous meetings:

No. 308: Bank signatories

John reported that he now has access to the current account, but there are other accounts that he believes only Paul Edwards, Sakkie Buys, and Leander Gaum still have access to. It was agreed that John would make a list of the different accounts and who has access to them on the wiki, and we would discuss the way forward from there.

No. 408: WMSG

David reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 1208: SAGA's strategy and financial planning

David reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 1508: Commemoration of Julius Paulu

David reported that the trophy had been engraved with the commemoration and awarded at the 2011 SA Open in Soweto.

No. 509: Maintenance of membership list

This item was mostly accidentally passed over in the discussion. Status at the meeting on 17/1/11 was:

David has shared the Google document with the council members. However, the document and the membership page on the website are still not up to date. Paul had problems editing the page on the website, but hopefully they have now been solved.

There was no news on the bulkSMS, or progress on the development design and work to be done with Chris and David on a longer-term solution to membership management.

What we determined during the meeting:

The website's membership list is mostly up to date. SMSing members using a bulk service is possible, but not particularly cost-effective.

No. 909: Soweto initiative

David reported that Welile had submitted a proposal to him which would entail him teaching Go at 5 schools, one afternoon per school per week, with a total budget of R20000 for one year. Of this, Welile would receive R1000 per month in remuneration – his hours were not specified. Although there was interest in supporting this from the development fund, concerns were raised about the sustainability of this, as well as the lack of details. It was also queried whether a sponsor might be found for such an initiative. It was decided that David would put the proposal on the wiki, and we would discuss it further once this was done and the financial statements were up to date to give us financial clarity.

No. 110: African Qualifiers for World Pair Go Championship

David reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 410: Communication from Victor Chow, 7 May 2010

John reported that this had been partially resolved. John is to conclude this item by going through the records to see how the IGF membership was paid for each year, and if there are any amounts still owing to anybody.

No. 810: Inter-country tournaments

David reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 910: Liaison with cultural divisions

David reported there had been no progress on this item.

New items:

1.11: Letter to European Go Federation

It was agreed in principle that we support applying for admission to the EGF. David is to complete drafting the letter on the Wiki, and give people sufficient opportunity to give feedback by keeping them updated on the SAGACouncil mailing list.

2.11: Email from Yuki Shigeno

It was decided that the tournament portfolio would be responsible for this, and would begin by contacting Yuki to find out about the broken links in the email.

Matters arising:

1. David Richfield pointed out he could not access the post box any more, and he can't go to the relevant in office hours to resolve the issue. David said he'd find someone at the Go club to resolve the issue.
2. It was discussed whether we need to engrave trophy winners' names on the trophies. Once it was established that this had been standard practice until now, it was decided to continue with the status quo. John has given the trophies to Paul Edwards to get the engraving done.