

Minutes of SAGA Council meeting Held on Google Talk on 16 January 2012 at 19h15

Background information on various points included in past agendas.

Present: Steve Kroon, Francois van Niekerk, David Richfield, Lloyd Rubidge (arrived after commencement of the meeting), Paul Steyn.

Apologies: David Richfield

Adoption of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 3/10/2011 were taken as read without objections. [Proposed: Steve; Seconded: John]

Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 19h15 on 2 April 2012 on Google Talk.

Portfolio reports

Treasurer's report: Nothing major to report, beside news on agenda items.

Membership secretary's report: Paul reported that we have 30 members for 2012. He has sent the membership list to Lloyd to arrange subscription for the AGA newsletter. He also reported that he has almost completed the calculation of the 2011 credit points.

Tournaments: Francois reported that the 4th Quarter Internet Tournament had run successfully, and that SAGA's 2012 tournament calendar with proposed dates for local events has been released. Stellenbosch is the only club to confirm their tournament date. He also reported that he still has not received responses to calls for organizers of the Pretoria and Joburg Opens. There has also not been progress on the Soweto Open. A closer problem is that we still do not have a host for the SA Open, currently scheduled for the end of February. A suggestion was made that John try to get the Pretoria and/or Joburg clubs to host the SA Open, and that we try to encourage David and Welile to arrange a Soweto Open. This suggestion was to address the concern that there are not yet any confirmed qualifiers for the 2012 SA Closed in Gauteng. Steve also raised the point that we should be investigating the likely provincial split for the SA Closed in terms of travel costs.

Francois also reported that he is liaising with Paul Edwards about getting the trophies engraved, but has not been able to make much progress on this yet, since it's not a high priority for Paul. Steve suggested that perhaps David could organize this. No progress on the setting up of new tournament regulations and guidelines was reported.

Reports on completed items from previous meetings:

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

Details in agenda

Reports on new completed items:

None.

Unresolved items from previous meetings:

No. 1208: SAGA's strategy and financial planning

No report, David not present.

No. 509: Maintenance of membership list

Paul reported that he has a complete list for 2012 so far, and he will soon be updating the website list (which is already almost up to date) and the Google Docs spreadsheet (which is not). He also reported that he had started a wiki page for discussing the proposed new membership database.

No report from David, not present.

No. 909: Soweto initiative

No report, David not present. However, progress is being made, as evidenced by emails sent by David to the SAGACouncil mailing list in the interim. We postponed making a decision on supporting this project, since we still do not have clarity on our financial situation.

No. 110: African Qualifiers for World Pair Go Championship

John reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 810: Inter-country tournaments

Francois reported there had been no progress on this item.

No. 910: Liaison with cultural divisions

No report, David not present.

1.11: Letter to European Go Federation

No report, David not present.

3.11: Access to bank accounts and investments

John reported he has obtained and is working through SAGA's mail. He must still speak to Andre and/or Sakkie to get clarity on the allocation of accounts to SAGA's various earmarked funds, such as the development fund.

5.11: Policy for SA Closed flights

There was no progress on this item, since we first need the most recent financial statements.

6.11: South African Rengo Tournament

The tournament has been added to the 2012 tournament calendar and Francois will organize it.

7.11: Southern Hemisphere representation at SportAccord World Mind Games

This item is still waiting on the completion of item 1.11.

New items:

None.

Matters arising:

1. Steve noted that the WMSG is unlikely to happen in 2012, as per the IGF AGM minutes.
2. Paul asked how much work had been done in seeking sponsorship. Steve suggested that not much had been done, but David would probably have been the most involved and would be able to say which avenues have been explored. Some sponsorship options were mentioned, but no one was explicitly tasked with following up on them. However, we would support anyone who wishes to do so on our behalf.
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1.12: African Oza Floating trophy

Steve proposed that the African Oza floating trophy, which has been won all 4 times in the past by Victor Chow, be given to Victor Chow permanently. This was accepted unanimously. (Francois and Steve pointed out that the result of the last Oza must first still be engraved on the trophy.)