

Minutes of SAGA Council meeting Held on MSN on 11 February 2009 at 19h15

Background information on various points included in the agenda.

Present: Chris Welsh, Steve Kroon, Andre Connell, Andries Kruger, Andrew Davies, Ben Gale

Adoption of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 12/11/2008 were adopted without objections.

Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for 1 April 2009

Reports on completed items

No 2008: A call for membership has been sent out by Andre, and joining procedures have been put on the website by Steve.

Unresolved items from previous meetings:

No. 308: Bank signatories

Andre reported that no progress had been made.

No. 408: WMSG

Chris pointed out a draft was posted on the wiki on 22 October, but there had been very limited response. It was decided to put out another call for comments with a deadline, after which Chris would formulate a draft for us to vote on.

No. 708: Tiebreakers for SA Closed

Chris requested the item be removed, as he no longer thought it was worth the effort to have it changed. Everyone agreed.

No. 1008: Jaco Swanepoel's money owing

Steve reported that discussions with Sakkie were still in progress.

No. 1208: SAGA's strategy and financial planning

Chris reported that no progress had been made.

No. 1408: Letter regarding qualification for World Oza

Steve reported the letter had been updated, addresses for the relevant Go associations in Africa, Oceania, and rest-of-Asia had been obtained, and SAGA's address had been verified to be the same PO Box on the old letterhead and correspondence. We need to set up a letterhead for SAGA using the new logo and address, and then send the letters next, and followup with the Nihon Ki-in thereafter.

Steve said the latest draft is on the wiki if anyone wants to comment on it.

No. 1508: Commemoration of Julius Paulu

Andre reported that discussions with Sakkie were still in progress. Chris asked about the exact new name for the trophy, since new engraving will be needed. Julius Paulu African Player's Trophy was accepted without objection, but must still be accepted by the secret sponsor.

No. 1608: WMSG Admin fees

Steve reported that Carle's father has repaid some of the money, but not all of it. Ben indicated he still needed to verify who had and who hadn't paid of the other WMSG representatives.

New items:

No. 109: Embassy invitations

It was decided that in the case of such invitations, the President may use his discretion to select a representative to send in his stead. As a guideline, it was recommended the President should select from (in order) council members, honorary members, and SAGA members who are strong Go players.

No. 209: Lifetime memberships

After a bit of disagreement, it was decided to scrap this item to allow those in favour the opportunity to address various concerns raised (mainly with respect to administering them, and possible changes needed to the SAGA constitution) before proposing lifetime memberships again if they desire.

No. 309: Suggestions for 2010 SA Open

The council members seemed positive about the overall idea of hosting the SA Open at the Nanhua temple. It was decided that SAGA's tournament representative should encourage Victor and other players from the Joburg/Pretoria clubs to arrange a bid to host the 2010 SA Open using this venue.

Correspondence:

None

Matters arising:

None

Portfolio reports on other pending issues:

None