

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Go Club

Held: Saturday the third of May, 2014, after round two of the Queensland Open in room 430 of the Joyce Ackroyd Building, Blair Drive, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Queensland 4067.

Present: Horatio Davis, Andrew Gray, Bill Leveritt, David Schofield, Rodney Topor, Carlos Alperin, Edwin Clarke, Markus Pache, Jason Mackay-Dwyer, Kevin Oh, Sungho Chung, Mark Bell, Kevin Jiang, Shiori Mukoyama, Dominick Chan, Matthew Crossman, Yoko Usami.

Present by proxy: Erli Qiu.

Present and not voting: Yanis Pache (junior), Ravi Pache (junior)

Apologies: Cecil Kuo, Larry Wen, Andrew Lewis

Chair: Mark Bell

Minutes secretary: Horatio Davis

Meeting called to order at 12:24pm.

Minutes of the 2013 annual general meeting of the Brisbane Go Club, having been circulated in writing beforehand, were accepted by acclamation.

Mark Bell gave a report on the events of the year since the last Queensland Open and general meeting, being:

- a) the successful disincorporation of the club under the Incorporated Associations Act of Queensland, and temporary re-establishment under the original constitution of 2007 (the certificate of same from the Office of Fair Trading Queensland being duly tabled).
- b) the successful Gold Coast Classic tournament held at Helensvale by Erli Qiu and Yoko Usami of the Gold Coast Go Club in November 2013.
- c) the relocation of the weekly Tuesday evening meeting, which has been occurring since 1978, to the Go Lounge at Stones Corner, which is very glad to host us.

Horatio Davis gave a report on the outcome of the constitutional working group authorized by resolution the general meeting of 10 March 2013, being composed of Mark Bell representing the club committee of 2013, Andrew Lewis and Horatio Davis. The remit of this working group was to write a permanent constitution for the Brisbane Go Club, and it met by email and in person at tournaments.

Horatio Davis presented the attached constitution in fifteen clauses as the outcome of that working group. The proposal was to split the Brisbane Go Club into a state body for go in Queensland (governed by an elected general secretary and a council of chapters) and individual chapters of that body. The chapters would meet weekly or monthly to play go, and the Queensland Go Society would meet annually to conduct the Queensland State Go Championships.

Some debate ensued as to whether this was too much structure, not enough structure, or the right structure.

Mark Bell then moved **that the constitution of the new Queensland Go Society be adopted in its entirety as the basis of a replacement body, subject to the following:**

- i. **all the transitional provisions of clause 14 of the QGS Constitution be adopted, in particular:**

- a. **The existing Gold Coast Go Club (at Helensvale) is a founding chapter of the society.**
 - b. **The existing Brisbane Go Club (at Greenslopes) is a founding chapter of the society.**
 - c. **Cecil Kuo 2d is the initial and only life member of the society.**
 - d. **Any competitor at the 2014 Queensland State Go Championships will, after the adoption of this constitution by the BGC General Meeting, be considered a voting member of the society.**
 - e. **All the cash assets, boards, stones, clocks and sundry other equipment belonging to the Brisbane Go Club before this constitution was adopted, will afterwards belong to the society.**
- ii. **that the initial council of the QGS review after three months whether any further alterations to the constitution were in the best interests of Queensland Go.**

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote of all 2013 members of the Brisbane Go Club there present. The Queensland Go Society having been duly formed, the Brisbane Go Club federated into it as the Brisbane chapter of the society, and the transfer of all assets from the BGC to the QGS having been authorized, the members then proceeded to general business.

The minutes secretary noted that the voting membership of the QGS was all go players now present and competing in the ongoing tournament.

The chair declared the position of general secretary of the Queensland Go Society vacant and called for nominations. Horatio Davis nominated Mark Bell for general secretary. The nomination was seconded by Andrew Gray and accepted by Mark Bell (he noted he would only be willing to serve for one year). There being no other nominations, Mark Bell was elected unopposed.

The new secretary of the Queensland Go Society noted that the Gold Coast Go Club had already decided to retain its president, Erli Qiu, as chapter convenor, and that the chapter convenor of the Brisbane Go Club would be Horatio Davis unless the chapter objected.

Horatio Davis moved **that the meeting resolve to authorize the general secretary and council to open a bank account for the Society with one to sign and at least two signatories, with the choice of institution and other arrangements left to the discretion of the general secretary or delegate.**

During the ensuing debate, it was explained that the intent was to have a bank account which could be transacted from using a debit card and online banking, and that no bank would open such an account with two to sign.

The meeting thereupon passed the resolution nemo contra.

The meeting noted with approval offers by Mark Bell to hold a go day/tournament at his farm in the Conondale Ranges, and by Erli Qiu to hold a similar event at the Gold Coast.

The meeting selected Horatio Davis as tournament director for the 2015 Queensland Open by acclamation and decided that next year's Queensland Championships would be in Brisbane between February and April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.

Attested as a true and accurate record of the last general meeting of the Brisbane Go Club and the first general meeting of the Queensland Go Society by:

Mark Russell Bell
QGS General Secretary, 2014-2015 and meeting chair

Aguido Horatio Davis
minutes secretary