

**DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**
Registration No. A0029615P

2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 10/04/04 at Melbourne Boys High School, Melbourne, Victoria.

1. Meeting

The Secretary, Mr. Craig Sedgwick (chairing the meeting as nominated by the President who was unable to attend) opened the meeting at 1:30pm and welcomed all members present. 15 members were present at the meeting. Proxies for Brett Chatterton and James Millington were held by Craig Sedgwick. Proxies for Grant Steel and Geoff Kerr were held by Sean Colman.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of the 2003 DAANZ AGM

James Bounsall proposed that the minutes of the 2003 DAANZ AGM be accepted without amendment. Seconded by Robert Hadley. The motion was carried.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2003 DAANZ AGM

No matters arising.

5. President's Report

There was no Presidents report presented.

6. Finances / Secretary's Report

Craig Sedgwick presented the following:

Run-through of the incomings and outgoings for 2003 (NOTE – the full financial statement for 2003 and budget for 2004 will be made available on the website and are also available from the Secretary).

At the beginning of 2003 we had \$1,827.30 in the bank, and at the end we had \$1,439.99, for a loss over the year of \$387.31. Budget for 2004 in for expected incomes of \$600, with all tournaments expected to be paying their affiliation fees this year. This is based on changes the Exec have made to the way affiliation fee's are calculated and paid and is covered in the minutes of the latest Exec meeting (also available on the website). Outgoings are expected to be no more than \$470, for a planned excess of income over expenditure of \$130.

In general our expenses are staying pretty level. We have lowered our bank balance a little, but with no major expenses planned or foreseen this does not seem to be an issue.

Frank Meerbach proposed that the report be accepted and this was seconded by George Smirnow. The motion was carried.

7. Election of Officers

President – Will Black – nominated by Sean Colman and seconded by Quentin Ball

Secretary – Craig Sedgwick – nominated by Tristan Lee and seconded by Brett Chatterton

Returning Officer – Sean Colman – nominated by Grant Steel and seconded by William Black

Public Officer – Tristan Lee – nominated by William Black and seconded by Grant Steel

All officers were elected un-opposed.

8. Agenda Items:

There were no agenda items

9. General Business:

There were a couple of things, which the Exec wanted to present to the AGM to get feedback on, following our meeting on the Thursday of this week:

Firstly Tristan suggested we should get a canvas banner of about 1.5m W x 2.0m H that would come with it's own frame and which would be used to direct people to Diplomacy at tournaments and to promote the DAANZ. The amount the Exec believes is reasonable to spend on this is \$400. The banner and stand would be taken (or mailed) to each tournament, and the DAANZ would expect co-operation from organizers in getting the banner where it needs to be next. Both Tristan and Sean have contacts with companies who produce the banner and self-supporting stands, and will work together to locate the best deal for us. The question was raised about whether it might be better to have a separate one made up for the NZ hobby? The Exec response was that for the expense involved we are better off just getting one, and making the effort of having people carry it for us, or posting when required. The discussion of cost of the banner led into the second issue on affiliation fees and new player incentive, which Tristan presented to the AGM

Tristan advised the Exec have decided to reduce the player levy to \$2 per non-DAANZ player at a tournament, and no charge for all DAANZ members. We see this as a good incentive to join the DAANZ, as well as a lesser burden on tournament organizers.

The Exec has also introduced a new system, which we hope will encourage new players along to tournaments. The DAANZ will pay up to AU\$10 per round for a maximum of \$30 for a tournament towards any new players entry fee into the tournament. The definition of a new player for this benefit is someone who does not have a Masterpoints ranking prior to that tournament. This incentive is given on the basis that the Tournament Organiser advertises the discounted price for new players prior to the tournament taking place. Tournament Organisers will be able to deduct this amount from their affiliation fee's otherwise due, and if there is still a balance owing then the DAANZ will forward the balance to the TD. Depending on the success or otherwise of this plan, and the amount of money available to the DAANZ this may or may not be a long-term program. Let's call it a trial.

It was pointed out that something along the lines of the 'New Player Incentive' was already being done in Auckland. Craig responded that that was a good thing, but that now the DAANZ would be covering the cost of that incentive, rather than the organisers.

The room was in consensus that the items raised above were acceptable and of benefit to the hobby.

Rob Stephenson raised the issue of the video footage taken by Craig Brown and his group at WDC. That we still have not been able to get either the completed footage or just the raw footage. Rob went over the attempts he has made to get something/anything from Craig Brown without success. The question was asked whether Brett Chatterton had been able to get the footage. Craig Sedgwick advised he had not heard anything to indicate Brett had been able to get it. Craig Sedgwick agreed to try and arrange a meeting with Craig Brown to retrieve whatever he has that he is prepared to give to the DAANZ. It was agreed that it would be best to get whatever we can to at least have it in the hands of current Dip players.

Last item of business: Craig Sedgwick thanked the outgoing President for his contribution to the DAANZ over the past year, as well as the rest of the Exec who were re-elected.

10. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business the Secretary declared the meeting closed at 2:00pm.