

## MINUTES

### ABF Management Committee Meeting

January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2006

Rydges Lakeside Hotel  
London Circuit Canberra 2601

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Eric Ramshaw, Martin Willcox, Richard Grenside (Secretary) (Saturday Only), and Kieran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer) (Involved in Summer Festival Finals and joined the meeting 2-4 Sat, 12-2.30 Sun)

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (General Counsel), Jane Rasmussen, Secretariat,

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2005.  
Confirmed.

2. Matters arising

#### *May Minutes*

5xv	KCM	Corporate Cards	Done
8g	KCM	Licence Fee Contracts	Pending

#### *September Minutes*

6dii	KCM/KM	Audit for 2004 NWP, Finance and Gov. Committees	Pending
6diii	RG	Publicise NWP to all state associations	Done
7aii	KM	Advise Convenor that ABF subsidy for WYTC would not exceed \$66,000 balance to be charged to FOYB.	Done
8e	RG	September TC resolutions to be placed on Web	Pending
	JR	Secretariat to write to eligible pairs from both events	Pending
	KM	Write to Oz-One for representation at event	Done
9c	EM	Briefing paper re Oz-One required.	Done

#### *December Minutes*

4d	JR	Accruals from ASP & ANC, SF and Spring Carnival	Pending
4g	JR	100% Rule, Clause 4	Pending
7a	KCM	4% for J Hansen	Done
7c	KCM	Public Liability Insurance increase to \$20,000,000	Done
7d	RG	Team Dinner re: D Stern	Done
7e	KCM	Web Site Advertising.	Pending

8ai	RG	Write to J Brockwell re: Club Banora for 3 years.	Done
8b	RG	Verona Championships cut-off date 31 March 2006 to be included on website	Done
8ci	KCM	Bridge for Brains Research, hand file generation and Stephanie for more ABF prominence on brochure, website & ABF Newsletter	Pending
9a	EM	Oz-One briefing paper	Done
9b	KM	GNOT Complaint	Pending
9c	EM	Appeals Committee Members referred to National Authority	Done
9d	RG	CNBC Venue VBA	Done
9e	EM	Webmasters Contract	Pending
General Business			
	KCM	ABTA to be treated as States for funding purposes	Done
	RG	Secretary to write to ABDA re: State status for funding purposes	Done
	JR	Dates for forthcoming MCM's to be forwarded to L Harkness	Pending
	EM	Error on Masterpoint Centre Youth page.	Pending
	KCM	Youth Budget 2005 consider matter further. Treasurer to act.	Done
	JR	Medallions.	Pending
	KM	Corporate Traveller, correspond with P Gue.	Done
	RG	Spring Carnival Report. Secretary to acknowledge and thank.	Done
January Minutes			
7a	KCM	Public Liability for non-bridge sessions	
7b	JR	Auditors	
7c	JR	Corporate Affairs	
7d	KCM	Web Site Advertising Re: V Cummings	
7e	KM&JR	Oz-One Weekly session Green Points	
8b	ER	Playoff Venue	
8c	ER	Web Display Coordinator	
8d	ER	Swiss Pairs Trophy & Best Women's Pair	
8f	ER&SM	Early finish at Summer Festival	
8g	JR	Women's Swiss Pairs at ANOT	
8h	RG	D Stern and E Ramshaw letters of acknowledgement	
8i	JR	Inactive Players lists sent to clubs	
8j	KM	Bridge for the Disabled to J Mottram	
8k	JR	Notify ANC Convenor of increase in ABPC fees	
9a	ER	Youth Declarations	
9b	EM&RG	Oz-One Brief	
9c	EM&NM	Recorders.	
9e	EM	Ethics Committee Correspondence	
9f	EM	National Authority Psyche Bids Correspondence	
Other Business			

KCM  
JR

Valmai Mitchell and BFACT  
BFACT Gold Point Event

**3. Correspondence**

Addressed in Secretary's report

**4. Presidents Report**

*a. Roger Penny*

President noted the passing of Roger Penny and that an obituary will appear on the ABF website. The President has sent a message of condolence to Roger's family on behalf of the ABF.

**5. Secretariat Report**

Report was tabled.

**6. Secretary's Report**

Report was tabled.

**7. Treasurer's report**

*a. Public Liability for non-bridge sessions*

Treasure to investigate the public liability cover for non-sanctioned bridge events i.e. rubber bridge. What constitutes a non-bridge event for insurance purposes?

**Action KCM**

*b. Auditors*

The auditors are currently conducting routine audit enquiries for the JOS fund and ABF accounts. Secretariat to assist.

**Action JR**

*c. Corporate Affairs*

Lodge annual return to corporate affairs.

**Action JR**

*d. Web Site Advertising.*

Advice to be sent to V Cummings re: advertising on ABF web site.

**Action KCM**

*e. Oz-One.*

Oz-One would like to run a weekly bridge session on BBO at a cost to players of \$1US. Green points not red to be issued. Green point rules to be followed.

President to inform Oz-One, D Anderson and J Hansen. **Action KM & JR**

## 8. Tournament Committee Report

a. *PABF*

Australia will not be sending a team to the Youth Championships in Bangkok. The PABF have been notified of this decision.

b. *Playoff Venue*

Awaiting confirmation of the Hakoah Club as the venue for the 2006 Playoffs.

**Action ER**

c. *Web Display Coordinator*

Advertise on ABF Website and in ABF Newsletter for a coordinator for web display who will report to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee. Applications close April 15 to the Secretariat. Get a list of accredited operators. Look at buying a Telstra Hot Spot.

**Action ER**

d. *Swiss Pairs Trophy*

Enquiries are to be made to find out if there is a trophy for the Swiss Pairs and to investigate the idea of a prize/ trophy for the highest placed Women's pair in the Swiss Pairs at SF

**Action ER**

e. *Last Train*

There will now be a Last Train event for the Women and Senior's prior to the commencement of the Women's and Senior teams at the SF in 2007. As 2007 is a Teams playoff year, the top three pairs will form a team. Non-contending pairs can play.

f. *Early Finish at SF*

A survey was conducted of players in the SWPT as to the idea of having an early finish other than the current Wednesday evening. Interim results show that the majority voted for early finishes every evening. The Tournament Committee and Summer Festival Convenor will come to a decision

**Action ER & SM**

g. *Women's Swiss Pairs at ANOT*

At the request of the Convenor of the ANOT/ANSSP, a Women's Swiss Pairs event will be held alongside the current Senior's Swiss Pairs this year 2006. Playoff points to be awarded will be in Category D, 1<sup>st</sup> = 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 18, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 12 and 4<sup>th</sup> = 6. Convenor to be advised.

**Action JR**

h. *Retirements*

(i) David Stern has retired from the ABF. Secretary to write and thank David for his years of service to the ABF.

**Action RG**

(ii) Dr Eric Ramshaw, Chairman of the Tournament Committee and Supplemental Councillor has announced his retirement. His last official duty will be attendance at the February Management

Committee Meeting. Secretary to write to thank Dr Ramshaw for his years of service to the ABF. **Action RG**

*i. Inactive Players*

Does the masterpoint centre still send a listing of inactive players to clubs? Can a copy be sent to secretariat? A copy is required for the President's meeting.

**Action JR**

*j. Bridge for the Disabled*

John Mottram had a discussion with President and offered to convene a Committee on one to formulate a strategy for clubs interested in an approach for players with a range of disabilities. Approved by MC

**Action KM**

*k. ANC*

Increase the ABPC entry fee in Stage I, II & III. Stage I to \$75, Stage II to \$90 and Stage III to \$90. Write to convenor of ANC.

**Action JR**

**9. General Counsel's Report**

*a. Youth Declarations*

Youth Declaration form needs to be sighted and declarations stored at ABF Secretariat.

**Action ER**

*b. Oz-One Brief*

Brief has been received. Legal Counsel has met with N Moses Legal Adviser for Oz-One. Foundations need to be clarified. Time-lines need to be set in place. Legal Counsel to write to Oz-One.

**Action EM & RG**

*c. Recorders*

All complaints received by Recorders should be acknowledged. Parties concerned should be notified in writing of the complaint. All records should be sent to the National Recorder. This is to be written into the License agreements.

**Action EM & NM**

*d. Webmaster Contract*

P Gumby's contract is up for renewal and would like a revision of the contract. General Counsel will request a report from the Webmaster on her experiences to date.

**Action EM**

*e. Ethics Committee*

Matter dealt with and correspondence will be sent to all parties.

**Action EM**

*f. National Authority*

General Counsel reported orally that the National Authority had met and considered the following matters. A written report will be prepared.

- (i) Psyche bidding. Change onus to the partnership. Cannot psyche any game force or partnerships strongest bid. Legal Counsel to write to D Brooks.  
**Action EM**
- (ii) Appeals Committee members to be briefed on procedures for appeals to safe-guard their integrity.
- (iii) Penalties for mobile phone fines not for the National Authority.
- (iv) The manufacture of hand files using Dealmaster Pro seen to be against the spirit of the Law. Using Software for dealing hands to be an agenda item for upcoming President's Meeting.
- (v) Kibitzers cannot complain about a group but may complain about an individual.
- (vi) Players not in good standing. A list to be set up and sent to all convenors. This to be an item for the President's meeting.

**11. CNBC**

Due to Council permit regulations, the Teams will be held at the Buckingham International and Swiss Pairs to be held at VBA premises.

**12. Central Masterpoint Unit Report**

No Report.

**Action KCM**

**13. Bridge for Brain Research**

Treasurer to continue to try to contact Stephanie.

**Action KCM**

**14. Naming Rights for License Agreements**

Naming rights accepted. Treasurer to set out guidelines for Convenors for reporting financial statements. License agreements to be sent to all Management Committee Members and State Associations. Masterpoint centre to be advised of changes to license agreements and to be supplied with a breakdown of state masterpoints for Chairman of Tournament Committee.

**Action KCM**

**15. Youth Budget**

Accepted

**16. Other Business**

*(a) Valmai Mitchell*

Valmai Mitchell, President of BFACT joined the meeting at 1.20pm. Committee failed to notify BFACT of the change to Masterpoint fund allocation. Starting time now amended to 2006, reducing to 7.5% in 2007, 5% in 2008, 2.5% in 2009 and 0% in 2010. Convenor of SF to be notified

**Action KCM**

- (i) The committee agreed that if BFACT wish to run another Gold point event they would receive every assistance from the ABF.

**Action JR**

Valmai left the meeting at 1.40pm.

Meeting closed at 2.10pm.