

# MINUTES

## ABF Management Committee Meeting

September 23 and 24th 2006

New South Wales Bridge Association, Goulburn Street, Sydney

9.30am both days

**Present:** Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Keiran Crow-Mai (Treasurer), Dianne Marler (Saturday Only), Andrew Halmos

**In Attendance:** Martin Willcox and Jane Rasmussen, Secretariat

**Apologies:** Eilis Magner (General Counsel)

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting August 6th**  
Confirmed.

**3. Matters Arising**

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM	Letter to Captains	Ongoing
KCM	Guidelines for notifying of Captain	Ongoing
KCM	3 year renewal	Ongoing
KCM	License agreement modification and mailout	Ongoing
KCM	Contact Entrepreneurs	Ongoing
JR	Write to FcM Travel	Pending
KCM	Letter to Captains needs to include leave availability	Ongoing

**4. Correspondence**  
Tabled

**5. Presidents Report**

(a) President to write an editorial re: Hellenic Club.

**Action KM**

(b) Letter to be circulated to all successful team members to include all duties and expectations, insurance cover, penalties etc.

**Action JR**

**6. Secretary's Report**

(a) Find a writer to compile information on history of past bridge players. Find criteria for obituaries.

**Action RG**

(b) Free entry to Editor of "what do I bid?" to one ABF event.

**7. Secretariat Report**

(a) Newsletter debtors. President to correspond

**Action KM**

(b) Get a quote for refurbishment of ABF Signage at ABF HQ

**Action JR**

- 8. Treasurer's Report**
- (a) Late fee. New Year's Congress. Treasurer to write to P Gue. **Action KCM**
  - (b) Follow up Barrier Reef Masterpoint account. **Action KCM**
  - (c) Letter to Captains to include reference to payment for Captain to play in pairs event at targetted event with partner of choice at ABF expense **Action KCM**
  - (d) Balance of Frequent Flyer Points with AMEX **Action JR**
  - (e) Sweep accounts **Action KCM**
- 9. Legal Counsel Report**  
No Report
- 10. Tournament Unit Report**
- (a) The ABDA is proposing a directors' seminar in Sydney over the weekend of 8/10 December at a cost of \$50. As this could take the place of the SF seminar TC believes it appropriate for as many of the TU as possible attend both to further their own development and to interact with other directors. TC asks that the MC approve travel, accommodation and registration costs for the 4 TU National directors. Estimated cost at \$1500-\$2000.
  - (b) TC Chairman to write to all States making recommendations on use of ABF Hand Generation program **Action MW**
  - (c) Zone 7 Christchurch 5 – 13 May 2007. One team to go to NZ, request that NZ do same. **Action KM**
  - (d) Convenor of ACT Gold Point Event requests September date. President to write to Convenor re: date. **Action KM**
  - (e) Request from team members representing Australia to be able to play with other team members as a unit for playoff purposes. **Action MW**
  - (f) Targetted events for 2007 for Open, Women's and Seniors are: Zone 7 (May), PABF (June) and World Championships (September)
- 11. Central Masterpoint Committee Report**
- (a) Independent report requested.
  - (b) Due to hardware problems, project not progressing as hoped.
  - (c) All clubs have received CMC Report No 1.
  - (d) Migration Path to give a report at each meeting.
  - (e) Upgrade the computer facilities. Specifications must include everything that is currently being administered by the MP Centre.
- 12. Youth Committee Report**
- (a) Profiles in newsletters from Bangkok. Secretary to thank Captain of Youth for report. **Action RG**
  - (b) Treasurer to follow-up reimbursement for accommodation costs for Bangkok **Action KCM**
  - (c) Pay Youth Co-ordinator **Action JR**
  - (d) Write to Youth Chairman for a budget for 2007. **Action KM**
- 13. Women's Committee**
- (a) Email circulation is receiving much praise
  - (b) Correspondence received from S Russell requesting funding for research into Women in Bridge over the age of 75. Secretary to inform no funding available. **Action DM**
- 14. Player Liaison Committee**  
Playoff Points have been circulated

- 15. Newsletter Committee**  
 (a) Report received from S Lester  
 (b) Get advice from newsletter committee  
 (c) Request a copy of distribution list for newsletter **Action JR**
- 16. Mid Year Meeting**  
 Pencilled
- 17. Other Items**  
 (a) Alcohol consumed at the bridge table. General discussion. No action to be taken at this time. Matter referred to Player Liaison Committee and all Council Members **Action DM**  
 (b) NT Gold correspondence
- 18. International & other events**  
 (a) Ensure that if more than one Australian team is playing in a targeted event that the "Australian representative team" is noted at future events.  
 (b) Call for nominations for Senior teams to play in Indonesia 2007 and pay entry fee. **Action JR**  
 (c) Check with WBF re: pay for Junior members **Action RG**  
 (d) Thank convenor of ANC for report  
 (e) D Jacobs is convenor for the VCC in 2007.
- 19. PABF Shanghai, reports +**  
 (a) The 2007 PABF will be held in Bandung, Indonesia, 180K from Jakarta.  
 (b) Send a letter to Captain of Women's and Senior's Teams for a report from Shanghai. **Action RG**  
 (c) Letter to Captains, to include statement, "MC will decide whether a member may leave early" and awareness of any potential team member problems. Player withdrawal to be within an appropriate timeline. **Action KCM**  
 (d) Check on regulations for withdrawal without penalty **Action MW**  
 (e) Acknowledge receipt of Open Team Shanghai Captain's Report **Action RG**  
 (f) Thank you to AH and RG for acting as delegates at recent PABF meeting

**20. Other Matters**

- a. *License Agreements*  
Send NSWBA account for September newsletter. **Action JR**
- b. *Oz One*  
Contracts with players **Action EM**
- c. *Hansen Pay review*  
Agreed to a pay increase of 4% effective 1st August **Action RG**
- d. *Complaint – Australia Wide Pairs*
- e. *Jose Damiani Letter*  
Secretariat to forward Damiani's report to Chairman of Youth Committee **Action JR**
- f. *ABF Committee structure and responsibility report*  
Send all Chairs of Committees, Committee documentation **Action JR**
- g. *D Sterns request for reimbursement Pairs Shanghai for Linda*  
Request from D Stern re: payment for Pairs event in Shanghai **Action KCM**
- h. *AOB*  
(i) Nick Fahrer joined the meeting at 11.30am. General discussion about Bridge Base and Bridge Base Operators. Remuneration, how many people are actually watching on BBO. Bridge Base provides a permanent record of bidding and play. Nick left the meeting at 12.00 noon.  
(ii) Letter from R Anderson from Victoria **Action KM**  
(iii) K Miller insurance claim **Action KCM**  
(iv) Request from Australian Bridge for assistance. **Action KM**  
(v) J Wignall wants to donate books and magazines to the K McNeil Library. Referred to Library Committee. **Action RG**