

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Convention Centre - Broadbeach

Sat 24th & Sun 25th February 2007

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Keiran Crow-Mai (Treasurer), Dianne Marler

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel) (Saturday Only), Martin Willcox (Chairman TC), Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat) Alistair Stuck, Chairman NZCBA MC

Noted: Andrew Halmos has resigned from the Management Committee. Andrew was thanked for his contribution and the resignation was accepted with regret.

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM 3 Year renewal - pending
KCM License agreement modification and mail out - pending
EM Check on tax status of JOS and ABF accounts – in train
EM Contracts with Oz-One Players - pending
MW Scope and Schedule - Pending
MW Write Online Bridge Paper – Pending
KCM Amended licenses to convenors
JR President travel diary – in train
EM Understanding of what is published
JR Letter of appointment for Nick Fahrer as NC of NVU – pending
EM Implementation of ban on alcohol – pending
RG Transfer overcalls – pending
MW Published systems are only ones that can be play at an event – pending
JR/MW Paper trail for tender/contract award CMS – pending
RG Note from P Gill – pending
KM GNOT query – Colin Mitchell – pending
RG Team withdrawal from GNOT Final – pending
MW Code of Conduct – pending
JR Letter to EBU, WBF and ACBL and press release list of recipients – pending
RG Email to marketing committee re: suggestions – pending
RG WBF powerpoint presentation on web site - pending
MW Liaise with P Marston and I McKinnon – pending
KCM Nationwide Pairs Masterpoint status – pending
MW Change of regulations - pending
MW Further information for February Meeting and Report at AGM - pending
KCM One page report on Table Top Scorers - pending
MW Bridge for Brains Website - pending

1. President's Report

a. Management Committee would like to put forth an in principle proposal at the forthcoming AGM to implement a list of honorary members of the ABF. The criteria for appointment to be exceptional contribution to bridge. **Action: RG**

- b. The Auditors had requested a legal letter from the General Counsel that was inappropriate for her to answer. The Management Committee gave approval for the President to sign the legal letter for the Auditors. The Auditors accepted this alternative.
- c. Anti-Discrimination re: English spoken at the table. This statement published several years ago will be submitted to the Editor of the ABF Newsletter to be printed in the next issue. **Action: JR**
- d. All Gold Point Convenors to be informed of BBO arrangements. **Action: RG**
- e. The Management Committee approved the Chair of the Player Liaison Committee place the "Australian Team Playoffs – The Way Forward" on the website and circulate to the Player Liaison Committee for comment. **Action: DM**

2. Secretary's Report

- a. A meeting of the National Tournament Directors Accreditation Committee was held in Surfers and these are the recommendations:
 Jan Peach National 3
 Geoff Slack-Smith National 3
 Ted Chadwick National 2 – Inactive
 David Hoffman National 2 – Inactive
- b. There was concern at the lack of young people in the role of Director. This was thought to be because of the remuneration offered. Finance Committee to investigate. **Action: KCM**
- c. The management committee approved the recommendations for accreditation. **Action: RG**
- d. A submission is required at the 2007 PABF in Indonesia for the 2008 PABF. QBA to be notified and asked to provide the submission. **Action: JR**
- e. Correspondence received from J Arkinstall re: photos of MC members on ABF website. Secretary to write and thank him for his suggestion. **Action: RG**
- f. Grand National Restricted Pairs – a firm proposal by the AGM **Action: JR**

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Audited Reports from Skaines, Reeves and Jones were presented to the Management Committee. The ABF made a profit in 2006 of \$78,404. The Treasurer was authorized by the Management Committee to sign the reports.
- b. Treasurer to follow-up VCC Accounts. Several matters required attention. **Action: KCM**
- c. Treasurer to sweep Summer Festival accounts **Action: KCM**

4. Legal Counsel Report

- a. Legal Counsel follow-up information received from Solicitors re: JOS Trust tax position, requested information was not supplied. **Action: EM**
- b. Legal Counsel to write to D Lane re: Playoffs lack of response. **Action: EM**
- c. Legal Counsel to draft contracts with Oz One Bridge players **Action: EM**
- d. Ban on alcohol at all Youth Events, quarter finals of the GNOT and convenors of all licensed events to be informed of these recommendations. **Action: RG**
- e. All journalists to be notified that the name Oz One Bridge must be used at all times. **Action: EM**

5. Secretariat Report

- a. Notify US Seniors player masterpoints obtained at recent Summer Festival **Action: JR**
- b. Correspondence received from the NSW re: Blue Card for persons working with children. Secretariat to forward documentation to Chairman and Coordinator of Youth **Action: JR**
- c. All links placed on website by webmaster will be paid for by the ABF. Secretariat to write to BAWA. **Action: JR**

6. Tournament Unit Report

- a. Age for eligibility for Youth Events will be brought into line once the Seniors have reached the age of 60. The date for eligibility will be 1/1 in that year. Send documentation to Youth Committee. What are the Youth eligibility dates for the Perth ANC? **Action: JR**

- b. Table numbers for both Summer Festival and GCC were noted. **Action: RG**
 - c. New Laws – sponsoring organisation to be replaced by a regulatory authority. Send laws to the National Authority to look at the implications. **Action: JR**
 - e. Thank Tournament Unit Chairman for report. **Action: RG**
Tournament Unit Chairman attended GCC and will be reimbursed expenses.
- 7. Tournament Committee Report**
Playoffs for 2008 a pairs event. Entry process to be looked into. Senior's and Women's Last Train to be investigated for 2008.
- 8. Masterpoint Centre Project**
- a. Migration Path presented a verbal report. There have been a few problems with Microsoft SQL 2003. These problems have now been rectified. There will be testing of duplicates at two clubs in March along with replication testing of the Masterpoint Centre. Documentation to be made available at the AGM in March. **Action: MW/DM**
 - b. Payments to Migration Path Pty Ltd will cease on 13 May 2007. Dianne Marler to accept role in liaising with the Masterpoint Centre Project subsequent to the resignation of Andrew Halmos.
- 9. Management Committee Meeting Dates**
Next meeting will be in Sydney on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22 April followed by a meeting in Canberra on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May.
- 10. Youth Coordinator Report**
- a. D McDonald presented a report to the President which was tabled. David would like a job description. Secretary to write to David and ask him to contact David Lusk for the job description. **Action: RG**
- 11. Overseas Players**
- a. The Management Committee will allow Andrew Braithwaite to play for Australia. All documentation has been received from NZCBA. The Tournament Committee to review the residency clause with a view to limit the six months to only the previous year. Not the two preceding years. **Action: MW**
- 12. Summer Festival Convenor**
- a. Sean Mullamphy addressed questions raised by the Management Committee at the January meeting. Sean reported that the Convention Centre would be increasing their prices in 2008 by 25% and that the renovations to the Convention Centre had a tentative completion date of October 2007. This was unsatisfactory in the Convenor's opinion and consequently an alternative second venue for 2008 would have to be found. The MC suggested that perhaps the profile of the Summer Festival could be lifted by better marketing. A marketing strategy is to be created. A requirement for a tender process for hand replication of the Summer Festival boards is to be inserted into the SF Contract for 2009.
 - b. Legal Counsel is to liaise with the convenor to draft the changes in the contract. **Action: EM**
 - c. The Tournament Committee is requested to converse with the Summer Festival Convenor re: Women's and Senior's Last Train and Women's Teams events. **Action: MW**
 - e. Management Committee approved the Summer Festival Contract be renewed until the conclusion of the Summer Festival in 2010. **Action: RG**
- 13. Alistair Stuck, Chairman NZCBA MC**
Alistair Stuck spoke on many issues facing the NZCBA. There is a decided lack on new bridge players coming onto the scene in New Zealand and they may be faced with the prospect of having insufficient funds to send representatives overseas. In 2006 the NZCBA brought the Code of Conduct into place with great success. There is a new Secretary of the NZCBA, Trish Scott from Christchurch.