

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters - Fyshwick

Sat 26th & Sun 27th May 2007

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Sat Only), Dianne Marler

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel), Martin Willcox (Chairman TC) and Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Apologies: Keiran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM	3 Year renewal	Pending
KCM	Amended licenses to convenors	Pending
MW	Published systems are only ones that can be play at an event	Pending
MW	Liaise with P Marston and I McKinnon	Pending
MW	Change of regulations	Pending
RG	In principle proposal re: Honorary Members	Pending
JR	Anti Discrimination re: English at the table	Pending
MW	Change residency clause to "6 months in the previous year"	Pending
MW	Liaise with SF Convenor re: Last Trains – Seniors and Women's	Pending
KCM	Rewording of Insurance Claim Procedures	Pending
KCM	License Agreements to state all players must be financial	Pending
MW	Patent MCP Australia wide	Pending
RG/DM	Regulating ABF Events	Pending
DM	Contact all States re: MCP	Pending
KCM/EM	Contact QBA re: licenses	Pending
KCM	Treasurer to contact D Cooper and VBA re: licenses	Pending
MW	Regulations to be updated via TC	Pending
EM	Supplementary Regulations to be vetted by legal counsel	Pending
KCM	Change website Insurance statement re: \$500	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) *Oz One Bridge*
President to seek advice from the Finance Committee on the Oz One Bridge Project. Protocols to be set in place by Finance Committee. **Action: KM**
- (b) *New WBF Laws*
Correspondence was received from Grattan Endicott re: new WBF Laws and confidentiality options. President to respond. **Action: KM**

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) Correspondence received from D Stern re: accommodation. Secretary to respond. **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

(a) *Arrears in the Masterpoint Scheme.*

A listing of all clubs in arrears was tabled.

(b) *Captains*

A clause needs to be placed within the NPC Letter stating, "Captains prior to departure send a report stating that all team members have fulfilled the requirements as set out in the NPC Duties".

Action: KCM

4. Legal Counsel Report

(a) "What published means" is now on the website

(b) Meyer Clapham will now be used for JOS Tax brief.

(c) Matter concerning Will clauses has been referred to a legal firm for advice.

5. Secretariat Report

Tabled

6. Tournament Unit Report

(a) *Convenor of the Open and Women's Playoffs 2008*

Subject to acceptance, E Ramshaw will be the Convenor for the 2008 Open and Women's Playoffs. The event will be held in Canberra.

Action: RG

7. Tournament Committee Report

(a) Discussion at the Zone 7 meeting re: playoffs. Zone 7 would like to dispense with the playoff. The idea of a playoff at the end of the PABF between Zone 7 nations was discussed. President of Zone 7 to coordinate. Secretary to write to Zone 7 President.

Action: RG

(b) Currently within the Masterpoint scheme is the Novice Congress which is limited to players with less than 100 Masterpoints. Review of this to increase the limitations and place another category for Restricted players with less than 300 Masterpoints to be put before the Gold Point Coordinator.

Action: RG

(c) Barrier Reef requested the field within the Pairs to be split into Open and Restricted. MC concurs with the Tournament Committee decision. Secretary to write to K Ellaway.

Action: RG

(d) Tournament Committee to write to Senior's Playoff Convenor re: 2008 Senior Playoffs.

Action: MW

(e) MC recommended that subsidies be set at the Playoffs each year.

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

(a) D Marler to write an historical paper on the project, to be ready by the June meeting.

Action: DM

(b) Current Masterpoint Centre to be notified of the time-line.

Action: KM

(c) All payments to Migration Path Pty Ltd have now ceased.

9. Player Liaison Committee

A survey is currently being conducted re: Playoffs. The comments will be placed on the website at a date to be determined.

Action: DM

10. Youth Report

Griff Ware joined the meeting at 10.50am.

- (a) The Management Committee ratified Cathy Mill as Captain of the Australian Youth Team.
- (b) The Australian Youth Team will participate in the Geologi Cup in Bandung as a warm up for the PABF.
- (c) There will be a Colts team at the ANC. Results of Colts matches will count, if the team is successful in reaching the finals they will be allowed to play. Secretary to notify States. **Action: RG**
- (d) Youth Budget for 2008 may exceed \$70,000. Any underspend for 2007 will be carried over to 2008. MC agreed to the revised 2007 budget of \$45,000.
- (c) MC ratified the Australian Youth Team.

11. ABF Events

(a) GNRP

John Brockwell joined the meeting at 12 noon. Dianne Marler will be the Co-convenor of the Grand National Restricted Pairs. The GNRP final to be held during the Summer Festival in 2009, it will be a separate event out of the Summer Festival income. Qualifying events to be held throughout Australia in 2008. Smaller clubs to be asked for comment re: restricted classification. Notices to be placed on website, newsletter and via email.

Action: DM

(b) *Masterpoints to 100% of the field in National Events.*

Report received from Gold Point Coordinator. Request to masterpoint National Matchpointed Pairs events award outright awards to 100% of the field. Secretary to contact Gold Masterpoint Coordinator re: masterpointing in GNRP Regional Finals and the GNRP National Final to be allowed to masterpoint outright awards to 100% of the field.

Action: RG

(c) *Bridge for Brain Research Challenge*

At this point in time 11 clubs had scored the event online. A total of 87 clubs participated in the event. Some clubs failed to produce traveling score-cards, so only the results of those players attaining 60% or higher will be displayed in a separate spreadsheet.

(d) 2007 ANC

Report received from Convenor. Secretary to thank A Stralow.

Action: RG

(e) 2007 ANOT

Report received from Convenor. Secretary to thank D Marler

Action: RG

(f) *Summer Festival*

A report was received from the Convenor. A new flyer has been created and was approved by the MC. A budget is needed for 2008 and a financial statement for 2007 is required by the June meeting.

Action: RG

12. International and Other Events

(a) *Subsidies*

International accommodation should not be linked to subsidies. One subsidy, irrespective of where players choose to accommodate shall be paid. Treasurer to set Shanghai subsidy ASAP.

Action: KCM

(b) *Christchurch Open Team*

Report received from Captain of Open Team, B Neill. Secretary to thank him. Secretary to follow-up Seniors and Women's Reports.

Action: RG

(c) *Senior Captain*

MC ratified David Hoffman as the Senior Team's Captain for Shanghai.

Action: RG

(d) 2008 PABF

The 2008 PABF will be held at the Gold Coast International Hotel from August 29th to September 7th 2008. Secretary to act as delegate at forthcoming PABF and present a report on Australian PABF event.

Action: RG

13. Other Matters

- (a) *ABF Policy Paper*
Roy Nixon presented a paper on current ABF policies re: Playoffs.
- (b) *BFACT Gold Point Event*
The ACT will have a gold point event at a date yet to be determined. The ABF will pay to BFACT the sum of \$2000 for 2008 and 2009.
- (c) *Written and Bidding Box Regulations*
Regulations were received from L Kelso. These regulations will be placed on the website.
Action: RG
- (d) *Obituaries*
Criteria for placement of obituaries on the ABF Website was discussed. An entry in the Encyclopedia of Bridge would be one of the criteria, requires further discussion.
- (e) *ANC Team Draw*
The Draw for the ANC in Fremantle was conducted. Team numbers placed on website.
Action: JR
- (f) *Library Report*
Report received from T Bourke. G Jesner's library for sale. M Willcox has generously offered archival material for the library. A lockable cabinet to be built within the library.
- (g) *Governance Report*
E Dudley reported on Governance Workshop. Secretary to thank. Dr Carolyn Leach to Chair Governance Committee.
Action: JR/RG

14. Forthcoming Meetings

- Sydney - June 23rd and 24th
- Perth – Mid Year Council Meeting 21 July and MC Meeting 22nd July
- Sydney – September 1st and 2nd
- Sydney – November 3rd and 4th
- Canberra – December 15th and 16th