

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

Sunday 22nd July 2007

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

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

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

RG	In principle proposal re: Honorary Members	Ongoing
EM	Supplementary Regulations to be vetted by legal counsel	Ongoing
KM	Oz One Bridge to Finance Committee	Ongoing
KCM	Draft Captain's Letter 2008	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) All regulations to be sent to secretariat. **Action: RG**
- (b) Youth Budget for 2008 for November meeting **Action: JR**
- (c) Bridge for Brain Research – invite A Fury to September meeting **Action: JR**

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) The MC approved the dates for the Open and Women's Playoffs 2008 as Wednesday March 26 to Sunday March 30 2008 in Canberra and the Senior Playoffs will be Wednesday April 9 to Sunday April 13 2008 in Sydney.
- (b) Remuneration for Directors, Treasurer to look at Helper's Policy and liabilities re: Volunteers. **Action: KCM**
- (c) Budget for 2008 for Open and Women's Playoffs excluding subsidies. **Action: KCM**
- (d) Notify convener of PABF 2008 re: New Caledonia and French Polynesia accepted into the PABF. **Action: JR**
- (e) Secretary to write to Captain of Senior and Youth Teams re: shortfalls in reports. **Action: RG**
- (f) Parental release form was sent to all state secretaries.
- (g) Secretary will write to all Convenors to inform them that the secretariat will produce a Declaration of Availability and Indemnity Agreement which will be vetted by Legal Counsel each year and for convenors to pass the forms to the successful players. **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) License Agreements to be an agenda item. **Action: RG**
- (b) Freight charges to and from ANC's will be paid by the ABF and host state will pay insurance costs. **Action: JR**

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) Legal Counsel to write to P Marston re: legal advice for superannuation for Oz One Bridge. **Action: EM**
- (b) Arbitration was completed for mid year meeting and to be circulated before next management committee meeting. **Action: JR**

**5. Secretariat Report
Tabled**

6. Tournament Unit Report

- (a) MC endorsed the ban on alcohol to be extended to Stage II/A of the Butler.
- (b) Minors participating in Youth events noted and referred to Legal Counsel. **Action: EM**
- (c) Seniors Stage I referred to Tournament Committee. **Action: MW**
- (d) Automatic entries referred to Presidents. **Action: RG**
- (e) MC endorsed recommendation that TU control ANC Swiss Pairs and ANC Restricted Butler but states to have input before a final decision is made. **Action: RG**
- (f) MC endorsed the renaming of the ANC Swiss Pairs to ANC Swiss Butler and ANC Pairs to ANC Matchpointed Pairs.
- (g) ANC Matchpointed Pairs to be Open entry referred to Tournament Committee. **Action: MW**
- (h) Ad Hoc committee of RG and DM to gather information from all recipients of Honorariums re: duty statements. **Action: DM**

7. Tournament Committee Report

- (a) Tournament Committee meeting will be in Canberra on 4th and 5th August.
- (b) Tournament Regulations will be general regulations for all "like" events.
- (c) Preliminary Playoff schedule to be placed in ABF Newsletter and on website. **Action: JR**
- (d) Residency requirements will start 12 months from date of application.
- (e) Open, Women's and Senior Playoff regulations will be uniform. **Action: MW**
- (f) System disclosures vs system cards. Decision to be made via MC Committee.

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Running parallel with current Masterpoint centre.
- (b) Written confirmation from Migration Path as to whether MP will take up the option of running the masterpoint centre by September meeting. **Action: DM**
- (c) President to speak to J Hansen. **Action: KM**

9. Youth Committee Report

- (a) Secretary to write to Chairman of Youth committee re: continuing in the role. **Action: RG**
- (b) Chairman of TC to write to Chairman of Youth Committee re: Colts to be home state based for future ANC's. **Action: MW**

10. ABF Events

- (a) *2008 PABF*
The 2008 PABF will be a targeted event for the Open, Women, Seniors and Youth.
- (b) *WBF 2011*
Australia will not be hosting the WBF event in 2011.
- (c) *2007 ANC*
Secretary to congratulate convenor. **Action: RG**

11. Other Matters

- (a) *Agenda Item*
To be an agenda item for next meeting. Review of Mid Year meeting for December meeting. Call for input from States. **Action: RG**

12. Forthcoming Meetings

Sydney – September 1st and 2nd
Sydney – November 3rd and 4th
Canberra – December 15th and 16th