

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA, Sydney

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December 2007

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

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

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

RN	Retainers for TU	Ongoing
MW	TC to review SNOT	Ongoing
EM	Supplementary Regulations to be vetted by legal counsel	Ongoing
KCM	Draft Captain's Letter 2008	Pending
KCM	Remuneration for Directors	Pending
EM	Write to P Marston re: superannuation legal advice	Pending
MW	Write to Chairman of Youth Committee re: Colts home based	Pending
JR	Amend Handbook TU control of Swiss Pairs	Pending
JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Pending
DM	Circulate MCP via website, ABF newsletter and mp centre newsletter	Pending
DM	Councillors need to be informed of MCP	Pending

1. President's Report

- a) MC agreed that honorary members of the ABF be taken off the agenda as the affiliates of the ABF are the states and this would weaken the integrity of the honour board.
- b) We the Management Committee of the ABF are endorsing the recommendation that "the Tournament Organiser shall be responsible, in consultation with the National Vu Graph Coordinator, for arranging and advertising sensible BBO Schedules. There shall be no deviation from advertised schedules except in exceptional circumstances as directed by the Tournament Sub-Committee". Guidelines and protocols to be put in place for all BBO Operators. **Action: RG**

2. Secretary's Report

- a) Correspondence received an enquiry from M McManus re: Tournament Unit. **Action: RN**
- b) Secretary to notify all State Secretaries to inform the Secretariat when there is a change of membership. **Action: RG**
- c) Correspondence received from Bruce Neill re: Senior's Age Limit, management committee considered the request but not at this time. **Action: RG**

3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Finance committee to review the Helpers policy. **Action: KCM**
 - b) WBF request for increase in capitation fee. Treasurer to request financial reports **Action: KCM**
 - c) Outstanding franchise fees from WA and NSW.
 - d) Treasurer to check on Oz One Finances. **Action: KCM**
 - e) Playoff entry fees have been determined as \$240 per player **Action: KCM**

4. **Legal Counsel Report**
 - a) Legal Counsel has received correspondence from a senior player and asked the Management Committee for permission not to respond. Permission was granted.
 - b) Management Committee authorized Legal Counsel and the Treasurer to deal with NSWBA and Coffs Harbour. **Action: KCM/EM**
 - c) NSWBA request for an extension on ABF Loan to be approved following advice from Legal Counsel. The security documents may need to be renewed. **Action: EM**

5. **Secretariat Report**

Stock take of medallions to be undertaken and finalize GNOT account. **Action: JR**

6. **Tournament Unit Report**
 - a) Report was tabled. Secretary to thank EHR for report. **Action: RG**
 - b) Matter of appeals personnel to be covered by Roy Nixon. **Action: RN**

7. **Tournament Committee Report**
 - a) Currently working on Tournament Regulations.
 - b) Playoffs – format of event will be known in January 2008. Regulations will be posted on website at that time.

8. **Central Masterpoint Centre Project**
 - a) Press release tabled, DM to send out ASAP. DM to coordinate Masterpoint Centre Newsletter. Questionnaire to be completed online and responses to be forwarded to DM. **Action: DM**

9. **Youth Committee Report**
 - a) Youth to send three teams to Beijing World Mind Sports. Secretary to write to Chairman of Youth Committee to secure release forms for all players under the age of 18. All in authority to have complied with their State legislation re: Blue Card. Management Committee approved Youth Budget 2008. Secretary to thank Chairman of Youth Committee. **Action: RG**

10. **ABF Events**
 - a) Playoffs – Open and Women's
Send to Convenor of Open and Women's Playoffs schedule of fees and subsidies.
Tournament Committee will open entries at Tournament Committee meeting on January 13. **Action: JR**

11. **Other Matters**
 - a) *Summer Festival Convenor*
Sean Mullamphy joined the meeting at 2.20pm to finalize contract and inform the Management Committee of the status of the upcoming festival.
 - b) *BBO Report*
If possible a selection panel should be convened at the Summer Festival with Nick Fahrer and Sean Mullamphy to interview candidates. List of applicants to be sent to Secretariat after the 31 December 2007. **Action: RG**
 - c) *ANC 2008*
Running smoothly.
 - d) *Gold Coast Congress*

Entries are consistent with last year.

e) *Licensed Events*

ASP and VCC have received their license agreements.

f) *Bridge for Brains*

Article to be in January ABF Newsletter.

Action: MW

g) *StepBridge*

No online bridge clubs are to have home club members.

Willem Willemse of Bridgemate/StepBridge has very kindly offered to sponsor the forum "What should I bid" with the \$30.00 voucher for The Bridge Shop together with an additional 10 Tourney plan on the Australian Internet Bridge Club StepBridge (Value \$30.00)

Action: RG

h) *Regulations of Dress Code*

Attire and Behaviour was raised. The MC would like these concerns addressed in all ABF events including Licensed events and any requirements stated on all advertising or flyers and additionally included in the Supplementary regulations for the event. Ensure that Convenors are aware of this requirement. Alcohol is not permitted in the playing area of all Youth events.

Action: RG

i) *ABF Marketing Fund to all States*

All states to send a report of how the funds were used to the Marketing Committee.

Action: JR

j) *Executive Summary of Website*

Management Committee received the executive summary of the website for November.

k) *Auditors*

Skaines, Reeves and Jones have sent an estimate of charges for 2007 and they expect a cost of 8-10K, Management Committee approved the President negotiating a better price. **Action: KM**

12. Women's Committee Report

- a) New online opportunities to be made available to women in 2008.

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Canberra – January 26th and 27th

Gold Coast – March 1st and 2nd

Canberra – AGM March 15th