

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters, Fyshwick

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2009

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

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel), Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Scan/Retype
EM	Legal Counsel to update regs on Drug Testing	Pending

1. President's Report

2. Secretary's Report

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) Legal advice re: VBA has been sought from Myer Vandenberg. MC have accepted the legal advice and the account to be paid.
- (b) Ethics Committee meeting in January dealt with ANC withdrawal. Pair to be reprimanded and not be allowed to enter any ABF event for six months, commencing at the conclusion of the GCC 2009. **Action: EM**
- (c) Screen regulations are to be updated, Legal Counsel working with L Kelso.
- (d) Three sets of minutes have now been approved for publication on the website.

5. Secretariat Report

NO REPORT

6. Tournament Committee Report

- (a) Kim Morrison arrived at 10.45am Saturday.
- (b) Division 2 of the Open Playoffs, remove the option of 5 person team. Notify webmaster to make changes on web. **Action: RG**
- (c) Entry fees for Playoffs to be sent to Finance Committee for review.
- (d) Send copy of MC Minutes to Chair of TC. **Action: JR**
- (e) MC reluctantly approved the dates for the 2010 GCC as from the 26 Feb to 7 March 2010.

7. Tournament Unit Report

Report from Chairman of Tournament Unit was tabled and the following items were discussed:

- (a) Refer validity of playoff entry back to Tournament Committee **Action: RG**
- (b) Review of fines for VCC. **Action: RN**

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Applications for MPC Manager close on January 30.

9. Youth Committee Report

- (a) Griff Ware has been appointed interim Chairman of Youth Committee following the resignation of C Mill.

10. Women's Committee

NO REPORT

11. ABF Events

- (a) Players have responded to the request via the Player Liaison Committee for comment on the Playoffs.
(b) ANC 2009, Victory Dinner to be on the Saturday evening.
(c) 2009 Summer Festival of Bridge, players to be canvassed re: Convention Centre. Convenor to be invited to MC Meeting on 29th March. **Action: RG**
(d) Ruth Lilian from the POWMRI will write an article for the ABF Newsletter re: Bridge for Brains.
(e) Nationwide Pairs – no responses for the roles of State Coordinators.

12. International Events

Zone 7 Championships

Arie Geursen, Alan Turner and John Wignall arrived at 9am Saturday to discuss the Playoffs between Zone 7 at the conclusion of the Round Robin PABF in Macau. 15th April to be the cut-off date for notification of intention to participate by other Zone 7 countries. Eric Ramshaw will write the Tournament Regulations. Discussion as to the format and criteria was discussed.

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Broadbeach – 7th March 2009

Canberra – AGM 28th March 2009 with MC meeting 29th March 2009

Sydney – Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2009

Canberra – Saturday 18th and 19th July 2009

Canberra – Mid Year Meeting 19th September 2009 with MC meeting 20th September

ACTION ITEMS FROM DECEMBER MEETING

4b	Legal Counsel to follow up	EM
6b	Notify webmaster of change to composition of team No Five	RG
6d	Send copy of MC Minutes to TC Char	JR
7a	Refer validity issue back to TC	RG
7b	Refer entry fees back to FC	RN
11c	Convenor of SF to be invited to MC Meeting in March	RG