

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Convention Centre, Broadbeach

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2011

1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow, Simon Hinge

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

Observer: Bruce Neill

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –11/12 December 2010

Minutes amended and confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
EM	Draft protocols from Ethics Meetings for web	Pending
DM/RG	License Agreement Reporting Proforma	Pending
EM	Abusive behavior issue – players vs Directors/Officials	Pending
RN	Sharing of reports, form to be created	Ongoing
DM/SH	Archival of event data	Ongoing
SH	Board Security Protocol	Ongoing

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

WBF President, Gianarrigo Rona joined the meeting. Gianarrigo informed the MC that he would like Australia to host a World Championship in either 2015 or 2017. He further advised that the WBF will be competing in the Sport Accord Mind Sports in 2011 for the first time with 4 Open and 4 Womens Teams represented. Mind Sports Championships will be held in Manchester in 2012 with Open, Women, Seniors and Youth all represented. Youth will be split into U28, U25 and U20. Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be held in Bali in 2013.

Rosenblum for 2014 – offers received from Florence, Tuscany and Germany. Orlando and Las Vegas have both asked to be considered for 2018.

There will be no increase in WBF membership fees.

Yves Aubry, President of the EBL and Alistair Stuck, Secretary of the NZCBA also joined the meeting.

Charles Klasso email going to the editor of the ABF Newsletter. KM to write to SL confirming that the ABF has no intention of abolishing the appeals process.

Action: KM

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters as listed in agenda.

(c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) The player subsidy for the Netherlands is \$3500 for the Round Robin stage with a further \$100 a day if the players participate in the Transnationals. The

subsidy for the APBF will be \$1900 with the Captains to get a further \$300. Uniform allowance will be \$1000 per team. Treasurer to inform NTC. ABF should pre-book rooms for both KL and the Netherlands. **Action: RN**

- (ii) Accounting software has been installed on ABF laptop and Executive Secretary to liaise with Barry Williams.
- (iii) MC approved the ABF Financial Statements.
- (iv) ANC entry fees to remain the same as 2010.
- (v) The ABF MC approved the financial accounts to 31.12.10. Must be minuted before auditor will approve.
- (vi) Issues with authorising payments by Secretariat – RN to resolve. **Action: RN**
- (vii) Government sent out a scoping study for NFP organisations. ABF will have an annual return in the future. Study to be sent to ABF MC and Chair of Governance Committee for consideration. **Action: RN**

(d) Secretariat Report

Nothing to report.

(e) Legal Counsel

- (i) Neville Moses has decided to retire from his role as National Recorder. Secretary to write to Neville as official acknowledgement of services provided to the ABF. Marketing officer to write an article on Neville. Treasurer to approach one named individual to consider taking over the role. Neville's many years of service to be acknowledged at the ANC. **Action: DM/RN**
- (ii) Clapham letter to Migration Path received. EM negotiating with MW.
- (iii) SF change of dates for notification of staffing has been done.
- (iv) Recorder report from the SF has been referred to the Ethics Committee.
- (v) Correspondence from Victoria re: active member has been dealt with.
- (vi) Amended contract for hire of table top scorers to be done.
- (vii) EM and Laurie Kelso looking at Appeals Form Template – needs to include a section for Appeals Counsellor to make his/her comments.
- (viii) Understanding of who an "active member" of the ABF is – Active member is financial member at ABF level – other states may make a different decision based on their own Constitutions.
- (ix) Query received regarding ANC team make up at State Level – ABF Regulations apply at National Level only.
- (x) Advice about club constitutions provided.
- (xi) Draft contracts for Marketing and Teaching Coordinators provided.

a

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee

Players who turn 59 in 2011 and who have 15+ Open PQP may apply to the ABF Tournament Committee to be added to the seniors' panel.

(b) National Tournament Coordinator Report

- (i) National Tournament Coordinator will continue in role until 31st December 2012. A duty statement to be formulated with a view to the ABF advertising role again in early 2012 to understudy RG from one of that year. **Action: RG/DM**
- (ii) It was noted that the ABF Logo was not on Bulletins produced at the Gold Coast Congress. **Action: DM**
- (iii) NTC reports to be sent to Secretary for distribution to others as required. **Action: DM**
- (iv) ABF MC endorsed action taken by NTC at GCC.

- (v) Discussion took place about publishing all appeals to the ABF Web Site. Consultation between EM and RG to take place prior to actioning.

Action: RG/EM

(c) Central Masterpoint Centre Project

Peter Busch report tabled. MC endorsed proposed budget.

(d) BBO

Report and Budget for 2011 received. Secretary to thank NF.

Action: DM

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Playoffs 2011

Richard Grenside reported to the MC that the playoffs were under control and that Migration Path would not be scoring the event. Regulations were to be sent to Legal Counsel to vet. On-line entries working well.

Action: RG

(b) GNOT

(i) Tournament Organiser succession plan. Secretary to draft an advertisement calling for expressions of interest. Limit on loss to be set following discussion between the Treasurer and TC of the GNOT.

Action: DM

(ii) PB to be asked to look at putting a Manual together for the GNOT and including in it the financial arrangements.

Action: PB

(c) GNP

A limit on the loss to be set for 2012 at \$30,000 with 52 tables in the final.

Action: DM

(d) Bridge for Brains

State representatives to assist with the marketing of the event.

Action: AS

(e) Nationwide Pairs

Migration Path happy to continue hosting NWP.

(f) SFOB

Change of format. Allison Stralow to consult with Sean Mullamphy re: format of SF.

Action: AS

Report and financials required from TC of SFOB.

Action: DM

(g) ANC 2011

(i) TO – Jeanette Collins, CTD Teams – Laurie Kelson, CTD Butler – Sean Mullamphy.

(ii) Teams first week, Butler second week. ABF to calculate entry fees for Butler, to be placed into ANC manual. \$2000 per player prize for Open, Women and Seniors. Targetted event to be broadcast closer to the event.

Action: KM

(h) Spring Nationals

Due to the delay in renovations at the Randwick Race track, the Spring Nationals have now moved back to October – commencing on 19th October 2011. ABF MC endorsed request from NSWBA to do so.

(i) WA Restricted Event

ABF will offer a \$300 prize to the first two placed pairs in the inaugural Hans Rosendorff Restricted Pairs to play in a similar event of their choice.

Action: DM

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- (a) **APBF 2011**
Richard Grenside to sent as ABF representative. **Action: RG**
- (b) **World Youth**
Age has been reduced. Captains to play all players in Youth Teams. Captains to be made aware of board rule. **Action: DM**
- (c) **Zone 7 Playoffs**
To be held in Malaysia following APBF. NTC to be ABF on site representative. Only 3 teams in Open. Make up of Womens event to be confirmed but likely to be Aust and NZ only. NTC to confirm format with NZ and relay back to ABF MC. **Action: RG**
- (d) **Yeh Cup**
Minuted ABF MC endorsed make up of the Yeh Cup. Cathy Mill endorsed as NPC. President to call NPC re financials. **Action: KM**

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) **ABDA**
ABF to pay for Councillors plus NTC, CTDA, Asst TDA and MC members to receive ABDA bulletins. **Action: JR**
- (b) **New Members – Waive Capitation fees for first 12 months**
ABF Capitation Fees to be waived for first 12 months of affiliation to new members. This initiative to continue for 2 years from 1st April 2011. Notice has been placed on ABF and Masterpoint Centre website. **Action: DM**
- (c) **Visit of Alister Stuck**
 - (i) NZCBA would like Australia to change the rules re: 4 level pre-empts - to be alerted. Laurie Kelso, Systems Committee Chair is aware of this and has notified the management committee of the change.
 - (ii) NZ happy with the format of the Zone 7 playoffs to be conducted in Kuala Lumpur at the conclusion of the APBF Championships. There will be a Zone 7 meeting in KL.
 - (iii) Zone 7 membership accounts will be issued in April.
 - (iv) Oceania Congress to be in May 2012. Australia will pay 50% of any costs involved in oving this matter forward. **Action: DM**
 - (v) Youth tests will continue in Hamilton at NZ congress.
- (d) **National Marketing Coordinator**
Sandra Mulcahy gave a report to the MC on actions to date within the role and the challenges to come. Marketing Plan to be send to secretary for distribution to other members of the MC for review. **Action: DM**
- (e) **National Teaching Coordinator**
Joan Butts spoke to activities since her acceptance of the role.
- (e) **Youth Team for ANC**
David Stern requested that consideration be given to inviting a New Zealand Youth team to play in the Melbourne ANC. The request to be circulated to all states for consideration. **Action: DM**
- (f) **Disaster Appeal**
Many clubs have run a red point event to raise money for the Disaster appeal. Amount raised to be acknowledged on the front page of the ABF web site. **Action: KM**

(g) New State Body - Victoria

A report for the AGM will be requested. Secretary to correspond with Quentin Van Abbe.

Action: DM

(h) Ranking Scheme

P Marston to send regular accounts. ABF has done everything to market the scheme. Legal counsel to look at agreement and if in her opinion the recommendation of the MC to terminate was appropriate then she was authorised to do so

Action: EM

Forthcoming Meetings

9th April – Sydney

21st and 22nd May – Sydney

25th and 26th June - Sydney

31st July – Melbourne

10th September Mid Year Meeting – Adelaide

11th September - Adelaide

ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH

4a	Appeals Process	KM
4c (i)	Treasurer to inform NTC subsidies	RN
4c (vi)	Authorising Payments – Secretariat	RN
4c (vii)	Scoping Study	RN
4e (i)	Neville Moses, Ross Crichton	DM/RN
5b (i)	Duty Statement	RG/DM
5b (ii)	ABF Logo	DM
5b (iii)	NTC reports	DM
5b (v)	Appeals to be published	RG
5d	Thank BBO	DM
6a	Send regulations to be vetted	RG
6b (i)	GNOT succession plan	DM
6b (ii)	GNOT Manual	PB
6c	Limit GNP to 35,000	DM
6d	Bridge for Brains	AS
6f	SFOB	AS
6f	SFOB Report and Financials	DM
6g	ANC 2011 targetted events	KM
6i	WA Restricted event	DM
7a	Richard to send what?	RG
7b	World Youth	DM
7c	Zone 7 Playoffs	RG
7d	Yeh Cup	KM
8a	ABDA Subscriptions	JR
8b	Waive Capitation fees	DM
8c (iv)	Oceania split costs	DM
8d	National Marketing plan for distribution	DM
8e	Youth Team ANC	DM
8f	Amount raised for Disasters on website	KM
8g	Vic interim committee report	DM
8h	AWRS agreement	DM/EM