

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters, Fyshwick, ACT, 2609
Saturday 26th January 2013

1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Ellis Magner (Legal Counsel), Allison Stralow and Simon Hinge

In Attendance: Jane Rasmussen (Executive Secretary)

Observer: Bruce Neill

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 15th and 16th December 2012

Minutes amended and confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

RN & FC	ANC fees	Progressing
KM	AW Ranking Scheme	Pending
BN	Scores Template	Ongoing
EM	Migration Path/NWP matters	Progressing
DM	Overseas players seeking affiliation	Progressing
DM	Daytime State Championships attendances	Pending
EM	Nationwide Pairs Agreement signature	Pending
DM	Endorsement from PM to transfer of funds to WiBC	Pending
EM	Dignity and Respect Paper finalization	Pending
RN	Re-activation fees	Pending
AS	Cost of insurance for 2013	Pending
RN	Australia Wide Pairs Licence	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

(i) 100% rule, awaiting correspondence from the SABF.

(ii) SFOB: President commented on problems with scoring, server errors, and referred them to the Tournament Committee. Problems with event management were referred to Legal Counsel to write to Tournament Organiser requesting a formal report. President to write officially thanking Senator Kate Lundy for her patronage of and attendance at SFOB. **Action: DM**

The following statement to appear on website:

"The Management Committee on the 26th January had a preliminary discussion on issues relating to the Summer Festival of Bridge. The Management Committee is not in a position to comment further until it has received formal reports requested of the Tournament Organiser and Scorer have been received." The matter will be considered after the Gold Coast meeting.

(iii) Request the VBA form on bridge protocols. **Action: KM**

(iv) Gianarrigo Rona (President WBF), Marc de Pauw (Treasurer WBF) and Ernesto D'Orsi (Council Member WBF) will attend the Gold Coast Congress and the ABF will host a formal dinner.

(v) MC approved the Beauchamp team to play in the APBF and Zone 7 Championships in Hong Kong.

(b) Secretary's Report

(i) Sent an invitation to two Indians to attend a teaching workshop in Melbourne.

(c) Treasurer's Report

(i) Treasurer circulated a report to the MC.

(ii) Treasurer asked for legal opinion on ownership of Oz One residual funds.

Action: EM

(iii) Expressions of interest to be placed on website for role of Accountant.

Action: RN

(iv) MC approved payment to accountant.

(v) Subsidy of \$4000 to be paid to SABF for ANC teams.

Action: RN

(d) Secretariat Report

No Report

(e) Legal Counsel

(i) Advice has been received from Ron Clapham re: disallowing entries. Secretary to send advice to State bodies.

Action: DM

(ii) Legal Counsel to write to Migration Path re: \$30,000 to be paid by 31st March 2013.

Action: EM

(iii) The National Authority met on 25th January.

(iv) Re Constitutional Review – comments received back from various sources. Will be incorporated into amended document.

5. OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee

Expressions of interest for the Tournament Organiser of the Open and Women's Playoffs, Senior Playoffs and Scorer 2014 to be placed on website once the Tournament Committee have made a decision as to the date. All positions to be within the ABF financial guidelines. Treasurer to assist with wording of ad.

Action: DM/RN

(b) National Tournament Coordinators

No discussion.

(c) Central Masterpoint Project

Financial report from Manager of MPC being reviewed by MC.

(d) Youth Committee

No discussion.

(e) Women's Committee

No discussion.

(f) National Viewgraph Coordinators

Report received and acknowledged. Query BBO Coordinator on what was wrong with equipment.

Action: DM

(g) National Marketing Officer

Report received and circulated.

(h) National Teaching Coordinator

Report received and circulated.

(i) **National Appeals Coordinator**

No report received.

(j) **National Recorder**

No report received.

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) **Playoffs 2012 - Seniors**

Arrangements in hand. Deadline for entries amended.

(b) **GNOT**

No discussion.

(c) **GNP**

2013 last event. \$30,000 savings will be set aside for marketing initiatives. Number of complaints received. President to query number of wild cards in recent final and approach taken by TO regarding MC decision to abandon.

(d) **Bridge for Brains**

MW scoring with Jane as back-up.

(e) **Australia Wide Pairs**

Masterpoints still not issued. DM to chase again.

Action: DM

(f) **Nationwide Pairs**

Need signed agreement.

Action: EM

(g) **Make A Wish Foundation**

Volunteers from M-a-W were at the SFOB collecting.

(h) **Licensed Events**

Write to Licensees regarding delegating authority.

(i) **SFOB**

Discussed above.

(j) **ANC/Butler 2013**

In hand and progressing well.

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) **APBF**

Write endorsing Beauchamp team.

Action: DM

(b) **World Youth**

(c) **Bermuda Bowl, Venice and d'Orsi Cups**

Map of accommodation outlets put on web site.

(d) **Zone 7**

Championships to be played in Hong Kong. Format to be confirmed.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Forthcoming Meetings

- 2/3 March 2013– Broadbeach
- 21/22 April 2013 – Sydney
- 18/19 May 2013 – AGM Canberra
- 2nd November 2013 – MC Meeting Sydney
- 3rd November 2013 – Mid Year Meeting Sydney

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

Item	Action Required	By Who
4a(ii)	Letter of thanks to Senator Lundy	DM/KM
4a(iii)	VBA form on protocols	KM
4c(ii)	Legal opinion on Oz One residual funds	EM
4c(iii)	Accountant expressions of interest on website	RN
4c(v)	\$4000 to SABF for teams	RN
4e(i)	Clapham advice to States	DM
4e(ii)	Migration Path by 31 st March re: outstanding monies	EM
5a	Expressions of interest for P/O TO and Scorer 2014	DM/RN
5f	Thank NVOs for their report – query equipment	DM
6e	Australia Wide Pairs masterpointing	DM
7a	Endorsed Beauchamp Team for PABF	DM