

# MINUTES

## ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters, Tennant Street, Fyshwick, ACT  
Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 April 2013

### 1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Elis Magner (Legal Counsel) and Allison Stralow

**In Attendance:** Jane Rasmussen (Executive Secretary)

**Apologies:** Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Simon Hinge, Bruce Neill (Observer)

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 2nd March 2013

Minutes amended and confirmed.

### 3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

KM	AW Ranking Scheme	Pending
DM	Overseas players seeking affiliation	Progressing
DM	Endorsement from PM to transfer of funds to WiBC	Pending
EM	Dignity and Respect Paper finalization	Progressing
SH	VBA form on protocols	Pending
EM	Legal opinion on Oz One residual funds	Pending
DM	Joint meeting with TC	Progressing
RN	Finance Committee to look at Tournament Budgets	Pending
EM	Inform PM that ABF is seeking Legal Advice re: Oz-one	Pending
BN	Minutes received TC to consider payment structure for NOT	Pending
SH	Ethics and Security issues	Pending
EM	Workplace OH&S for Redcliffe Club – Legal Counsel to investigate	Pending

### 4. MC REPORTS

#### (a) President's Report

#### (b) Secretary's Report

The secretary provided a recap of activities carried out since the last meeting.

#### (c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) Report from Finance Committee re: ANC fees, was discussed. MC is seeking further clarification on some issues. **Action: RN**
- (ii) Pre-circulated Treasurer's report was addressed.
- (iii) MC reviewed further the Finance Committee minutes.

**(d) Secretariat Report**

The Executive Secretary reported on matters that she had engaged in since the last meeting – primarily assisting the Web Mistress in bringing the site on line.

**(e) Legal Counsel**

- (i) Opinion from Barrister re: OZ-ONE is pending and should cost \$2000.
- (ii) Legal Counsel amended the Constitution in preparation for the circulation to all councilors for the forthcoming AGM.
- (iii) Awaiting report from National Recorder. Have received nothing from Appeals Coordinator.
- (iv) Responded to request from Leeton re: ownership of funds.

**5. OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Tournament Committee**

TC to meet with MC at June meeting.

**(b) National Tournament Coordinators**

Report received. Secretary to thank them.

**Action: DM**

**(c) Masterpoint Centre**

Most recent newsletter was circulated to the MC.

**(d) Youth Committee**

No report available.

**(e) Women's Committee**

No discussion.

**(f) National Viewgraph Coordinators**

Report tabled. Secretary to send thanks.

**Action: DM**

**(g) National Marketing Officer**

No formal report tabled. Query about TBIB and Travel Insurance.

**(h) National Teaching Coordinator**

Report received and circulated. Further invite sent to Chatterjee in India to attend a teaching workshop.

**(i) National Appeals Coordinator**

No report received.

**(j) National Recorder**

No report received.

**6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS**

**(a) Playoffs**

Dates were endorsed. Any approval for targeted events was withheld pending review at the combined MC/TC meeting in June.

**(b) GNOT**

(i) MC discussed the idea of receiving the entry fee from the States and the States and Regions will give out the subsidies. MC to send to Finance Committee for comment.

**Action: RN**

(ii) Notification of venue for 2014 by June meeting.

**Action: DM**

(iii) Introduction of Butler pairs event at the GNOT. Send responses to the TC.

**Action: DM**

(c) **Bridge for Brains**

Moving along. New marketing person for Neura.

(d) **Australia Wide Pairs**

Masterpointing done.

(e) **Nationwide Pairs**

Sever down again.

(f) **Make-a-wish**

Nothing to report.

(g) **Licensed Events**

Report received from TO of Gold Coast Congress. Secretary to thank. Executive Secretary to provide list of outstanding reports.

**Action: DM/JR**

(i) **SFOB**

Seek information from Tournament Organiser re: scoring.

**Action: DM**

(j) **ANC/Butler 2013**

Entry forms on website.

## 7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) **APBF**

MC responded to RK email.

**Action: DM**

(b) **World Youth**

Atlanta, Georgia – paid airfares for China and then Atlanta.

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

Bali – nothing further to report.

(d) **Zone 7**

Nothing to report.

(e) **Yeh Cup**

It was pleasing to see Ishmael Del Monte’s team place second in this event.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) **WBF Championships**

David Stern and MC conversed via telephone re: ideas for 2017.

(b) **ANC Dinner**

MC discussed the matter of the ANC Dinner and agreed it was an integral part of the event. States should encourage their representatives to participate.

**Action: DM**

(c) **What Should I Bid?**

AS to write to confirm continuation with an increase of \$20 per month from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

**Action: AS**

(d) **Accountant**

MC to appoint Sue Nixon for a period of 12 months. Further discussion to take place at the June Meeting.

**Action: DM**

- (e) **Playoffs Tournament Organiser**  
Lump sum of \$30,000. All payments to be made less venue hire. Awaiting further discussion with the Treasurer. **Action: RN**
- (f) **Uniforms**  
MC discussed uniforms and will endeavor to resolve issues for future years.
- (g) **Display of Results**  
Report from Peter Busch tabled. MC happy to endorse once a recommendation is received from the Tournament Committee. **Action: BN**
- (h) **Application for funding for Women's Team**  
Approved – ABF would pay their entry into the ANOT.
- (i) **ABF Web Site**  
Pauline Gumby was asked to roll it out on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

#### **Forthcoming Meetings**

- 18/19 May 2013 – AGM Canberra  
22/23 June – Sydney with TC 11am-3pm  
24/25 August – Sydney President's Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> 11-4  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 – MC Meeting Sydney  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 – Mid Year Meeting Sydney  
14/15 December 2013 – Sydney

#### **ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MARCH MEETING**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>By Who</b>
<b>4c(i)</b>	ANC fees – further clarification from FC	<b>RN</b>
<b>5b</b>	NTC reports received. Secretary to thank.	<b>DM</b>
<b>5f</b>	BBO report tabled. Secretary to thank	<b>DM</b>
<b>6a</b>	Display of results to TC for recommendation.	<b>BN</b>
<b>6b(i)</b>	GNOT entry fee from States to FC for comment	<b>RN</b>
<b>6b(ii)</b>	Notification of venue for 2014 for June meeting	<b>DM</b>
<b>6b(iii)</b>	Butler for GNOT. Responses to TC	<b>DM</b>
<b>6g</b>	Report tabled. Secretary to thank	<b>DM/JR</b>
<b>6i</b>	Seek information re: scoring	<b>DM</b>
<b>7a</b>	Respond to RK	<b>DM</b>
<b>8b</b>	ANC Dinner – States to encourage	<b>DM</b>
<b>8c</b>	What Should I Bid – continuation	<b>AS</b>
<b>8d</b>	Further discussion – re accountant	<b>DM</b>
<b>8e</b>	PO TO \$30,000 to Treasurer	<b>RN</b>
<b>8g</b>	TC endorse PB's Display of Results	<b>BN</b>