

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters, 4/51 Tennant Street, FYSHWICK

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2013

1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Simon Hinge

In Attendance: Jane Rasmussen, Bruce Neill (Observer)

Apologies: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 24th and 25th August 2013

Minutes were amended 4 (c) and confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

DM	Overseas players seeking affiliation	Progressing
EM	Dignity and Respect Paper finalization	Progressing
RN	Finance Committee to look at Tournament Budgets	Progressing
EM/DM	Workplace OH&S reply and for web page	Pending
BN	Appeals panel form letter	Progressing
DM	ABF on-site representative via NTCs	Progressing
DM	Wardrobe policy and special projects	Pending
DM	Secretary to prepare pro-forma agreement	Pending
RN	Formulate a state/region plan for GNOT	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

- (i) Updated Constitution to be placed on website with a notice of dates of changes appended to each copy. **Action: JR**
- (ii) President congratulated the recipients of the [awards](#) from the International Bridge Press Association.

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters sent to the secretary were dealt with on email or discussed during other business at this meeting.

(c) Treasurer's Report

No report available

(d) Executive Secretary Report

The Executive Secretary dealt with a query about having scores available for mobile phones in a format that was readable.

(e) Legal Counsel

No report available

5. OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee

- (i) MC reviewed and amended the minutes of the Tournament Committee meeting in September 2013, sent back and posted to the web site.
- (ii) Mutual Obligation Document once reviewed and sent to Legal Counsel, to be placed on the website. Final document to be sent to the Management Committee prior to the January meeting. MOD should contain information regarding WBF regulations regarding drug testing. **Action: BN**
- (iii) A joint meeting of the Management Committee with the Tournament Committee to be organized every year preferably June/July.
- (iv) Ranking of events:
 - A Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D’Orsi Senior Bowl and Mind Sports
 - B APBF
 - C Rosenblum
 - D APBF Congress and Asia Cup
- (v) Eligibility to represent Australia
The Management Committee endorsed the proposal to change the regulations re eligibility to represent Australia to “ *indicate that an applicant will be eligible to represent Australia if he/she is a current temporary resident, and can satisfy the ABF Management Committee that he/she will be eligible to, and is in the process of becoming a permanent Australian resident.*”
The Tournament Committee will convey this information to H Melbourne. **Action: BN**
- (vi) Player Liaison Committee to formalize a feedback mechanism for all players. **Action: DM**
- (vii) New WBF VP scale will be introduced in 2014.
- (viii) Format for all swiss draws will be standardized.
- (ix) Inaccuracies in scoring programs to be rectified.
- (x) All NPC’s will liaise with the Tournament Committee Chairman.
- (xi) Team augmentation regulations to be revamped.
- (xii) Non Playing Captains – relationship criteria to be assessed by Legal Counsel. **Action: EM**

(b) National Tournament Coordinators

Report received, Secretary to thank NTC. On-Site representative to have the role of ombudsman to be incorporated. **Action: BN/LK**

(c) Masterpoint Centre

Masterpoint Centre to provide a list of the top 100 earners in Gold, Red and Green Masterpoints. The MPC newsletter will broadcast this to all players. **Action: DM**

(d) Youth Committee

A report for the Mid – Term meeting to include an update on all activities on a domestic level. **Action: DM**

(e) Women's Committee

Simon Hinge attended the WBF Women's Committee meeting in Bali. A suggestion has been put forth to organize a BBO event in the Asia Pacific region. The WBF will provide prize money. Simon suggested that there was a need to teach players who to use BBO and that it could be done at the SFOB in one of the side rooms.

Action: SH

(f) National Viewgraph Coordinators

Secretary to thank Ray Ellaway for his report. NVC would like to train some more people in BBO operation and the MC agreed to fund the Trainees \$50 each. Training to be started at the Spring Nationals.

Action: DM

(g) National Marketing Officer

A pre-circulated report was sent to the MC. Sandra Mulcahy attended the MC on Saturday to receive a wash-up on the Special Grants Project. Sandra will send responses to the unsuccessful and the President will send out the successful emails.

Action: KM/SM

(h) National Teaching Coordinator

A pre-circulated report and a document outlining a plan for Teacher Accreditation/ Professional Development were sent to the MC.

(i) National Appeals Coordinator

Secretary to send request to Appeals Coordinator to place appeals on website.

Action: DM

(j) National Recorder

No report tabled.

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Playoffs 2014

Prize money for the playoffs will be as follows:

1st \$5000 (i.e. \$2500 each)

2nd \$3000 (i.e. \$1500 each)

3rd \$2000 (i.e. \$1000 each)

1st to 3rd will be offered the chance to participate in the Asia Cup with the ABF paying the entry fee. No additional subsidy beyond the prize money will be paid including for a Non-playing Captain. In the event that any of 1st, 2nd or 3rd pair decline the offer to participate in the Asia Cup, the places will be offered down to 6th place with the subsidy available being \$1000 each player.

(b) GNOT

- (i) Management Committee welcomed John Brockwell on Sunday morning. The Management Committee congratulated John on the success of the Canberra Centenary Congress.
- (ii) There was some discussion re: the correspondence from the VBA and NSWBA.

266	\$950.00	\$750.00	\$200.00	\$920.00	\$66.05	-\$36.05
64	\$665.00	\$750.00	-\$85.00	\$920.00	\$63.98	-\$318.98
269	\$3,590.00	\$3,000.00	\$590.00	\$2,760.00	\$750.00	\$80.00
120	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,040.00		-\$290.00
32	\$840.00	\$750.00	\$90.00	\$940.00		-\$100.00
45	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	\$257.98	-\$1,627.98
364	\$3,660.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,410.00	\$7,360.00		-\$3,700.00
	\$62,364.00	\$46,500.00		\$49,480.00	\$4,393.94	

A spreadsheet (see above) was emailed to both the VBA and NSWBA for their information with a confirmation that the ABF would be prepared to support the regional finals currently being run by the ABF, on the understanding that they find a suitable person to run these events from as soon as possible.

Action: DM

- (ii) As John Brockwell confirmed that 2014 would be his last year as National Coordinator and TO of the GNOT, it was agreed to a separate fee being paid for the two positions from 2015. Secretary to write to John accordingly.

Action: DM

(c) ANC 2014

A report required for the Mid – Term meeting.

Action: DM

(d) SFOB 2014

A report was pre-circulated to the MC. S Mullamphy attended the MC Meeting on Saturday and gave a verbal report. The brochures for the SFOB will be amended and circulated.

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) World Championships – Bali

Another successful event. Awaiting Captain's reports.

(b) Asia Cup

As the ABF is waiting on an invitation for teams to attend this event in June 2014, it was felt that consideration by the FC may be appropriate for payment of entry fees and a small subsidy to those players (not in the top 3 in any event) who find themselves in an Australian endorsed team. Treasurer to report back following FC meeting.

Action: RN

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) **Biographies of Successful International Teams**

All international teams that have represented Australia are to have their biographies placed on the website and linked to the event in which they participated.

Action: SH

(b) **Mid-Term Meeting**

(i) Agenda to be circulated to all councillors. All reports will be on the ABF website for perusal by council before meeting.

Action: JR

(ii) ANC byes to be an agenda item at Mid-term meeting.

(c) **Report from Governance Committee**

The Management Committee responded to the report received from the Governance committee and circulated their comments to all councillors and State Presidents.

Action: DM

(d) **State Restricted Pairs**

Secretary polled the states and there was no real interest in starting up this event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Email from National Tournament Coordinator regarding appointment of ABF on site representative.

On-Site representative to have the role of ombudsman to be incorporated.

Action: BN/LK

(b) Acceptance from Mike Doecke to join Player Liaison Committee.

Mike Doecke agreed to join the Player Liaison Committee.

(c) Email from Paul Marston about handing Australian Bridge over to Brad Coles – request for ABF continued sponsorship.

The ABF congratulated Paul on the standard of the magazine that he has maintained over the years. The ABF further recognised the hard work that has been put into the running of the very popular Australia Wide Pairs.

The ABF accepted Paul's proposal that Brad Coles take over the running of the Australia Wide Pairs event - with no change required to our existing license agreement as it is in the name of Australian Bridge. The ABF would also welcome licensing the Novice Pairs event, if Brad so wishes. The ABF further agreed to maintaining our current support of the magazine in 2014 - namely:

The purchase of one copy of each publication for all affiliated clubs and state bodies and the purchase of one full page of advertising in each publication - to be administered by Jane Rasmussen at ABF HQ - Brad to provide deadline dates for copy to Jane well in advance.

Forthcoming Meetings

2nd November 2013 – Mid Term Meeting Sydney

3rd November 2013 – MC Meeting Sydney

11/12 January 2014 – MC Meeting Sydney

1/2 March 2014 – MC Meeting Gold Coast

12/13 April 2014 – MC Meeting Sydney

25/26 May 2014 – AGM Canberra

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

Item	Action Required	By Who
4a(i)	Updated Constitution on website	JR
5a(ii)	Mutual Obligation Document	BN
5a(v)	Reply to Howard Melbourne	BN
5a(vi)	Feedback mechanism from Player Liaison Committee	DM
5a(xii)	NPC – familial relationship to be reviewed by General Counsel	EM
5b	On-site reps to become ombudsman	BN/LK
5c	Top 100 Green, Gold and Red Masterpoints list	DM
5d	Youth report for Mid-Term Meeting	DM
5e	BBO player training at SFOB perhaps	SH
5f	BBO Operator training at Spring Nats	DM
5g	Send out letters to winners and losers	KM/SM
5i	Appeals for website	DM
6b(i)	Send GNOT spreadsheet to VBA and NSWBA	DM
6b(ii)	Fee split for NC of GNOT and TO of event to be conveyed to JB	DM
6c	ANC 2014 report for Mid-term from Marcia Scudder	DM
7a	Asia Cup – entry fee payment and subsidy referred to FC	RN
8a	Biographies of international representative teams	SH
8b	Reports for Mid-term on website	JR
8c	MC response to Governance to all councillors	DM
9a	See 5b above	
9c	New editor/owner of Australian Bridge – Brad Coles	DM