

President's Meeting 2006

9.00 am to 4.00pm, Sunday 19th March 2006

Tall Trees Motel, 21 Stephen Street, Ainslie. Canberra

MINUTES

1. **Roll call**
Keith McDonald (Chair, ABF President/QLD President)
Keiran Crowe-Mai (ABF Treasurer)
Andrew Halmos (ABF MC)
Dianne Marler (ABF MC/SA President)
Valmai Mitchell (ACT President)
Alex Yezerski (NSW President)
Stephen Fischer (NT President)
Barry Kelly (TAS President)
David Smith (acting for VIC President)
Eric Ramshaw (Chair TU)
Martin Willcox (Chair TC)

Apologies
Eilis Magner (ABF General Counsel)
Richard Grenside (ABF Secretary)
Jeannette Collins (VIC President)
Nigel Dutton (WA President)
2. **Confirmation of minutes 2005 and matters arising**
3. **President's Report**
4. **Treasurer's Report and Financial Results 2005**
5. **General Counsel Report**
No Report
6. **Tournament Report**
Chairman to resolve dates for 2007 for NT Gold, Australian Swiss Pairs and Spring Nationals. Chairman to contact K Ellaway for dates for the PABF 2008.

7. **ANC:**
 - a. **Youth participation**

The 11th World Youth Team Championships coincides with the ANC. SA to field a Colts team. No PABF Youth in Shanghai
 - b. **ANC Fees**

Normal practice for the fees for ANC to be set by Management Committee. Fees are constant. Notice of fee increase before the next AGM. Transportation and engraving of trophies to be met by ABF.
 - c. **2007 ANC Perth**

Western Australia has everything in place for the ANC in 2007.
8. **Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships, Melbourne**

Was a successful event.
9. **Spring Nationals**

Date for 2007 to be finalised
10. **GNOT**

Review the processes involved in the move to Banora Point. NSW voiced disapproval of the change.
Governance Committee to review the processes.
Use more web-based feedback re: events.
11. **Dealmaster Pro, use of**

ABF events are to use ABF generated hands. Send T Bourke's article to Presidents. What do WBF, ACBL and EBU use?
12. **Tampering with software for computer dealt hands**
13. **Players in good standing**

States to notify ABF if States have taken action. Convenor's need to know what players are not in good standing. Proforma to be created. National Register of player's not in good standing. General Counsel to investigate.
14. **Balance Sheet & Budget for SFOB Youth**
15. **Bridge for Brains**

Event worked well in 2006. J Rothfield is to run an event for research into Alzheimer's. President's to push Bridge for Brains information to States.

16. **OzOne Bridge Project**
Training program for players. Independent organisation. What are the implications to the ABF? Is there an impact on events in NSW?
17. **Holidays with MasterPoints**
States should receive information on planned holidays within their State. Masterpoint manual should be reworded, 5.1.2 Change 'should' to 'must'. All President's recommended the change. Insert 'approval must be sought'. Secretary to write to D Anderson. General Counsel to consider legal ramifications. A disclaimer may be needed on all cruises and holidays? "approval must be sought before brochure is printed"
18. **Other Business:**
- a) **State Directors Accreditation**
Little support from the States. E Dudley is prepared to chair if he is given support. One level exam. Grades of State Directors, President's may have difficulties with committees. Presidents and State Secretaries regulations to be sent to E Dudley. SA President moved 'that all President's will assist'.
 - b) **BBO**
Training session to be run "How to run a session using BBO"
 - c) **Nationwide Pairs**
President's to ensure that all clubs in their respective States have knowledge of Nationwide Pairs. Send information to NT. Promotional information should have emphasis on "Red Point" aspect.
 - d) **ABF Teaching Subsidies for ABTA and ABDA**
 - e) **Outright awards for regional GNOT Finals**
There will be outright awards for GNOT Regional Finals.
 - f) **Professional Indemnity Insurance**
Onerous task of collection of data. Treasurer to gather data on all ABF Events, Directors and Volunteer Insurance.

- g) Conveners for ABF & Licensed events**
Renewal option for ABF and Licenses events.
Directors to sign? General Counsel to be consulted.
- h) AOB**
ACT - Friday afternoon for Youth bridge is very successful. Gold point event for ACT. BFACT to have own website.
- SABF* – Recently received invoices for web site usage. Management Committee to look into costs. Should events be charged to the States when in the interests of the ABF? Change the objectives on the initial link on ABF Website.
- TAS* – Generic email addresses. License agreements, PQP's clause. Draw for ANC teams. Management Committee will do draw at an appropriate time.
- NT* – Lack of communications, e.g. Barrier Reef. License agreements should contain a clause that all brochures are sent to all State bodies. Make sure links on web site are correct. Councillors should be getting a copy of the ABF Newsletter. Check with Newsletter Editors on distribution lists. All newsletters are on ABF website.
- QLD* – Surfers and Barrier Reef excellent. Hard to get volunteer official positions.
- VIC* – President suffering ill health. Well wishes for a speedy recovery. New manager Cathy Lachman. Numbers are growing. Still permit regulation problems. Some clubs threatened with dis-affiliation.
- GENERAL DISCUSSION* – J Rothfield and C Chua creating a marketing brochure specifically at this time for research into Alzheimer's. Perhaps we should have a brochure for new members, clubs, councillors. Could contain constitution and regulations?

Meeting closed: 3.10pm