

ABF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN CANBERRA

23rd JANUARY 2011 at 8:30am

1. PRESENT

Kim Morrison (chair), Eric Ramshaw, Marcia Scudder, Bruce Neill,

Also in attendance: Richard Grenside

Apologies: Peter Reynolds and Peter Kahler

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2. NEW MEMBER OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Kahler has agreed to take a place on the Tournament Committee. We welcome him aboard.

3. ABF EVENTS

Summer Festival

Richard Grenside brought up several issues relating to the Summer Festival.

It was agreed that any drop in pairs from Senior/Women's Saturday Stages of the NWT and NST, to Swiss Pairs on Sunday will enter on 85 VP after 5 rounds.

The question of how to deal with unplayed boards towards the end of a session arose. The TC recommends that the issue of slow play should be handled by the director who should be kept aware of table speed by the progress of result input via the scoring units. However, the director must not remove boards in serious (knockout) matches – especially during Finals. It was agreed in principle that it is better to reduce published session duration and allow players to complete all boards started within that official session time rather than publishing a longer official session completion time, with the requirement that the last board must be started X minutes before the end of the session.

Directors should make more use of monitors and invoke penalties where appropriate. Time penalties are initially procedural; if persistent and egregious they may become disciplinary.

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It was agreed to consider small fractional carryforwards as tie break mechanism in those cases where there is no carryforward i.e. the higher qualifying team starts the knockout match with 0.5 imps. The concept is more relevant to small continuation fields, especially where there are head to head matches. Apparently this is common practice in international events.

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Where there is a single head to head match between teams in one stage of the event, it is common practice in international events to have blind seating. This is used, for example at WBF events, and the Yeh cup. It was agreed that we would recommend implementation of this practice with line-ups to be posted by each side 5 minutes before play commences.

It was affirmed that Mixed Teams should not be constrained by the need to provide male/female partnerships whenever possible.

It was agreed in principle that a replacement board for fouled boards should be provided if possible, if fouling was caused by the organisation; but not if caused by players. This may have to be constrained by time on occasions and should be left to the discretion of the director in that case.

Electronic scoring protocols, including closing off scores at the end of the session, were discussed.

MC request re training international teams was discussed.

Ben Thompson provided an amendment to the Tournament Regulation for use when a concession has taken place in a long teams match. This referred to the board rules for the purposes of allocating PQPs etc. The amendment which was agreed to is. Add to TR

For the purpose of the board rule, where a match is conceded, players who have not satisfied the board rule in fact are deemed to have played every set not actually played. (Amended by ABF Legal Counsel)

The issue of systems, in particular the use of brown sticker conventions in the Playoffs needs further consideration. There is a WBF edict that if two pairs in a team are playing brown sticker conventions, then that team loses seating rights. BN to draft paper

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4. NEXT MEETING

The meeting finished at 09:45 am.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd April at the NSWBA