

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**Held at “Tall Trees” Motel, Canberra**  
**18 March 2006**  
**Time 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**1. Identification of Attendees**

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair), T Jackman
ACT	E Dudley, R Nixon
NSW	K Crowe-Mai (2 votes), J Foster (Deputy-Councillor for J Arkininstall)
VIC	M Willcox, A Halmos
TAS	D Cooper, A Richman
SA	D Marler, F Wilson
WA	E Ramshaw (Deputy Councillor for R Grenside)
NT	S Fischer (2 votes)
Supplemental	L Kelso
Minute Secretary	J Rasmussen
Observers	B Kelly, A Yezerski (PM Only)

1.2. *President welcomes new Councillors and thanks retiring Councillors.*

The President thanked retiring councillors, P Gue (SA), N Croft, (SA) and K Miller (NT) and E Ramshaw (Supplemental). Council recorded special appreciation to E Ramshaw as a hard working member of the Management Committee and long serving Chairman of the Tournament Unit. Council presented E Ramshaw with a gift as a token of their appreciation for the many years of devotion to the ABF.

New Councillors, D Marler, F Wilson and S Fischer were also welcomed, as were the Deputy Councillors for the meeting, J Foster and E Ramshaw.

1.3. *Bona Fides of each person present voting or observing*  
Confirmed.

1.4. *Apologies*

E Magner (General Counsel), R Grenside (Secretary), T Haubrick, J Arkininstall and J Beddow.

1.5. *Bereavements*

Council expressed deepest regrets on the passing of two Committee of Honour recipients, Mrs Ivy Dahler and Mr Roger Penny.

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

### 2.1. *Confirmation*

The minutes of the meeting 19 and 20 March 2005 confirmed. (DC/AH).

### 2.2. *Matters arising*

Amendment to Previous Minutes

*6.14 Trainee Directors were not informed*

## **3. Election of Office Bearers**

### 3.1. *Election of Supplemental Councillor*

L Kelso – re-elected as Supplemental Councillor.

#### *Management Committee*

- 3.2. As 2006 is an election year, in accordance with clause 10 (6) of the Constitution, the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and two ordinary members of the Management Committee were to be filled. Nomination forms were sent to all Councillors and States in accordance with the Constitution.

President – K McDonald elected unopposed.

Secretary – R Grenside elected unopposed.

Treasurer K Crowe-Mai elected unopposed.

Management Committee Members:

A Halmos elected unopposed.

D Marler elected unopposed.

Noted that the elected officials are elected until the AGM 2008.

### 3.3. *Appointment of General Counsel*

Professor Eilis Magner was re-appointed.

## **4. Appointments**

### 4.1. *Public Officer*

George Jesner re-appointed.

### 4.2. *Auditors*

Skaines, Reeves & Jones appointed.

It was noted that there had been a change in Auditors.

### 4.3. *Delegates for PABF, Zone 7*

Joe Greenfeld appointed Delegate for PABF.

Eric Ramshaw and John Brockwell appointed Delegates for Zone 7

## 5. Executive Reports

Note: All reports in items 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10 were pre-circulated.

All reports gratefully accepted. The relevant Councillors spoke to each report and answered questions. Only the discussion to each report is minuted.

5.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*

5.2. *Treasurers Report (K Crowe-Mai)*

Included audited Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2005. ABF will pay accommodation costs for all Councillors, Presidents and Observers. It was noted that the Auditor's Report should be part of the AGM.

5.3. *Secretary's Report (R Grenside)*

Teaching tours need prior approval from the Treasurer. State body to submit applications.

5.4. *General Counsel's Report (E Magner)*

No Report

5.5. *James O'Sullivan Trust*

Included audited Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2005.

## 6. Committee Reports

6.1. *Tournament Committee Report (E Ramshaw)*

Entry fees for the ANC. Action Item for the Finance Committee. **Action KCM**

6.2. *Finance Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*

A profit and loss statement will be circulated with the license agreements.

6.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*

Ivy Dahler will be sadly missed and a valued member of the Tournament Unit. Work on a new ANC Handbook will be started. E Ramshaw will continue as Chairman of the Tournament Unit. Who is the Tournament Unit? Profile of Tournament Unit for website. **Action RG**

6.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report (J Hansen)*

6.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*

6.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*

Recorder guidelines would be drawn up.

6.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*

No Report

- 6.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*
- 6.9. *Technology Unit Report (M Willcox)*  
 A verbal report from M Willcox. The ABF and Migration Path Pty Ltd entered into an agreement to re-vamp the Master point system. The ABF will supply communications. Request for ideas and wish lists from Clubs and States. Ultimately create an online scoring and master-pointing system for all clubs.
- 6.10. *Masterpoint Committee Report (D Anderson)*
- 6.11. *Player Liaison Committee Report (P Gue)*
- 6.12. *Youth Committee Report (D Lusk)*  
 Valmai Mitchell acknowledged for her hand work within the ACT for Youth Bridge. M Abraham to be asked to circulate Youth Newsletter. **Action RG**
- 6.13. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*  
 D and S Lusk have retired as Editors from the ABF Newsletter. Expressions of interest for replacements to be placed on the website. Write and thank Lusks for their hard work and commitment. **Action RG**
- 6.14. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*  
 National Tournament Director's criteria to be requested. Request a meeting at the conclusion of the Summer Festival.
- 6.15. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (D Cooper)*  
 Deferred to President's Meeting
- 6.16. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*  
 Valmai Mitchell acknowledged for her hard work with the Library at ABF Headquarters. **Action JR.**
- 6.17. *Governance Report (J Beddow)*  
 All reports will be acknowledged by the Management Committee. Terms of Reference via websites where Governance Committees exist.
- 6.18. *Masterpoint Review Report. (K Crowe-Mai)*
- 6.19. *Marketing Committee Report (R Nixon)*  
 No Report
- 6.20. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*
- 6.21. *Presidents Meeting (K McDonald)*

- 6.22. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*  
There was considerable discussion on this report. The Council noted the A Struik's wishes for greater success in the future.

**7. ANC Calendar**

- 7.1. *ANC 2005 Sydney (B Neill)*

- 7.2. *ANC 2006 Adelaide (D Marler)*

**8. Tournaments & Licensed events**

- 8.1. *2005 Australian Swiss Pairs (B Kelly)*

- 8.2. *2005 GNOT Report (J Brockwell)*  
Governance Committee to review processes involved in the relocation to Banora Point NSW.

- 8.3. *2005 Spring Nationals (K Neale)*

- 8.4. *VCC (D Jacobs)*  
No Report.

- 8.5. *2006 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*  
Council agreed that S Mullamphy had done an excellent job in his first year of running the Summer Festival of Bridge.

- 8.6. *2006 Playoffs (E Ramshaw)*

- 8.7. *2006 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship (A Halmos)*  
Convenor agreed to withdraw negative paragraph re: venue. Council's view was that VBA had acted in a proper manner. Share profits with VBA.

- 8.8. *Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (T Free)*

- 8.9. *Barrier Reef Teams (J Kipping)*

- 8.10. *Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*  
Noted that the event is now bi-annually at the SABA clubrooms.

- 8.11. *Sydney Festival (K Neale)*

- 8.12. *Western Senior Pairs (T Free)*

- 8.13. *Golden West (A Stralow)*

- 8.14. *Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*

- 8.15. *Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*
- 8.16. *NT Gold (P Nunn)*
- 8.17. *Convenors*  
A letter to be sent to all convenors requesting a report

**Action RG**

**9. WBF Tournaments**

- 9.1. *Z7 Championships*  
No Report
- 9.2. *Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl.*  
No Report
- 9.3. *World Youth Teams Championship*
- 9.4. *Governor's Cup Indonesia*  
Playoffs determine who plays.

**10. Independent Organisations**

- 10.1. *ABDA Report (J McIlrath)*
- 10.2. *ABTA Report (L Harkness)*  
No Report

**11. Notice of Motion**

Nil

**12. General Business**

- 12.1. *Honoraria*  
Moved (KM/DM) that the honoraria for the current officers of the Tournament Unit, the Executive Secretary, the GNOT Convenor and Library Custodian, be increased by 3% using honoraria paid in 2005 as a baseline.
- 12.2. *2006 Committees*  
Lists were pre-circulated.
- 12.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Dates.*  
Saturday 5 August Adelaide at Holiday Inn. 10am – 4 pm

- 12.4. *AOB*
- (i) Dick Cummings Masterpoints, write to David Anderson for permission. **Action RG.**
  - (ii) 100% rule, Item 4.
  - (iii) Public Liability Insurance for non-master pointing session. Treasurer to contact insurance company. **Action KCM**
- 12.5. *Date of 2007 AGM.*  
17 March 2006.
- 12.6. *Meeting Close*  
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm.

**ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
6.1	KCM	Entry Fees for ANC	
6.3	RG	Profile of Tournament Unit for Web	
6.12	RG	M Abraham circulate Newsletter	
6.13	RG	Write to Lusks	
6.16	JR	Write to Valmai Mitchell	
8.17	RG	Write to Convenors	
12.4(i)	RG	Write to David Anderson	
12.4(ii)	KCM	Public Liability for Non-Master Point Sessions	