

# MINUTES

## ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA - Sydney

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> & Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

**Present:** Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Keiran Crow-Mai (Treasurer), Dianne Marler

**In Attendance:** Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel) and Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Roy Nixon and Martin Willcox (Chairman TC)

### **Matters outstanding from previous minutes.**

KCM	3 Year renewal – pending
KCM	Amended licenses to convenors
EM	Understanding of what is published - pending
MW	Published systems are only ones that can be play at an event – Pending
JR/MW	Paper trail for tender/contract award CMS – pending
MW	Code of Conduct – pending
RG	WBF powerpoint presentation on web site – pending
MW	Liaise with P Marston and I McKinnon – pending
MW	Change of regulations - pending
RG	In principle proposal re: Honorary Members – pending
JR	Anti Discrimination re: English at the table - pending
MW	Change residency clause to “6 months in the previous year” – pending
MW	Liaise with SF Convenor re: Last Trains – Seniors and Women’s - pending

### **1. President’s Report**

- a. MC approved attendance of Earl Dudley at Governance workshop
- b. MC approved D Stern’s recommendations for the Playoffs and all ABF events to be implemented 1/1/2008. Copy of Stern’s regulations is attached to these minutes. Comments from ER will be passed back to D Stern.
- c. MC further agreed that D Stern’s recommendation re officials at playoffs be endorsed for the SFOB, the VCC and the GNOT Final. Also agreed that the regulation be filtered down to Licensed events and the ANC with the exception that ABF MC members be removed from the list.
- c. MC ratified the following Captains:  
George Bilski/Open and Richard Grenside/Women for the PABF and Martin Willcox/Women for Zone 7.
- d. Delegate for Zone 7, John Brockwell. If unable to attend, MC approved MW as delegate.
- e. If teams other than those who are targeted for the event wish to participate, the ABF MC wishes to maintain current policy with express condition that they be precluded from contention specifically for reason of any player participating in another team in the targeted event.
- f. Write to Newsletter Editor re: RDK **Action: RG**

- g. MC approved the outlay of \$500 only for the Oz One Bridge and Open Team challenge. This amount to be used specifically to defray costs in the running of the event. **Action: RG**
- h. MC approved that approval for the posting of information on website be delegated to either the Secretary or Executive Secretary.
- i. MC approved M Bourke as ABF Archivist and Keith Ogborn as ABF Historian.
- j. Inform all State Associations that they will receive one copy of AB. **Action: RG**

**2. Secretary's Report**  
**No Report**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The MC approved the recommendation of the Treasurer that subsidies for Zone 7 are \$1100 for players who reside on the Eastern seaboard with a further \$250 payable to all others players. Non-playing Captains to receive the same subsidy and subsidies for PABF will be \$2300 for players using accommodation options via the preferred venue. \$2000 for players not using preferred venue. Extra \$250 for non-playing captains.
- b. Re-wording of insurance claim procedures for website. All claims to be sent to broker direct. Re-send M Purchase claim to KCM. \$500 excess to be paid by ABF **Action: KCM**
- c. Send P&L for GCC to all councillors **Action: JR**
- d. License Agreements to state that every player should be a financial member of the ABF, onus on the Convenor. **Action: KCM**  
(The President pointed out here that the Convenor of the Gold Coast had received substantial sponsorship for the event from the Gambling Fund. Secretariat to write to Marketing Chairperson asking him to communicate with TT about the availability of this funding.)

**4. Legal Counsel Report**

- a. MC agreed to change Solicitor for James O'Sullivan Trust tax query to Ron Clapham at Meyer Vandenburg in Canberra
- b. Patent MCP Australia-wide **Action: MW**

**5. Secretariat Report**  
**No Report**

**6. Tournament Unit Report**  
**No Report**

**7. Tournament Committee Report**  
**No Report**

**8. Masterpoint Centre Project**

- a. Written report presented. PC side of project now being used in clubs in Victoria as well as for the Nationwide Pairs.
- b. Payments will cease on 13 May 2007. Project to continue, have ABF given enough resources.

**9. Player Liaison Committee**

- a. Regulating ABF Events, taking advantage of time available to canvas player liaison committees and State Presidents. **Action: RG/DM**
- b. MCP Player Liaison Chairperson to contact States. **Action: DM**

**10. Youth Coordinator Report**

- a. David McDonald, Peter Gill and William Jenner-O'Shea joined the meeting at 2.20pm. David reported that Jacquie Williams will be returning to the role of co-coordinator next

month. Ed Barnes will fill the role of Youth Week Coordinator in Canberra. Brad Coles was thanked for his services to Youth Week and will be reimbursed \$200 from ABF Funds. A contingent of Chinese Students will be attending the Butler in Perth.

**Action: KM**

- b. Write to M Abrahams re: meeting with Youth Coordinator and to request a report and attendance at the May meeting **Action: JR**
- c. It was suggested that the states write to the Director General of Education re promotion of bridge in schools.

#### 11. ABF Events

- (a) *Open and Women's Playoffs*
  - (i) A report from Convenor of Open/Women's Playoffs requested. **Action: RG**
  - (ii) Ascertain facts surrounding the Senior Butler in WA **Action: RG**
- (b) *Seniors Playoffs*

In progress at time of meeting
- (c) *ANC*

ANC Entry fees to be placed on the agenda at the next AGM **Action: RG**
- (d) *SFOB*

Invite Convenor to next meeting in Canberra **Action: JR**
- (e) *GNRP*

MC has recognized the response from the Convenor of the GNOT and the event will remain in its current format. GNRP considerations will continue. Send a letter to all Presidents re: heats in 2008 for 2009. It is the intention to run the GNRP in 2008 and to have a final in 2009. Contact GNOT Convenor to clarify if any changes need to be made and the role of Convenor GNRP. Ask Convenor of GNOT to attend May meeting. **Action: RG**

#### 12. International and Other Events

- (a) *QBA*

Memorandum from Manager of QBA re: License agreements considered, Treasurer to respond re substantive issues and Legal Counsel to respond re recorder issue. **Action: KCM/EM**
- (b) *Zone 7*

Write and thank all those who submitted an expression of interest. **Action: RG**
- (c) *NT Gold*

Subsidies for Restricted players to be sent to all those eligible. **Action: JR**
- (d) *TAS Swiss Pairs and VCC*

Treasurer to contact D Cooper and VBA re: respective license agreements **Action: KCM**

#### 13. Other Matters

- (a) *PABF Delegate*

Richard Grenside to be delegate at PABF.
- (b) *Composition of ABF Committees*

C Leach to be asked to be chairperson of the Governance Committee.  
D Smith to be asked to be a member of the Systems, Regulations and Governance Committees.  
Both D Cooper and C Leach to be asked to be a member of the Women in Bridge Committee.  
D Cooper to be asked how best to utilize her skills.  
A Stralow to be asked to Chair Technology Committee.  
B Neil was added to the Regulations Committee.
- (c) *Oz One Bridge*

All requests for reimbursements should be made via the Treasurer.
- (d) *Email*

Contact Webmaster re: email for councillors. **Action: JR**

- (e) *Flying Minutes*  
There should be a discussion phase followed by a decision phase. Review on flying minutes. Paper on Policy making. **Action: RN**
- (f) *Tournament Regulations*
  - (i) Regulations need to be updated. Secretariat to look at what was done by JB, then scan and send 1999 Rev 4 (as reviewed by Legal Counsel) to TC to bring up to date immediately. **Action: JR/RG**
  - (ii) Supplementary Regulations need to be vetted by Legal Counsel. **Action: EM**
- (g) *Vu Graph Coordinator*  
Report needed for mid year meeting. **Action: RG**
- (h) *Public Liability Insurance*  
Received request from Broker seeking excess payments of \$500 per claim. Web site to reflect that there is an excess of \$500 for all claims. ABF MC agreed to pay all excesses in 2007. KCM to respond to player from Northern New South Wales. All claims should be routed to Broker via State organization. Players to be advised accordingly. **Action: KCM**  
The Secretariat to include Broker's name and contact details to ABF web site. **Action: JR**
- (i) Secretariat asked to maintain list of items which had been referred to the TC in order to close them out as responses came to hand. **Action: JR**
- (j) ANC Team Draw – agenderise for next meeting. **Action: RG**
- (k) Remind RN to sign acceptance as trustee of JOS. **Action: JR**

**14. Next Meeting**

Canberra May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Sydney meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.