

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Holiday Inn – Surfers Paradise

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August 2008

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer),
Dianne Marler, Keiran Crowe-Mai

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

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Scan/Retype
DM	Advise DS and MB to move forward	Ongoing
DM	Minutes on web, link to councilors	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) President to write to NT re: disappointment of non attendance at ANC **Action: KM**
- (b) President has signed the license agreement with NSWBA re: Coffs Harbour.
- (c) President noted the excellent work being done by the BAWA Marketing Officer and Youth Committee.
- (d) Expression of interest received from Hilary Yovich re membership of committee(s). Agreed that she be asked to join both the Player Liaison and Women in Bridge Committees. DM to respond. **Action: DM**
- (e) Met with auditor for quick overview and understanding of programme for 2008. Confirming that KM has handle on everything.

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) Secretary to write to GO Coordinator to make representation on behalf of Australia at the World Mind Sport Games. **Action: RG**
- (b) Write to Youth Coordinator re: update on Youth **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) Finance Committee to discuss total payment for the tournament Unit, payments for convenors. **Action: RN**
- (b) Send email to Stater President seeking input about the financial impact of hosting the ANC. Put on agenda for Mid Year Meeting. **Action: DM**
- (c) ABTA to receive \$4000 per year **Action: RN**
- (d) Finance Committee to look at funding for the ANC and what the ABF can do to make sure incentives remain in place. **Action: RN**
- (e) \$4980 base rate entry fee for 2009. All states to be notified. Pairs entry fee to be set by ACT for 2009, entry fee includes 5 free entries to any other event for 2009. Direct entry to Stage II for one pair for each state in both Open and Womens Butler. Butler entry fee for 2009 \$160 Stage I and \$190 for Stage II, Swiss Pairs \$160 and Restricted Pairs \$110. Licence fee set at 20% of masterpoint fees. All States to be advised. **Action: RG**
- (f) Following receipt of proposed budget from SFOB Convenor, reduction in profit of 50% to be referred to Finance Committee for consideration/review. **Action: RN**

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) Create a guardian's form for under-age players, nomination form and a consent form from the parent. **Action: EM**
- (b) Withdrawal of pair from Stage III Open Butler to be referred to Ethics Committee to be resolved as soon as possible. **Action: EM**
- (c) Secretary to write DS re: B Richman and medical release. **Action: RG**
- (d) Correspondence with Yamba BC re question of distinguishing between Home and other members. Matter referred to the NSWBA for resolution.
- (e) 4 of the 5 outstanding sets of minutes complete.
- (f) Security document for NSWBA loan not returned as yet. Called Bruce Neill who advised that the interest rate was questioned. KCM disclosed reasoning behind rate. ABF main working account plus 1.25%. EM will follow up on email. **Action: EM**
- (g) Involved in correspondence with QBA re Law 80.
- (h) Involved in correspondence with a player re recorder matter seeking removal of incident from ABF Recorder Book. Believe it is in ABF's best interests to keep a record of the incident for future reference.
- (i) In contact with Laurie Kelso regarding appeals regulations. Now received by Eric Ramshaw and near completion.

5. Secretariat Report

- (a) All new clubs will have reactivation, new players and club transfer fees free for the first twelve months of operation. Other fees will be: Reactivation after 1st April but prior to 1st September – Affiliation fee of \$12 plus fine of \$2.20, after 1st September – Affiliation fee of \$6 (50%) plus fine of \$2.20. This clarification to be advised to councilors at the mid year meeting and then sent to all State Secretaries (and masterpoint contacts). **Action: RG**
- (b) Email received from David Anderson re allocation of masterpoints. Send to Presidents for comment and then resolution at the mid year meeting. **Action: DM**
- (c) Email received from Pauline Gumbly concerning Ron Klinger proposal. **Action: JR**

6. Tournament Unit Report

- (a) Write to Chair of TU re: 15 or 16 days, why other remuneration. **Action: RG**
- (b) National Level 3 inactive request to be sent to J Brockwell. **Action: KM**

7. Tournament Committee Report

Met on the 9th August 2008. Minutes will be available for the next meeting. The following matters to be referred to the TC:

- (a) Query cut off dates for Open and Women's Playoffs **Action: RG**
- (b) Tournament Committee to comment on ANC Pairs **Action: KM**
- (c) Entry Fee for ANC to be an agenda item for Mid Year Meeting **Action: RG**

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Parallel run by 1st December 2008. ABF MC agreed to pay an additional \$2,000 (plus GST) per month for three months in order for finalization of programming to be done.
- (b) Migration Path to be advised that the ABF wishes to maintain the current website for the masterpoint centre.
- (c) Discussion about involving David Weston after 29th August 2009. Agreed to invite David to ABF HQ to ascertain his interest in helping out until new system functional. Jane to contact David. **Action: JR**
- (d) Based on the above, DM to liaise with Margaret Bourke re list of deliverables. **Action: DM**
- (e) EM to draw up a legal document to cover this understanding once deliverables are sent to her. KM to sign at the first opportunity and send to Migration Path. **Action: EM**

9. Youth Committee Report

- (a) Can we confirm if the number of Australians flying on China Air has been reported to Anna Gudge. **Action: RN**
- (b) Still waiting on following information from Youth Committee. Will chase up.
Who makes up YC and what they do.
ABF MC gave YC Chair firm guidelines of what we expect and when we need financial date – where is the information?
Query information on numbers of Youth Players.
- (c) Need to ask YC to take up cudgel on raising the bar to increase the number of youth players and provide more statistics based on factual data.
- (d) Email to be sent to YC Chair again pointing out that reports must be available on all matters pertaining to youth in view of potential liabilities.

10. ABF Events

ANC 2008:

- (a) Email received from Bruce Neill concerning number of boards played in Butler in 2008 raises Health and Safety issues. Secretary to reply to BN that matter will be referred to ABF TC for discussion/resolution. **Action: RG**
- (b) Convenor's report will be available for meeting on 14th September

Playoffs Open/Women:

- (a) Understand that convenor is still looking for a venue. New format is for Open only. Cut off date for receipt of entries – c.o.b. 11th December 2008. Must send to EM's postal box. ER to call for nominations. Send a note to ER seeking a report for meeting on 14th September. **Action: RG**
When will entries open? Open format - top 4 pairs automatic entry based on PQPs and then the rest will play a Swiss. Other information will be available from TC Minutes when they are available. Make sure that all information is disclosed when entries are called for.

Playoffs Seniors:

- (a) Seek report from DS including budget for December meeting (13th). Secretary to send email to DS. **Action: RG**

ANC 2009:

- (a) Lyn Turner is convenor. Secretary to send email to her asking that an interim report be available for the AGM in March. **Action: RG**

GNP:

- (a) Qualifying heats running well. Some changes to the regulations will be required for 2009.
- (b) Numbers for final may affect the financial base.

SFOB:

- (a) Purchase of Quick Screens discussed. Suggested that the request be referred to the Treasurer if the Convenor decides that the purchase will enhance the profile of the tournament.

Licensed Events:

- (a) All convenors to be asked to send results to John Scudder so that he can compile PQPs.

11. Women's Committee Report

Nothing to report

12. International Events

PABF:

- (a) John Brockwell to be informed of Delegate status to PABF **Action: RG**
- (b) ABF funding dinner up to \$4,000. KM to handle invitation list. **Action: KM**
- (c) 2009 event to be held in Macau.

Olympiad:

- (a) RG confirmed that DS is copied on all matters concerning Beijing. He is chasing up one outstanding system card. To be asked to chase up reserve pair system cards as well.
- (b) Early advice sent to WBF re possible replacement of one pair in Open.

Bermuda Bowl:

- (a) 2009 will be held in Brazil.

13. Other Matters

- (a) BBO – good work done at the ANC by Justin Brown. Some concern about the number of events being displayed during the year. Email to be sent to Nick Fahrer seeking clarification together with a budget for 2009. We MUST have a schedule of events to be BBOed and number of tables to be on display. Copy all emails to Eric Ramshaw.
Action: DM
- Request re BBOing the Territory Gold was discussed. Agreed that recommendation would be sought from Nick and response sent thereafter.
Action: DM
- (b) Gold Coast Congress: ER is watch dog for the ABF. Send an email to ER asking if he is aware of the change of the dates for 2009 and future years.
Action: DM
- (c) Bridge for Brains: KMC to invite Angela to October meeting (25th). Received email with statistics on monies received to date. All future correspondence regarding B4B to go to Keiran.
- (d) Bridge for Brains: Accounts sent out and cheques being received. Need report on this event – send email to Jane to send on to Martin. Cut to MP is 25% of total income.
Action: RG
- (e) Remuneration for ABF Newsletter Editor discussed with MC agreeing to increase by 10%. RG to write advising increase effective 1.9.08.
Action: RG
- (f) Withdrawal from ANC Events – nothing in regulations. 1st reserve pair should be available up to start time of event – ask TC for recommendation.
Action: RG
- (g) Remuneration for TU parties in past years to be looked at.
Action: DM
- (h) Plans received for the new Waverley Bridge Club. No application for funding as yet from James O’Sullivan Trust Fund.
- (i) Send an email to Ken Miller thanking him for his memorandum on marketing and asking him if he would be interested in considering taking on role of Chair of Marketing Committee. DM to prepare email but will be send by Secretary.
Action: DM/RG
- (j) DM to chase up availability of NSWBA for meeting in October.
Action: DM

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Canberra – 13th September Mid Year Meeting & 14th MC Meeting
Sydney – 25th October
Sydney – 13th & 14th December