

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Convention Centre, Broadbeach

Saturday 7th March 2009

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

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

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Scan/Retype
EM	Legal Counsel to update regs on Drug Testing	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) ABF made a profit of \$20,000 in 2008.
- (b) GNOT to lodge formal budget.
- (c) Quickbooks specialist to assist secretariat in sorting through bugs.
- (d) Correspondence has been received from R Busch re: GNP.
- (e) Finance Committee to review Tournament Organisers fee for GNP **Action: RN**
- (f) Correspondence has been received from various clubs in Victoria re: VBA.
- (g) MC reinstated the State Directors Accreditation Committee with the Chair to be Richard Grenside.

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) The Minutes of all future MC meetings will be distributed by the secretary to all members of the MC allowing 10 days for each member to review with amendments being sent via the Secretary for consolidation into one set of updated minutes, which will be then sent to Legal Counsel for review prior to being posted to the ABF web site.

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Management Committee approved the signing of the ABF Financial Statements. The audit fees are \$9,900 and the Accountant's fees are \$10,000.
- (b) Finance Committee to look at Promotion and Marketing grants for 2009.

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) Legal Counsel reported briefly on matters including the NSWBA loan, and the need to update our records with the registering authorities as changes prior to 1998 had not been noted.

5. Secretariat Report

NO REPORT

6. Tournament Committee Report

A copy of the Tournament Committee Minutes was tabled.

- (a) John Brockwell has resigned from the Tournament Committee but will remain as an observer receiving copies of all documentation only ie not attending meetings.

7. Tournament Unit Report

Report from Chairman of Tournament Unit was tabled.

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

(a) Interviews for MPC Manager set down for 23/24 May 2009 at ABF HQ.

9. Youth Committee Report

(a) Griff Ware gave a verbal report and asked for the approval of out of pocket expenses for the Youth Team that competed in the Yeh Bros Cup. The MC approved the expenditure and referred the Youth Budget to the Finance Committee for advice.

10. Women's Committee

Nothing to report

11. ABF Events

(a) Ruth Lilian has been replaced at the POWMRI overseeing the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge. Secretary to write to the Director of the POWMRI to seek better communication and information exchanges. **Action: RG**

(b) Send note to JR re: replacement Captain for Playoffs **Action: RG**

(c) PK has started a review of the ANC. Send a copy of procedures to all councillors after approval from PK. Agenda item for AGM. **Action: JR**

12. International Events

Zone 7 Championships

Eric Ramshaw notified the MC that there would be at least 3 Open Teams and 3 Senior Teams for the Zone 7 Playoffs. 15th March to be the cut-off date for notification by the Zone 7 countries, John Wignall to be contacted. Legal Counsel drew up adjustment details for the Playoffs to be uploaded to ABF website as soon as possible (see Attachment A)

Action: KM

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Canberra – AGM 28th March 2009 with MC meeting 29th March 2009

Sydney – Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2009

Canberra – Saturday 18th and 19th July 2009

Canberra – Mid Year Meeting 19th September 2009 with MC meeting 20th September

1e	Finance Committee Review GNP Tournament Organisers fee	RN
4a	Legal Counsel to draft response to KH	EM
11a	Write to Director of POWMRI	RG
11b	Send note to JR re: Playoff Captain	RG
11c	Seek approval from PK re: ANC Review	JR
12	Write to John Wignall re: Zone 7 Playoffs	KM

Attachment A

Playoff Adjustments

The dates for the 2009 PABF event (previously 7 June -17 June 2009) have been changed (to 18 June – 28 June 2009). This occurred after some players who had nominated for the Australian Playoffs had arranged their annual calendars to allow them to be in Macau on the previously announced dates. At least some of the players involved are now unable to make themselves available for the event and/or to compete for the Zone 7 Championship at the end of the PABF.

In these circumstances the ABF Management Committee has decided that for this year only:

1. All teams competing in the Playoffs will be asked to subscribe to a declaration before the Playoff commences. In this team declaration, the team is to indicate the designated event(s) in which they desire to play. This declaration replaces the clause in the individual declarations as to designated event and may nominate different events.

2. Teams that win the right to represent Australia at the PABF may replace one or two players who are not available for their designated event(s). The substituting players must have qualified for the respective Playoff panel, but there is no requirement for the players to have won PQPs with any other member of the team.

3. The players who may need to be replaced must be named in the team declaration. The fact that the replacement will occur and the names of the replacement(s) must be provided with the Formal Acceptance of the right to represent.

Zone 7 Championship

4. In the event that there are no more than two teams in a division (Open, Women's or Seniors), the teams representing Australia in the PABF will play in the Zone 7 Championship in Macau, but the team selected via the Australian Playoff will represent Australia at the world event.

5. In the event that there are more than two teams in a division, the ABF will attempt to organise a playoff for Zone 7 to be held in Australia on a mutually acceptable date.

6. To facilitate this playoff the ABF will offer to provide financial assistance with the traveling costs for all participants including those from the other Zone 7 nations.

7. The ABF will make an announcement about the success of this attempt as soon as possible.

8. In the event that this attempt to rearrange the Zone 7 Championship is unsuccessful, a team which qualifies but has difficulty with the timing of the playoff :

i. may put in substitutes for one or two players (not subject to the conditions in clause 2; such substitutes do not acquire rights in relation to the World Championship);

ii. may play as a team of 4 or 5 for this event, but not for the World Championship;

or

iii. may elect to have the Australian PABF team represent Australia in the Zone 7 Championship while retaining the right to play in the World Championship.

If these measures do not resolve the problems the MC will consider whether any other measures are possible.