

# MINUTES

## ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA, 162 Goulburn Street, East Sydney

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012

### 1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow and Simon Hinge

**In Attendance:** Jane Rasmussen (Executive Secretary)

**Apologies:** Eilis Wagner (Legal Counsel)

**Observer:** Bruce Neill

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Minutes amended and confirmed.

### 3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

EM	MPC Contract for DW – now urgent	Ongoing
EM	Legal Counsel notes to MPPL	Ongoing
EM	Brief for RC re refusing entries	Ongoing
PG	Outstanding Ethics matter	Ongoing
RN & FC	ANC fees	Progressing
EM	Letter to Playoff Participant	Pending
EM	Amendment to By-laws – back with EM	Progressing
EM	Use of ABF URL - rebrand	Pending
KM	AW Ranking Scheme	Pending
DM	ABFMP Billing affiliation payments	Ongoing
BN	NVCs assistance in NSW	Pending
DM	NWP agreement – with MW for signature	Pending
BN	Scores Template	Progressing

### 4. MC REPORTS

#### (a) President's Report

The 2007 Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge were adopted by the WBF in October 2007. The ABF adopted these new laws on June 1, 2008. The ABF has assigned the power under Law 80 to regulate events (other than ABF events) to the State Association for 5 years. The ABF will re-assign for a further 5 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

#### (b) Secretary's Report

- (i) Items from the Secretary were dealt with during the meeting or in the list of correspondence.
- (ii) Proposed increase to hiring of NSWBA venue was endorsed by the MC. Secretary to advise NSWBA office accordingly. **Action: DM**

**(c) Treasurer's Report**

- (i) PAYG statements have been sent.
- (ii) BAS and tax completed. Payment of outstanding monies to the tax office to be finalized.
- (iii) Treasurer will provide mid year meeting with half year P&L which is likely to show some improvement in the ABF bottom line. **Action: RN**

**(d) Secretariat Report**

Send ABF information to President of Zone 7 for report to WBF.

**Action: JR**

**(e) Legal Counsel**

Legal Counsel arrived for a brief period on Sunday.

- (i) Ethics matter is progressing.
- (ii) The amendment for the by-laws will be ready for the Mid-year meeting, foreshadow a change at the AGM.
- (iii) Due to time constraints, vetting of regulations to be completed by a suitable replacement.

**5. OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Tournament Committee**

- (i) Correspondence received by the TC re: Senior Playoff points were discussed and the MC agreed with the TC that the ABF Management Committee does not wish to change the published rules after the start of the PQP year. **Action: DM**
- (ii) Revision of Augmentation rules have been drafted and sent to Tournament Committee for comment. **Action: EM**
- (iii) Correspondence from a representative of the Women's events was discussed. The MC suggested that perhaps the Open Women and Senior playoffs be combined in 2014. Player Liaison to poll all players.

**(b) National Tournament Coordinators**

NTC report received and acknowledged.

**(c) Central Masterpoint Project**

SH to correspond with Peter Busch re: Rank promotions for ABF Masterpoint Centre Website. **Action: SH**

**(d) Youth Committee**

New Chairperson of the Youth Committee, I Del'Monte to commence in December. Current Chair has offered to provide training.

**(e) Women's Committee**

Delegate will be S Grenside and Secretary to write a report for her to present in Lille. **Action: DM**

**(f) National Viewgraph Coordinators**

All went well at the ANC.

**(g) National Marketing Officer**

- (i) \$2000 has been received from TBIB.
- (ii) Guidelines for Newsletter content to be sought from Chair of Newsletter Committee. Half a page in each ABF Newsletter to be allocated to Marketing Officer. Clarification of policies for ABF Newsletter advertisements to be reviewed in December.

(iii) NMO to provide master list of sponsors/advertisers for in newsletter.

**(h) National Teaching Coordinator**

(i) Both Teaching and Marketing coordinators are in SA on a Teaching workshop.

**(i) National Appeals Coordinator**

No report

**(j) National Recorder**

Outstanding ethics matter to be passed over to PG for consideration and recommendation. Secretary to send information.

**Action: DM**

**6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS**

**(a) Playoffs 2012**

(i) Coogee Bay Hotel venue for the Open and Women's Playoffs in December. M McM to be used as scorer for this event. Secretary to contact Tournament Organiser. **Action: DM**

(ii) Canberra was put forward as a suggested venue for the Senior Playoffs in February 2013. Players to be canvassed for comment. **Action: DM**

**(b) GNOT**

List of staff to be sent to MC.

**Action: DM**

**(c) GNP**

States to be asked for input with 2014 final to be the last year of the GNP.

**Action: DM**

**(d) Bridge for Brains**

Photos are being collected for display on the website.

**Action: JR**

**(e) Make-a-Wish Foundation**

President to write re: receipt.

**Action: KM**

**(f) Nationwide Pairs**

Legal Counsel to meet with Migration Path and discuss signing of contract.

**Action: EM**

**(g) Licensed Events**

(i) Swan River Swiss Pairs report received.

(ii) Barrier Reef report – to be supplied.

(iii) VCC Report received and acknowledged by Secretary. **Action: DM**

**(h) SFOB**

(i) Tournament Organiser has discussed the option of BPay with the NAB.

**(i) ANC 2012**

(i) Secretary to circulate to all Butler winners the following: The Tournament Organiser of the Butler being held in Adelaide in 2013 has been instructed that she is to accept your entry into a Butler event in 2013, on the basis of an individual entry equivalent in monetary terms to the cost of an individual entry for the event which you won - and also the equivalent of an individual entry into Stage 2 should you qualify. This means that your entry is not restricted to the category that you won in 2012 although the benefit is capped to the maximum 2013 entry

- fee to the event that you won in 2012. Prize money for 2012 to be paid upon receipt of bank account details. **Action: DM/JR**
- (ii) Contact Tournament Organiser for a report. **Action: JR**

**j) ANC 2013**  
Moving along.

**(k) Butler Pairs 2013**  
Arrangements progressing.

## **7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**(a) APBF**  
Richard Grenside has agreed to be the ABF representative at Fukuoka in Japan.

**(b) World Youth**  
Running nicely.

**(c) WMSG**  
Source ABF on site rep. **Action: DM**

**(d) Yeh Cup**  
Dates amended to 22 to 26 April 2013. To be posted to website.

**(d) Other Overseas Events**  
Posted to ABF web site as received.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**(a) Foreign Players**  
Masterpoint Committee Chair to write guidelines for registering foreign players. **Action: DA**

**(b) Australia Wide Pairs**  
Results of the Australia Wide Pairs event run by Australian Bridge has not yet been scored and results circulated. Secretary to contact PM. **Action: DM**

**(c) Gold Points for State Events**  
TAS, VIC and WA will trial the gold point status in state events for the remainder of the year. States involved to provide a report for the January meeting. **Action: DM**

**(d) Congratulations from the ABF President**  
President to write to all members attaining the age of 100 to congratulate them. A suggestion of free entry to all those players who have reached the age of 100 to be sent to all license holders. The SF to allow all members over the age of 100 to play in all events free. Secretary to circulate. **Action: KM/DM**

**(e) VBA Correspondence**  
MC considered the correspondence and will notify the VBA of the TC augmentation policy. **Action: DM**

**(f) Mid-Year Meeting**  
Agenda items for the meeting:  
Review of the Constitution – Report required from Chair.  
BFACT Gold Point event – Report from the Finance Committee.  
Gold Point Events to the States.

Marketing Grants.

- (g) **Library**  
Some further discussion about the library budget for 2012.
- (h) **Minutes**  
With permission from Legal Counsel it was agreed that the Secretary and Secretariat would vet and clean minutes for the website.
- (i) **Redevelopment of Website**  
Moving forward, working with Joan and Sandra on Marketing and Teaching components. Some training will be required for both the Webmaster and support staff.
- (j) **Transfer Request**  
A request from a former NZ player was received and following protocols, the player is now eligible to represent Australia.

### Forthcoming Meetings

8 September – Mid Year Meeting – Sydney  
9 September – Sydney  
3/4 November – Sydney  
15/16 December – Canberra

### ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JULY MEETING

Item	Action Required	By Who
4(b)(ii)	Increase in hiring costs for NSWBA	DM
4(c)(iii)	Mid year P&L to councilors	RN
4(d)	Report to Zone 7 President	JR
5(a)(i)	Senior Playoff Points	DM
5(a)(ii)	Augmentation rules	EM
5(c)	Rank promotions for Masterpoint website	SH
5(e)	Women's Committee report	DM
5(j)	Ethics matter to Nat Recorder	DM
6(a)(i)	McMan for December Playoffs	DM
6(a)(ii)	Canvas players re: Canberra Playoffs	DM
6(b)	List of Staff for GNOT	DM
6(c)	GNP, input from States re: 2014	DM
6(d)	Photos for website re: BfB	JR
6(e)	Make-A-Wish receipt	KM
6(f)	NWP Contract	EM
6(g)(iii)	Acknowledge VCC report	DM
6(i)(i)	Butler notification to winners	DM
6(i)(ii)	ANC report	JR
7(c)	Source ABF on-site rep for WMSG	DM
8(a)	Foreign players guidelines	DA
8(b)	AWP contact MP	DM
8(c)	Trial Gold points in TAS, VIC and WA	DM
8(d)	100 years young, congrats from the ABF President	KM
8(e)	Acknowledge VBA correspondence	DM