

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Vibe, Goulburn Street on Saturday 2nd August and NSWBA on Sunday 3rd August

1. ROLL CALL

Bruce Neill (President), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow (Secretary), Simon Hinge and Dallas Cooper

In Attendance: Russel Harms (Legal Counsel), Jane Rasmussen, Keith McDonald (President Emeritus)

At the opening of the meeting, the Management Committee noted with great regret the loss of Eilis Magner, who was ABF General Counsel for 16 years. Her loss is greatly felt.

TBIB Insurance Broker Steve Weil attended the meeting to update the Management Committee on its insurance offerings to the Bridge Community. The ABF will renew the Voluntary Workers policy in August at a \$1,500 saving on last year with no decrease in cover. This covers volunteers working for the ABF, State and Territory Associations, as well as affiliated clubs. Steve also spoke about future sponsorship of the ABF.

The MC wishes good luck to the Teams representing Australia at the 15th World Youth Teams Championships in Istanbul from August 13 – 23, and at the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships in Glasgow from September 8 – 13. In Istanbul, Andy Hung is NPC and Alex Smirnov is coach of both teams:

- The Girls Team is Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovsky, Renee Cooper, Jess Brake, Ella Pattison, and Kirsty Fuller.
- The Junior Team is Nabil Edgtton, Adam Edgtton, Laura Ginnan, Justin Howard, Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams.

In Glasgow, the teams are:

- Ishmael Del'Monte, Peter Hollands, Nye Griffiths, Andy Hung, Adam Edgtton and Liam Milne together with non-playing Captain, Michael Whibley and Coach, Alex Smirnov.
- Margaret Bourke, Sue Lusk, Barbara Travis and Candice Ginsberg.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes 28th and 29th June 2014

Minutes were confirmed.

3. Matters outstanding from previous minutes

14.10. Technology Chair to investigate costs of national payments facility and prepare a proposal for Mid Term meeting.

14.26. Technology Chair to organise a link on the home page to take experienced players to the information they are asking to access with greater ease.

14.33. Treasurer to include in budget for September meeting.

14.36. General Counsel to discuss Nation Wide Pairs scoring system with Migration Path.

4. Correspondence

- a. Sean Mullamphy re prize money for SFOB 2015.
\$15 000 will be allocated as other prizes for the event. Tournament Organiser to provide Management Committee with a comprehensive list of prize money, by event. **Action: AS**
- b. QBA, VBA, TBA re State Gold point events.
The Management Committee decided that the trial of awarding Gold Points for certain State events will finish on 31/12/2014. From 2015, Gold Points will again only be allocated for ABF and ABF licensed events and GNOT qualifying. **Action: AS**
- c. Barrier Reef report and financial statement.
The Management Committee thanks them for the report.
- d. VCC 2014 reports.
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5. MC Reports

- a. **President's Report**
The President spoke to his pre-circulated report.
- b. **Secretary's Report**
Nothing else to report that is not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.
- c. **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer spoke to pre-circulated report. The Management Committee accepted the financial strategy paper prepared by the Treasurer and Finance Committee. This will be circulated to Councillors soon for discussion at the ABF Mid Term meeting in November.
- d. **Executive Secretary's Report**
The Youth Committee are to look into recognition of Frank Power's initiatives in teaching bridge in schools.
- e. **General Counsel's Report**
Advise to Management Committee re Licensed events banning players from tournaments. He suggested amending 3.2 of regulations, and that disciplinary measures should first be dealt with at the event. The problem only occurs if the player does not come from the State the event is being held in.
General Counsel is developing a policy on caring for minors, covering under-18 international representatives, players in Open and Youth events, and caddies and other assistants. He is also preparing a Privacy Policy.

6. Other Reports

- a. **Tournament Committee**
TC minutes were confirmed and approved.
- b. **National Tournament Coordinators**
Report received.

- c. **Masterpoint Centre**
No report.
 - d. **Youth Committee**
No report.
 - e. **Women's Committee**
The ABF Women's Committee is preparing for the first Pacific Asia On-line Women's Bridge Festival, to be held from Monday 1st to Friday 5th September 2014.
 - f. **National Viewgraph Coordinators**
No report. Secretary to email coordinators asking them to provide the information on statistics of hits and users during each stage of the ANC and maybe another recent event. Also if they are able to identify the audience of BBO and suggest the promotional value to the ABF.
 - g. **National Marketing Officer**
Outline of work carried out in the previous month. The MC authorised the ABF Marketing Officer to issue an invitation by the end of August, calling for applications for 2015 Special Marketing Grants.
 - h. **National Teaching Coordinator**
Outline of work carried out in the previous month.
Note: Technology Committee will be added to future agendas.
- 7. Australian ABF & Licenced Events**
- a. **ANC 2014**
The MC thanks the NSW Bridge Association and the organisers Marcia and John Scudder for successfully hosting the Australian National Championships last month.
 - b. **ANC 2015**
Planning is progressing
 - c. **SFOB 2015**
Yeh Cup entry to be a prize for the NOT. Criteria for eligibility will be determined and published.
- 8. Governance**
- The Management Committee considered the Governance Paper prepared by the ABF Governance Committee. State and Territory associations have been invited to provide feedback to the Chair of the Governance Committee by 31 August 2014. General Counsel to compile a paper commenting on legal matters arising from the Governance Paper.
- 9. International Events**
- a. **Asia Cup**
- 10. General Business**
- a. Playoffs TO fees. President to talk to Tournament Organiser.
 - e. Masterpoint category for qualifying of restricted ANC pairs. Carried over to September meeting.
 - f. Clash of dates VCC and BRC. To be discussed further at September meeting.
 - g. Clarification of prize of Butler entry for following year. Pair or individual prize?

- h. Committee of Honour Award, Eilis Magner. Present to husband at the SFOB. Details to be finalised.
- j. ABF position on hosting World Championships. WBF President may attend GCC. Management Committee will ask John Wignall for data from previous championships.

11. Forthcoming Meetings:

20th and 21st September – Sydney

Mid-term Meeting 8th November – Sydney

9th November – Sydney

13th and 14th December – Melbourne

2015

12th and 13th January 2015 – Canberra

28th February and 1st March 2015 – Broadbeach

AGM 18th and 19th April 2015 – Canberra

13th and 14th June- Sydney

Action Items

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>
14.05	RN	<i>Investigate national.txt file in download area</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.06	AS	<i>Develop policy U15s and parental release and Youth Week 2015</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.09	SH	<i>Look into document management</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.10	SH	<i>Investigate On-line entry for website</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.12	BN	<i>Seek technical information re ranking system from Barry Capel and Peter Busch</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.13	RN	<i>Look into Bridge Tournaments online</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.20	RN	<i>Purchase mindsports business name</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.21	RH	<i>Seek resource to set policy re Duty of Care – minors</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.28	RN	<i>BBO Seminars – strategy document</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.30	BN	<i>Ranking scheme</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.33	RN	<i>Review remunerations</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.36	RH	<i>Investigate NWP – Migration Path</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.38	PG	<i>Teaching in schools</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.39	KM	<i>ABF Foundation</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.40	RH	<i>Investigate SABA arrangements with “satellite clubs”</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.41	AS	<i>Follow up re restricted events</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.44	BN	<i>Contact BBO Organisers re policy on commentary in broadcasts</i>	<i>progressing</i>
14.45	BN, JR	<i>Arrange to keep HR files at ABFHQ</i>	<i>progressing</i>

Action items following meeting 2nd and 3rd August 2014

14.46	RH	<i>Circulate legal aspects of Governance Committee documentation</i>	
14.47	RN, BN	<i>Prepare a paper re sting WBF World Championship event</i>	
14.48	RN	<i>Circulate financial strategy to all councillors</i>	
14.49	RH	<i>Review Disciplinary processes</i>	
14.50	BN	<i>Discuss Youth Coordinators role with Chair of Youth Committee</i>	
14.51	SH	<i>Investigate button on webpage for easy access for experienced Players</i>	
14.52	RH	<i>Prepare Privacy Policy</i>	