

ABF Management Committee Meeting July 16th, Radisson Hotel, Perth

Short Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7.50pm.

1. Roll Call

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, J Arkininstall, E Ramshaw, V Brockwell, E Magner, T Brown.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held 23rd May 1999

So confirmed.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) *List of regular payments by Treasurer.*
In Hand
- (b) *Web page contract with the Cummings.*
To be completed by August meeting. **Action: DY**
- (c) *P. Buchen to have file of ABF hands for analysis.*
He is happy with any set of ABF hands – to be supplied. **Action: ER**
- (d) *ACBL Handbook*
Arrived. To be copied for EM only. Follow up other pertinent documents available from the ACBL. (Two of current manual plus other admin documents. **Action: VB**
- (e) *Darwin ANC.*
Progressing. **Action: KM**
- (f) *Teaching Tour Payments.*
Letter sent to States. **Action: DY**
- (g) *Rabbi Helman Donation*
Final document to be prepared. **Action: KM**
- (h) *Workers comp for ABF Helpers*
Willis to be asked to investigate workers comp in each State. TB said that blanket cover in each State is the best approach. **Action: TB**
- (i) *ABF Funds*
Finance Committee to meet weekend of ANC. **Action: TB**
- (j) *Payment to WBF.*
VB to check if payment made. **Action: VB**
- (k) *Player Incentive Payments.*
TB said all players liked the idea. He will follow up with brokers in Sydney (Lloyds) to see if insurance possible. **Action: TB**
- (l) *Trophy Donation.*
No response from advertisement in ABF Newsletter. ABF to purchase.

- (m) *Player Fund*
KM to finalise rewording of this document **Action: KM**
- (n) *Residency Requirements.*
JA to reword proposal to TC and send to Player Liaison committee for comment. Natural Justice issues to be resolved by Council. **Action: JA**
Moir has applied for Australian residency. Australia and NZ have agreed on her release. Prescott situation not yet resolved. ER suggests we accept him. Agreed by MC. M. Courtney is eligible to play for Australia.

5. President's Report - K McDonald

- (a) L Beech and B Richman letter tabled. They strongly support the ABF player incentive payment scheme.
- (b) J. Rothfield to be added to Committee chaired by M. Kent following his strong letter of support for the ABF.
- (c) A short report to be presented to the Council meeting was tabled, as was the list of Plans and Priorities of the ABF. Progress was being made on many of the items in the Plan.

6. Treasurer's & Finance Report

- (a) TB gave a short report on his attendance at the PABF meeting in China.
- (b) Youth event in USA. An amount of \$8000 was given to the NPC for accommodation and other costs for the event. The approved rate was airfares, accommodation and \$15 per player per day.
- (c) JOS Foundation. Current interest rate confirmed at 6%. Funding top up to be an Agenda item for august meeting. A trustees meeting to consider interest rate.
- (d) The 1998 accounts are in draft form with the Auditors.
- (e) Price Waterhouse correspondence (to TB) requests formal notification of work outside the scope originally agreed and to end in March 1999. Finance Committee to discuss ABF finances, what reserves are required, and what to do with balance (in terms of investment).
- (f) GST advice. Price Waterhouse quoted \$3000 for a simple newsletter and \$15000 for detailed advice. Clubs are in urgent need of this advice. JA has details of a document which provides GST advice – to be sent to TB.

Action: JA

The ABF will fund the sending of GST advice to clubs.

- (i) Y2K responsibility. The Technology Committee to provide advice on this to the MC. **Action: DY**
- (g) Who is covered under professional indemnity insurance? It is believed that all ABF officers are covered.

7. Secretary's Report

- (a) The Youth Captains report to be discussed at the August meeting.
- (b) Masterpoint Committee report tabled. No actions arising.
- (c) Letter from Marion Cooke re ANC in Brisbane. Respond that it is to be discussed at the next President's meeting.
- (d) Awards for green point winners. Write to J. Hansen. **Action: DY**
- (e) World Youth event in Australia in 2001. Passed to Youth Committee for recommendation. **Action: DY**

- (f) NZ youth team to play in Australian events. Passed to Youth Committee for recommendation. **Action: DY**

8. Legal Counsel's Report

- (a) Recommend that a lawyer be retained to advise on commercial matters. Ron Clapham recommended. Approved.

No further items.

9. General Business

As it was after midnight, no further business was possible and the meeting agreed to hold the next MC meeting in Sydney on 14/15 August.

D. Yovich
Secretary, ABF