

**ABF Management Committee Meeting
September 18/19, 1999, Qantas Club, Sydney Airport
Minutes (Record of Meeting)**

The meeting commenced at 10.10am.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held 14/15 August, 1999

So confirmed with change to 5(d) "provided that they are accredited directors" and 7(e) omit \$2500 as not confirmed.

4. Matters Arising

(a) *Web page contract with the Cummings.*

Moved DY, seconded KM that contract with Cummings, as detailed in tabled documents, be approved. Carried. JA abstained. Further it was agreed that Stage 2 of the web page development be proceeded with as from November 1st 1999.

(b) *NSWBA Loan.*

Moved KM, seconded DY, that on advice from Ron Clapham, solicitor, the mortgage documents securing the loan to the NSWBA be signed, and the Company Seal be applied. Carried. JA and TB abstained.

(c) *Marketing Report.*

To be dealt with in General Business

(d) *1998 Accounts.*

To be dealt with under Treasurers Report

5. President's Report - K McDonald

(a) *Ranking Schemes.* **Moved ER, seconded DY, that Murray Green be asked to present a more detailed proposal regarding his ideas for a ranking scheme.** Carried. **Action: KM**

(b) *Playoff.* It was noted that the Australian Tournament Regulations do have a board rule for playoffs conducted in Australia. This was decided at April 1999 meeting.

(c) *EBU Report.* The Report as tabled at the previous meeting was reviewed and considered to be an excellent document. It was decided to ask the Marketing Committee to look at it and also to examine the Audrey Grant Report provided to the ABF, and to investigate the Dutch promotion scheme and the Quittner proposal outlined in his letter to the ABF. **Action: DY**

- (d) An email from A. Mill re the use of directors for the Youth Championship. It was deemed OK for either del'Monte or Gill to direct this event. **Action: ER**
- (e) *ANC 2003*. The budget provided by the NTBA was reviewed. An updated budget was required by January 2000. VB to write to NTBA thanking them for the budget papers, and requesting a revised budget and also a firm date for the ANC start. The ABF would advance working capital of \$8000 in due course, and on application, and repayable in August 2003, interest free.

Action: VB

6. Treasurer's Report

- (a) Budget. It was noted that for the Newsletter, all advertising was to be paid for. The Finance Committee was to look at advertising rates and report back to MC.

Action: TB

- (b) Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup. The NPC's were ratified. Julia Hoffman for Women and Wally Scott for Open. Funding was to be as follows: \$5200 per person for BB/VC plus domestic airfare add-on as necessary. The players were to sign for this amount. An extra \$250 was approved for NPC's. As far as the Transnational teams event was concerned, ABF would fund the entry provided the Australian team enters as a full team. It was the NPC's responsibility to forward team photos and systems.
- (c) The engraving of trophies for ABF events is to be paid for by the State or event running the event.
- (d) Insurance. There are 7 policies held by the ABF: 2 voluntary workers policies; ABF headquarters; workers compensation; computer equipment; Public Liability; ABF defamation insurance.
- (e) GST advice has been contracted to KPMG for \$5000. To be sent to clubs when received.
- (f) Price Waterhouse paid out for work done. Julian Aitken was offered appointment to manage ABF accounts for an interim period.
- (g) No Insurance claims for the break in at ABF headquarters have been paid. Follow up required.
- (h) Clarification on the policy for ABF workers needs finalising so that insurance can be determined. Liaising with Stan Bruce.
- (i) JOS is up to date. On advice from Ron Clapham, new separate bank account to be opened. It shall be known as the James O'Sullivan Foundation, and the signatories are KM, TB and JHA with any two to sign.

Action: KM

7. Secretary's Report

- (a) Bega Bridge Club green point award. J. Hansen certificates approved. To include President and Secretary names for signature. **Action: DY**
- (b) Seniors event at the BB/VC. ABF will pay entry fee. VB to follow up with John Wignall re details. ABF endorses the six players who nominated for the available place and these names to be sent to WBF (This is to be submitted through Z7 President, John Wignall).
- (c) W. Scott and J. Hoffman to be sent letter re withdrawal of player incentive payment. (This to follow KM's attempt to get insurance from AXA).

Action: KM

- (d) Technology Committee to look at possibility of viewgraph presentation at SF if Australia reaches semifinal. The possibility of one or two terminals with web access to be looked at by SF convenor.

8. Legal Counsel's Report

No items.

9. TC Report

- (a) Playoff event. ER still researching suitable sites. It was decided to put entry forms on ABF web site and publish in ABF Newsletter also. The cut off date was to be highlighted. **Action: ER**
- (b) Declaration form for availability for BB/VC has been completed. ER to have signed by players. **Action: ER**
- (c) Residency requirement. **Moved ER, seconded KM, that Option 2 in JA paper be supported and moved through Zone 7 Laws Commission for implementation as soon as practicable.** Carried. A letter to be written to M Mayer to inform him of what the current situation is. **Action: ER,DY**
- (d) Minutes of Perth TC meeting accepted and approved by MC.

10. General Business

- (a) An ex-gratia payment of \$250 will be made to P. Gill for out of pocket expenses in regard to his excellent work for youth bridge. **Action: TB**
- (b) Franchising Code for MP Centre and Interstate Trading Act. Val to get advice from R. Clapham. **Action: VB**
- (c) Player Incentive Scheme. The Insurance option still being followed up. KM to speak to Michael Kent. As per the Perth Council meeting, the player incentive for the 2000 BB/VC was withdrawn. If insurance can be obtained, it still may go ahead.
- (d) Training of Australian Teams. The paper by TB discussed extensively. TB to provide list of Open, Women and Youth players who will use OKbridge. The top six pairs in the Butler (each of Open/Women) have first preference. DY to prepare a list of recommendations for players and captains. A summarised report to be sent to TC and Player Liaison Committee (TB to check it first). Also to be sent to Moses, Bourke and Fordham. **Action: DY**
- (e) Reports. The Report from J. Brockwell agreed. VB to write letter to NZCBA (Arie Guersen) with a copy to J. Wignall. Other reports tabled and agreed.
- (f) Lusk Contract for Newsletter. JA will prepare paper on this contract for next meeting. **Action: JA**
- (g) Y2K compliance. Write to McKinnon and Willcox re the compliance of their scoring software. **Action: DY**
- (h) Alice Springs Bridge Club. Request for subsidy of \$300 approved. **Action: TB**
- (i) Fax Software. Approved for purchase. **Action: DY**

- (j) Letter to MW thanking him for his Captains report. R. Brightling to be requested for a Captains Report (VB to follow up) **Action: DY**
- (k) Masterpoints. There was a feeling that a simplified explanation for small clubs in understanding the masterpoint scheme (what's available, how to fill in returns, etc) could be done. DY to send a note to KM who will pass on the Joan McPheat as she has done something in this area. **Action: DY**
- (l) Travel. TB to follow up proposal with Travel Centre; try to get the most discount possible. He is to discuss with Tony Jackman re gold Coast event. **Action: TB**
- (m) Marketing Report. The report was reviewed in detail. The major event proposed is a National rubber bridge competition, similar to what is conducted annually in NZ. The proposal is to be investigated in respect to its success in NZ before any further action is decided. A low cost proposal is preferred in light of tight budget consideration for the next year or two. **Action: KM, MK**
- (n) Indonesian situation. JA moved that ABF rescind invitation to Indonesians. No seconder. Motion lapsed. KM to write to all State president's stating the ABF position. Will be reviewed at December meeting. **Action: KM**

The meeting closed at 4.00pm on Sunday 17th September.

Next meeting to be held in Sydney, Qantas Club on 11/12th December.

D. Yovich
Secretary, ABF

Addendum

At noon on Sunday 17th David Stern (Chairman Youth Committee) and Peter Gill were invited to attend the MC Meeting to discuss Youth issues.

A number of issues were raised:

- (a) It was resolved that the ABF Capitation Fee would be waived for all bona fide full time students till they turned 18.
- (b) Hero Youth Bridge Event (Holland – January 2000). This event was supported strongly by Stern and Gill. Four youth players wished to attend. Brayshaw/Raisin and Robb/Nunn. It was resolved to provide a grant of \$200 to each of Robb, Nunn and Brayshaw. Raisin would get \$100 as he was in England already.
- (c) Rabbi Helman Award. The prize of \$400 would go to the player with the most masterpoints and \$100 would go to a person considered to have been the best sportsman. To be nominated by Youth Committee and presented at Summer Festival with other SF awards.
- (d) Disciplinary matters. D. Stern asked if there could be a Youth committee representative on any disciplinary hearings involving youth players. Agreed. JA to write to Youth Committee with the ground rules applying to discipline hearings.
Action: JA
- (e) It was also agreed that a once off event in 2000 for under 30's would be held in conjunction with the Youth Championships.
- (f) A letter of appreciation to be sent to Peter Gill for his work with Youth. **Action: DY**
- (g) It was proposed by P. Gill that NZ Youth teams be invited to compete in the Australian Youth ANC event. To be discussed by the MC.
- (h) A Zonal playoff with New Zealand in 2000 was agreed. This would take place in NZ in July. A subsidy would be provided by the ABF.
- (i) Approval was given for a deposit of \$1200 to pre book rooms for the 2000 Youth event.
- (j) The formation of an informal Zone 7 Youth Committee was supported. P. Gill to follow up.
- (k) The adding of a Youth web site to the ABF site was approved. Funding of \$240 per annum to Nick Croft was approved for this purpose.
- (l) D. Stern agreed to obtain teaching material from the EBU and Netherlands.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm