

**ABF Management Committee Meeting  
December 11/12, 1999, Qantas Club, Sydney Airport  
Minutes (Short)**

The meeting commenced at 10.15am.

**1. Roll Call**

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

**2. Apologies**

Terry Brown

**3. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held 18/19 September, 1999**

So confirmed with change to 5(b) Remove sentence beginning "This was decided..."

**4. Matters Arising**

(a) *NSWBA Loan.*

Account from Mr R Clapham for legal advice has been received. Account to be paid. All legal matters regarding the NSWBA Loan are now completed. VB to ring Clapham re provision of detailed answers to questions asked of him. Review in January (Terry Brown)

**Action: VB**

(b) *Marketing Report.*

To be dealt with in General Business

(c) *1998 Accounts.*

Auditors appear to be confused as to who is ABF Treasurer. The audited accounts are unsatisfactory and not acceptable. TB to contact auditors to resolve.

**Action: TB**

KM to provide a record of expenditure for 1998 to ER.

**Action: KM**

(d) *Indonesian Team*

A letter has been received from the Foreign Affairs Dept in response to our letter of inquiry. They support our actions to date.

**5. President's Report - K McDonald**

(a) *Ranking Schemes.*

A report has been provided by Murray Green. He is to proceed with a detailed proposal. No further action by MC until the detailed report is received.

(b) *Player Incentive Scheme*

KM has approached AKA who declined at this stage to provided insurance.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

(a) *GST*

The issue of capitation fees for 2000 was discussed. The ABF capitation year was January to December, whilst the masterpoint year was April to March. **It was resolved that the 2000 subscriptions would be \$7.35 for the period 1/1/2000 to 31/12/2000. The collection of these fees is to be as per normal procedure. The capitation fee for 2001 will be \$7.00 plus 10% GST (i.e.\$7.70).** Moved KM, seconded DY. Carried.

It was noted that several ABF events may require separate GST accounts (e.g. GNOT). Players receiving travel allowances do not pay GST. TB to provide a briefing on GST issues for the next Meeting.

**Action: TB**

(b) *Mullamphy and Gill*

Treasurer to advise on what action has been taken re payments.

**Action: TB**

(c) *Insurance.*

Treasurer to advise on what action has been taken, and whether payment had been received.

**Action: TB**

(d) Clarification on the policy for ABF workers needs finalising so that insurance can be determined. Liaising with Stan Bruce.

**Action: TB**

(e) Travel Centre proposal.

Is now on website – approval through DY is normally required for items on website. Are Travel Centre a sponsor – what benefits to ABF?

**Action: DY**

(f) BFACT loan is in hand. Reminder letter to be sent by TB.

## 7. Secretary's Report

(a) Invite Greg Quittner to next MC meeting.

**Action: DY**

(c) Summer Festival Contract

(i) **It was resolved that the Contract in its current form would not be extended to cover the 2001 Summer Festival**

(ii) Local input from Canberra is necessary. However, who will provide this support, and what will it be?

(iii) Who is the ABF negotiating with? The ABF will request a joint submission from BFACT and CBC.

A letter is to be written to J Scudder stating the following:

(i) There will be no extension of the current contract.

(ii) The Convenor is to negotiate for services in a normal commercial manner (along lines outlined in the Scudder letter)

(iii) ABF allocation of the Summer Festival profit will be determined at a later stage

(iv) Copies of the letter to be sent to BFACT and ACTBA

(d) It was resolved that J Hansens contract to manage the Masterpoint Centre would be renewed till December 2004. A letter to be sent to this effect.

**Action: DY**

- (e) Table numbers for the Australia Wide pairs and Multipairs to be sought for the last five years. **Action: DY**
- (f) Balance Sheet from the 1999 Hans Rosendorff Teams to be obtained. **Action: DY**

## 8. Legal Counsel's Report

No items.

## 9. TC Report

- (a) A letter to be written to M Mayer to seek clarification of his eligibility for Australian residency. Draft letter to be checked by JA. Similar letter to be sent to other NZ players coming under the Trans Tasman Agreement. **Action: DY**  
The MC will rule on this matter after responses received. If players are ruled ineligible, points earned will need to be recalculated. If Marston is disadvantaged by the outcome (because of his partnership with Mayer) he will retain PQP's earned.
- (b) *Seniors for Maastricht 2000*  
Australia will send a team, and it will be subsidised - \$1500 per person for 6 team members. The team will be selected by having a playoff between the Bermuda Bowl Seniors team and the team winning the 2000 Seniors event at the Summer Festival (or the 2<sup>nd</sup> team if the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team does not wish to contend). The playoff will be in Sydney (Easter 2000) and the normal board rules will apply. The ABF reserves the right to call for expressions of interest (or not send a team) if the proposed selection procedure does not eventuate.
- (c) *Teaching Tours*  
The original letter sent out to States by the Secretary is endorsed.
- (d) *Invitation to Israel bridge Tournament*  
A letter to be sent to Open and Women's Team. The ABF will not fund the team. A decision will be made if both teams show an interest in competing. **Action: DY**
- (e) *SA GNOT issue.*  
To be left as is for the time being. J. Brockwell is writing to all SA clubs. MC will review once response to JB letter is received. A letter to be sent to D. Anderson thanking him for his letter and stating that we share the view of the Convenor (J Brockwell) that consultation with SABA would have been the preferred option. When the responses from the other clubs have been received, the ABF will discuss the alternative solutions.  
**Action: DY**
- (f) *Chess at the Sydney Olympics*  
Chess is not an Olympic demonstration sport. VB to respond to letter. The ABF is keen to have a demonstration match at the same time as the Olympics.  
**Action: VB**

*(g) Meeting dates for 2000*

Decided. These will be as follows:

January: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> - Canberra

February: 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> - Surfers

March: (AGM) 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> - Canberra

The meeting closed at 5.00pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and resumed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. DY was not present. Minutes below prepared by Valerie Brockwell.

Management Committee Meeting (continued),  
Qantas Lounge, Sydney Airport, Sunday 12/12/99.

The meeting commenced at 10.03am.

Present

McDonald (Chair), J Arkinstall, E Ramshaw, V Brockwell (Minute Secretary)

Apologies

T Brown, D Yovich

Item 7. Tournament Unit & Tournament Committee Report

David Stern was appointed, in his capacity as Chairman of the Youth Committee, as a full member of the Tournament Committee. **ACTION DY**

The Regulations sub committee (E Magner, R Klinger, B Neil, W Lazer, P Gue, N Moses, F Curtis) are requested to make recommendations to update the ABF tournament regulations for the 2000 version. These can be based on the E Magner plain English version of the ER 1994 draft.

**ACTION VB**

The minutes of the Tournament Committee meeting of 28/11/99 were tabled.

ER is currently updating the Playoff Regulations. The most likely venue for the 2000 Playoffs is the Wynard Vista Hotel, Sydney.

The MC overruled item 3 in the TC minutes and approved a final in the seniors event at the 2000 Summer Festival because the SF brochure has been released stating that a final will be held. The MC accepts the decision of the TC that a final will not be held for the 2001 SF. The TC minutes of 28/11/99, when released, must contain a rider that item 3 was overruled.

The MC endorsed item 4 of the TC Minutes re PQP for 2000 but would be interested in seeing a full review of the policy pertaining to PQP.

ER will give D Anderson a list of questions re masterpoints for internet events. The MC approved the proposal in principal, but needs to scrutinise DAnderson's responses.

The recommendation of the TC that all players on the PQP panel be written to

advising them that the full list of PQP is posted on the ABF Home Page was overruled. This information has, as well, been advertised in the ABF Newsletter, so interested players holding PQP are well informed. No further action required.

The TC minutes were approved for circulation with amendments.

*Item 7a. Youth Championship Directors. Done.*

Item 7b. Declarations of Availability for BB/VC Done.

*Item 9. General Business.*

9a Senior's Team Maastricht, August-September 2000. The Seniors Teams will be selected by a playoff involving the SF and Bermuda teams concurrent with the open & womens playoff. The total subsidy will be \$1500 per player, not available for any npc. Press release to be issued.

**ACTION VB**

9b Microsoft Network Gaming Proposal. Dealt with. Agenda should read D Anderson, not D Lusk.

9c Jon Hunt Letter re Summer Festival Dealt with in Saturday 11/12/MC minutes.

9d) Marston proposal (Cards) Considered and rejected. Letter by Secretary to P Marston.

**ACTION DY**

*Item 10 Any Other Business*

10a) Youth Committee

The Minutes of the Youth Committee meeting of 13/11/99 were tabled.

(a) Hills-Hurley Trophy. The MC endorsed the suggestion from the YC that the Hills-Hurley Trophy be awarded at the Friday prizegiving of the Summer Festival. J Scudder to be advised.

**ACTION VB**

The Secretary to write a letter to D Stern re the Minutes of the Youth Committee concerning the following items:

a) Helman-Klinger Award .The previously announced criteria re the Helman-Klinger Award (MC minutes, September 1999) differ substantially from those proposed in the YC minutes of 13 November 1999. It was decided that the recipient of the Helman-Klinger Award be determined as agreed at the September MC meeting and promulgated in those minutes.

**ACTION DY**

- b) NZ Test Match. (Suggested name “Trans-Tasman Challenge”). Clarification is required concerning the location, timing and relationship between this event and the Z7 event below (c).  
**ACTION DY**
- c) Z7 Championship. The ABF is prepared to fund a youth team with a captain if a Zone 7 Championship is held in Hamilton, NZ, in July 2000 prior to the New Zealand Nationals. VB to reply to J Wignall’s letter on this subject.  
**ACTION VB**
- d) Youth “Club” within the ABF . The MC requires more data. A copy of DY’s letter to be sent to J Hansen.  
**ACTION DY**
- e) A Mill’s Liaison with TC. D Stern’s appointment to the ABF TC will deal with this.
- f) Establishment of a Z7 Committee and WBF Youth Representative. It is noted that the establishment of a Z7 Youth Committee is the province of the Z7 council. These matters will be discussed by the full ABF Council at the 2000 AGM.
- g) NZ District Teams for the ANC. This MC is not opposed to this concept but reminds the YC that any invitation for a district youth team for the ANC must be made in consultation with all States. The invitation must be issued by the ABF not the YC.

The YC Minutes were accepted.

- 2) The financial arrangements for the youth championships in Canberra were discussed. The Treasurer to provide more details. JA to confer with TB  
**ACTION JA/TB**
- 3) The memo to KM from D Lusk dated 29.11.99 was noted.
- 10b SABA/Gue Dispute. The current situation in South Australia has not gone unnoticed by the MC of the ABF. Whilst reluctant to intervene in what could be considered a State matter, the MC is prepared to offer mediation if both parties consider this desirable. The ABF President and J Arkininstall would act as mediators at a time and place convenient to all for an informal meeting. The Secretary to draft a joint letter to the President of SABA and to Phil Gue expressing these sentiments.  
**ACTION DY/KM**
- 10c Leave for VB. Leave approved from 4/1/2009 to 24/1/2000. In recognition of good work since the GM’s departure, leave to be deducted from entitlement will be the three days 29-31 December on full pay.
- 10d RJ Cummings. The MC noted Dick’s passing with regret and great sadness. A discussion took place on how the ABF might be able to note the achievements

of this outstanding Australian player. JA to liaise with DW Howard.

**ACTION JA**

- 10e Trophies. A trophy (named the Les Szatmary Trophy) for the Spring National Open Teams has been accepted. David and Linda Stern have offered to provide a trophy for the Spring National Womens Teams. Criteria for accepting trophies was discussed. The issue of naming rights for an ABF event was deferred to the next MC meeting. A formal procedure for presentation of trophies and medallions was discussed and will be implemented after the “medallion” policy is determined.

**ACTION DY.**

- 10f Medallions. It is time to re-order medallions or replace them with something else. VB to contact Derek Pocock for advice about medallions of a different kind and also to contact NSWBA, DY and T Jackman about pens and also consult with the Marketing Committee/M Kent.

**ACTION VB**

- 10g Marketing Sub-Committee. The MC considered the two reports. VB to discuss with M Kent the development of the brochure describing the ABF which is intended to introduce the ABF to players who are not ABF Playing Members (new/overseas players)

**ACTION VB/MK**

Other items held over until the January meeting so that MC members can consider them in detail and offer constructive suggestions.

**ACTION DY/MC members**

- 10h OKBridge DY to report on the number of current valid subscriptions, the players who are entitled to use them and the extent of their usage.

**ACTION DY**

- 10i Drug testing A clause is to be added to the Declaration of Availability (especially for WBF events) to make players aware that one of the consequences of bridge becoming an Olympic sport is a requirement to conform to the regulations of the Olympic movement concerning drug use/testing. General Counsel, Eilis Magner, to produce the clause from the draft wording suggested:

- I am aware that the classification of bridge as an Olympic sport requires bridge players to adhere to the drug policy of the IOC and I agree to submit to such tests for drug usage as are required by the IOC. **ACTION EM/ER**

- 10j National Authority Requested to revisit the definition of Sponsoring Organisation and its determination for various classes of events in Australia; compare its report published previously in the ABF Newsletter with the Queensland court judgement and general legal implications.

**ACTION EM**

- 10k National Authority/Tournament Committee Request to consider the paper

published by the WBF on WBF Appeals.

**ACTION ER/EM**

- 101 Mayer/Andrew Mill Letter. Secretary to send a letter to A Mill acknowledging receipt of his enquiry on behalf of M Mayer noting that "this matter has developed significantly since receipt of your enquiry and the ABF MC is pursuing the eligibility of Mayer to represent Australia directly with Mayer" Refer to Saturday 11/12 MC Minutes.

**ACTION DY**

The meeting closed 4.24pm