

**Minutes, ANC General Meeting
Melbourne, 2004
10.30am Sunday 8th August
VBA Clubrooms
131 Poath Rd, Murrumbeena Vic 3163**

1. Identification of Councillors

Present

Keith McDonald (Chair), QLD holding proxy for Tony Jackman (QLD)
Andrew Struik, ACT
Ken Miller, NT
Nicolas Croft, SA
Chris Lorimer, SA Deputy Councillor for Phil Gue, SA
Dallas Cooper, TAS
Andrew Richman, TAS
Martin Willcox, VIC
Andrew Halmos, VIC, Observer
Richard Grenside, WA
Eric Ramshaw (Supplemental)
Laurie Kelso (Supplemental)
Eilis Magner (ABF General Counsel)
Valerie Brockwell (ABF Executive Secretary/Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Julia Hoffman, ACT
Keiran Crowe-Mai, NSW
John Arkinstall, NSW
Tim Haubrick, NT
Tony Jackman, QLD
Dennis Yovich, WA

2. Minutes of the 2004 ABF Annual General Meeting

Moved, (AS/RG), that the Minutes of the 2004 AGM as circulated be penciled. Carried.

3. Matter Arising from the 2004 AGM

None.

4. Minutes of the 2004 President's Meeting

The Minutes were tabled and discussed.

(i) Item 6 (a), the increase in the cut off age for youth club players from 18 to 25 agreed to by the Presidents needs to be promulgated. **Action DY.**

(ii) The Secretary to invite R Hills to be a member of the State Director's Accreditation Committee.

Action DY

(iii) The Secretary to contact the VBA to ascertain the name of Justin Stark's replacement as ABF Delegate. **Action DY**

(iv) Noted no support for a handicap event in the ANC.

(v) The Chair asked that Councillors promote the various marketing schemes such as the fundraiser for the Prince of Wales Hospital. **Action all Councillors.**

(vi) The ANC cycle applying to Sydney 2005 noted.

(vii) A point of clarification is required re item 19 GNOT. The Executive Secretary asked to consult with the GNOT Convenor before releasing the Minutes. **Action VB.**

5. Committee Reports

a) Management

K. McDonald

No written report, however the President spoke on several issues.

(i) Two-tier membership proposal

The President briefed Council on the implications of the experimental two-tier membership proposal, outlined the progress to date and assured Council that equity and relativity would always be maintained. C Lorimer then conveyed the information that following a recent special meeting in Adelaide between P Gue and the SA clubs, an acceptable compromise had been reached which should solve the problems and negate the need for the two-tier membership proposal.

(ii) ANC

The format of switching the Butler and Teams weeks for the Sydney ANC was discussed. Some Councillors expressed disappointment in the lack of consultation with States. The Chair explained that the Tournament Committee had first approved this concept so that international players could access the Butler and that the Tournament Committee Minutes were confirmed by the Management Committee meeting of 6 August. The Tournament Committee had further suggested that the various ANC pairs events be removed and replaced by a single event. The Management Committee yesterday took the decision that the normal segmented pairs remain as is. Council inquired whether the NSW organizers would consider running a pairs event immediately prior to the ANC to give participants from the smaller States a chance to practice. **Action KM**

The possibility of having an ANC page on the ABF website has been approved by the Management Committee, implementation to be arranged by the Secretary. **Action DY**

(iii) On line Bridge

On line Bridge is now up and running. To a question using the free option instead, ER explained that the ABF has been in continuous negotiation with On line Bridge for about five years whereas the free option has only recently become available.

b) Finance

K. Crowe-Mai

No written report.

c) Ethics

E. Magner

No written report. General Counsel advised that there are two matters outstanding, one from the Summer Festival and one from the VCC.

d) Governance

K Crowe-Mai

No written report.

e) Library

T. Bourke

No written report. The suggestion to be relayed to Tim Bourke that it may be beneficial for the Library catalogue to be accessible via the website. Noted that D Yovich is the ABF's official conduit to the Webmaster. **Action VB.**

f) Marketing

A. Richman

Report tabled and discussed. The ABF brochure has not yet been designed. Still looking for someone to take on the bridge column starter kit project. The idea of a national convenor has received positive feedback.

g) Masterpoint Unit

D. Anderson

No written report. The Chair noted D Anderson's ongoing efficiency in the running of this Unit.

- h) National Authority E. Magner
No written report. General Counsel advised that there is one matter outstanding regarding whether someone can read at the table. The answer is yes, provided that the opponents are not displeased. The latest pronouncements of the National Authority need to be promulgated. **Action EM/DY.**
- i) Masterpoint Review C. Mitchell
No written report. The Chair advised that Colin Mitchell has agreed to undertake a review of the Gue paper.
- j) National Director Accreditation J. Brockwell
No written report. Noted no recent National Director accreditations.
- k) Newsletter A. Richman
A Richman spoke to his written report. The Newsletter is well received by players. A suggestion that there be a range of advertising rates was discussed.
- l) Olympic K. McDonald
No written report.
- m) Player Liaison P. Gue
No written report.
- n) Systems Regulations L. Kelso
No written report, however L Kelso has produced a document now in its third draft and close to completion. He spoke to Council on the technical aspects of the regulations. In style they are closer to the EBU than the WBF. The general approach is to get the systems regulations into use then to review them after players have had the chance to trial them. Council suggested that L Kelso send a memo to the Secretariat for promulgation in the Newsletter and on the ABF website. The updated version of the ABF System Regulations and classifications is scheduled to come into force for all National ABF events from 1 October 2004. **Action LK/VB**
- o) State Director Accreditation D. Cooper
No written report. The chair D Cooper outlined difficulties due to some States not responding to communications.
- p) Technology D. Yovich
No written report.
- q) Tournament E. Ramshaw
No written report. ER gave a brief account re the Melbourne ANC noting that players must be “active” when nominated by States. He will send a memo to all States to canvas opinion about the experiment that a full system need not be lodged for seniors. **Action ER**
- The Seniors age has been established. As of 2005, the ABF will follow WBF guidelines, meaning 55 by 1/1/05. Noted that the Summer Festival flier distributed at the ANC is showing the wrong dates. Parameters for the 2005 Playoffs have been put in place. The Chair of the Player Liaison Committee, P Gue, is seeking input from players.
- r) Youth D. Stern
No written report. The Chair drew Council’s attention to the significant effort going in to the 2005 WJC. Any States wishing to access the ABF Youth Coordinator need to contact David Lusk.

- s) ANC 2005 Liaison B. Neill
No written report.
- t) Oversight A. Struik
A Struik spoke to his written report. He indicated that there were still areas of concern primarily involving communication

7. General Business

a) *Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship*

R Grenside will travel via Melbourne when he attends Management Committee meetings in order to confer with the CNBC Convenor, A Halmos. Arrangements are moving forward but as yet there is no budget. The ABF needs to know what commitment is required.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Action By	Item No	Brief Description	Comments
DY	4(i)	Promulgate increase in age of Yth Club players	
DY	4(ii)	Write to R Hills	
DY	4(iii)	Write to VBA	
All Council	4v	Promote such fundraisers as Pr of Wales Hosp	
VB	4vii	Point of clarification re GNOT in Pres Meet Mins	Done
KM	5a(ii)	Contact organizers re pairs event prior to 05 ANC	
DY	5a(ii)	ANC page on website	
VB	5e	Write to T Bourke re Library catalogue on website	Done
EM/DY	5h	Promulgate pronouncements of National Authority	
VB/LK	5n	Systems Regulations	Done
ER	5q	Memo to States re Seniors Systems at ANC	