

ABF Management Committee Meeting 23rd May 1999, Sydney Airport Qantas Lounge

Minutes

The meeting commenced at 10.20am.

1. Roll Call

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, J Arkinstall, E Ramshaw, Val Brockwell, E. Magner.

2. Apologies

T. Brown (In China representing Australia in the PABF)

3. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held 24/25 April 1999

Item 10(k) Signatories to cheques. Change to one signatory req'd for amounts shown, and two of three for cheques exceeding the shown amounts.

Item 7(c) EM response to SABA not required. Will be resolved following Pres. Meeting.

Item 8(f) A Veterans category is added to the SF, 2000.

Item 10(j) Item referred to Bridge Encyclopaedia.

4. Matters Arising

(a) *Insurance Claim*. A cash settlement of a smaller amount will be paid by Insurers (depreciation included). TB to query if insurance for replacement value is possible for computer equipment.

Action: TB

(b) *Vehicle sale*. Sold for \$19,500.

(c) *Web page development*. New page is up and running. Response is very positive. A contract is to be prepared and presented for signature to the Cummings. They are to present work details so payment can be initiated.

Action: DY

(d) *Darwin ANC*. No progress while NT President is overseas.

Action: KM

(e) *Residency requirement*. JA to report.

Action: JA

(f) *Teaching Tours*. Finalised at Presidents Meeting. It was decided to provide up to \$1500 to each State for sponsored teaching tours. Grant on a \$1 for \$1 basis per calendar year, with the requirement that funds be spent on teaching, that the ABF component be acknowledged, and that the responsibility for administration be a State matter. Retrospective for pending applications. To be publicised in the ABF Newsletter.

Action: DY

(g) *P. Buchen re hand analysis*. DY to write to him explaining the problems in locating the hand file. ER to follow up with MW.

Action: DY,ER

(h) *ACBL Handbook*. VB has written to ACBL. ER to send copies of NZ Handbook to interested member of MC.

Action: ER

(i) *Rabbi Helman donation*. KM to send copies of correspondence (and resume of telephone conversations) to EM.

Action: KM

(j) *Workers compensation for ABF helpers*. No WC is available for casual helpers - only to permanent employees. A list of ABF events is to be provided to EM so State jurisdiction can be checked (VB,EM). The definition of what is an ABF event was raised. It was felt that an event that awards gold masterpoints and/or PQP's was how it was defined currently. Who is the sponsoring organisation may be a better method of defining an ABF event. A letter to Willis re public liability needs to be sent urgently (DY).

Action: VB,EM,DY

(k) *Player Incentive payments*. Michael Kent is tasked with finding a sponsor(s). ER asked for consideration of the following as requirements before payment is agreed.

- * Minimum boards rule
- * Minimum number of competing teams
- * Round Robin and/or Finals consideration for PABF

This was referred to Finance Committee for consideration and reporting back to the July meeting in Perth. To be ratified by Council meeting in Perth.

Action: ER

(l) *Gue matter*. Deferred.

(m) *Player Fund*. Press release to be reworded.

Action: KM

(n) *Gold masterpoints for ANT consolation*. David Anderson's views to be sought re the ANT, Butler, etc. MC is not convinced that this is the right way to go.

Action: ER

(o) *Team naming*. Add a rider that the ABF reserves the right to charge a fee for team naming rights. Put on net and add to next Newsletter.

Action: DY

(p) *WBF Youth*. KM stated that S. Mullamphy will remain WBF youth representative for Australia. This information to be conveyed to D. Stern by KM.

Action: KM

(q) *J. Frazier and A. Wilsmore matters*. Ethics committee to meet on 28th May. VB to try and find Wilsmores contact number.

Action: VB

(r) *NSWBA loan caveat*. To be done.

Action: EM

(s) *Delegate to PABF*. Done. JG would have been very happy to have attended the meeting. However, MC procedures caused a problem of timing and so TB will stand in.

(t) *Australian Bridge article*. DY to do an article covering general information.

Action: DY

5. President's Report - K McDonald

(a) *President's Meeting*. KM expressed his views about the outcomes of the meeting held on the 22nd May. It was a possibility that VB purchase all tickets for future meetings.

6. Treasurer's & Finance Report

As Terry Brown was in China, there was no report.

7. Secretary's Report

Correspondence was received from

(a) Bunbury Bridge Club re teaching tour. Dealt with.

(b) Willis Insurance Brokers. DY to respond with various club details.

Action: DY

(c) PABF Agenda for meeting in China.

A letter was tabled from G. Jesner for signing of the 1997 ABF accounts. So done.

A Press Release was to be done regarding the appointment of Mill and Lusk as Youth Coordinators. VB to liaise with D. Stern re this.

Action: VB

All committees were to report for the mid year meeting. DY to prepare a response for for sending to all Chairmen.

Action: DY

8. Tournament Unit & Tournament Committee Report

(a) *BB/VC in Bermuda*. There were few details available as yet. Opening ceremony to be Friday 7th January and Victory ceremony on Friday 21st. The room rate appeared to be \$142 US per day, including breakfast. An entry fee of \$5000US was required. At this stage a daily rate to players of \$100 would mean approximately \$85,000 cost for the event. VB to check on airfares so we can decide subsidy at the July meeting.

Action: VB

(b) *Hand dealing for the 2000 SF*. Mullamphy aware of award. NSWBA not notified as yet. For 2001, tenders will be called. If no price is lower than a maximum that the ABF is prepared to pay, dealing will be done by an employee. Some clauses in the tender document require rewording.

Action: ER

9. Legal Counsel's Report

No further items.

10. General Business

(a) *Paper on ABF involvement in international competition*. Dealt with.

(b) *Committee Structures in the ABF*. Agenda for July meeting.

(c) *Relationships with related organisations.* Defer to July meeting.

(d) *Meetings for July ANC.* It was decided to change the proposed meeting to the following:

- * Friday 16th, 7.30pm. MC meeting.
- * Saturday 17th, 8.00pm. Council meeting.

All MC members and State delegates to be notified. It was noted that the state may request the ABF to pay half airfare for two full Councillors to attend the meeting.

Action: DY

(e) *2000 AGM.* The date was changed to 11th/12th March. It previously had been the following weekend (18th/19th).

Action: DY

(f) *Control of ABF events.* ER is opposed to the ABF relinquishing control of these events. He feels that many technical aspects will be compromised. Insurance is also a potential problem. Any delegation needs to include control of technical and tournament side of the events. Further discussion is required on this matter. Agenda item for July meeting.

(g) *SABA matter.* It was noted that the constitution has SABA as a constituent organisation of the ABF under Clause 26. The MC is concerned that there may be some issues concerning SABA's relationship with its constituent members (the SABA clubs). It may be appropriate for SABA to discuss this issue with the ABF Management Committee. KM to write to SABA, with copies to all State Presidents, and other interested parties to this effect.

Action: KM

(h) Two issues were raised:

- * Free entry of Australian Teams to ABF events - where was this decided?
- * ER to prepare a paper for July meeting on State control of the ANC

Action: ER

The meeting adjourned to discuss JOS matters.

The JOS Trust has been set up, and the nominated persons were required to sign an agreement to act as trustees as no copies of consent existed for the current nominated people.

EM was asked to sign to this agreement and also to check with Taxation Dept. if there was a tax liability for the JOS Trust.

Action: EM

The balance sheets for the Trust for '97 and '98 were available from the Accountants.

There was a request from the Sunnybank Contract Bridge Club for a loan of \$30,000. It was recommended that the funds be approved. So approved.

There was a request also from Launceston for funds. VB to respond.

Action: VB

The meeting ended at 3.30pm.

Next meeting to be Friday 16th July, 7.30pm, Perth (at ANC).

D. Yovich
Secretary, ABF