

**ABF Management Committee Meeting, 8/9 April 2000, Qantas Club Sydney Airport
Minutes – (Short)**

The meeting commenced at 10.00AM

1) *Roll Call*

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

2) *Confirmation of meeting held 10th and 12th March, 2000.*
Confirmed.

3) *Matters arising*

(a) Cards proposal

Deferred until Sunday meeting.

JA to submit a counter proposal to P Marston as a memorandum to emphasise, amongst other stringent safeguards, that (i) all technical *bona fides* would be at PM's cost and (ii) the ABF Newsletter would not be cancelled. **ACTION JA**

(b) Youth Club proposal

Following a discussion whether there should be a cost of \$1 per player, it was decided to make no charge for the Youth Club for a period of one year after which time the decision would be reviewed.

DY to write to J Hansen authorising him to establish a Youth Club under the control of the ABF.

DY to write to D Stern outlining supplemental requirements for procedural control for the information of the Youth Committee. **ACTION DY**

(c) RJ Cummings Tournament

Discussion was deferred on this item until 11.30AM at which time W Lazer was scheduled to address the meeting. Following his presentation on behalf of the RJC Committee, Dr Lazer left the room. Lengthy discussion ensued as to whether the WL recommendation, in the form of a counter-proposal for the timing of the tournament to that proposed by the ABF Tournament Committee in the Minutes of its meeting of 1 April, should be adopted. The Management Committee voted (4-1) in favour of acceptance of the RJC Committee proposal, ER dissenting.

KM to write to the Chairman of the ABF Tournament Committee. Also to the Chairman of the RJC Committee outlining the ABF's requirement for a minimum of 60 tables for the event, and emphasising that it would be an ABF rather than a NSWBA event.

VB to write an Information Release highlighting that the GNOT Final series would now start on Thursday 9th November 2000. **ACTION KM/VB**

(d) Corporate Traveller legalities

TB tabled a letter from Corporate Traveller dated 19/4/2000 confirming the agreement.

Corporate Traveller is the ABF's preferred travel agent, however convenors of events are not obliged to use this service if other arrangements are more suitable.

The mechanics concerning travel arrangements with the Corporate Traveller are clarified as:

(i) All participants/events are included for which the ABF pays any subsidy towards travel; participants include councillors, directors, delegates, captains, players etc.

(ii) The travel subsidy (typically the minimum 21 day Advance Purchase fare) is available to the participant only as a credit against the (air) fare booked to the target event through the Corporate Traveller; it is not available to the participant for any other purpose.

(iii) Applications for exceptions must be addressed to the Treasurer.

Refer to 9(c).

(e) Mixed Teams issue (letter received))

The content of the letter to DY was noted and a decision was taken. JA to draft a letter and send to DY for transmission.

ACTION DY/JA

(f) Printing of ABF Newsletter

TB to send all his relevant correspondence to the Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, W Scott, along with (i) a complaint received from P Lavings re editorial control of articles and (ii) a copy of the Lusk's contract.

W Scott to emphasise to the editors that in future there shall be no contras and that the Newsletter should be restricted to 24 pages.

ACTION TB

(g) Trophy and Medallions

One person submitted an application following the Newsletter article seeking new designs for ABF medallions. ER absented himself from further discussion. The applicant, S Ryan, was declared the winner. DY to write to S Ryan accepting her "hand" design and suggesting the addition of the ABF logo to the artwork. TB authorised to pay \$250. DY will organise a mock-up of the design.

ACTION DY/TB

(h) President's Meeting

VB has issued invitations to all State Presidents. As there is no current President of BFACT, the Vice-President, Sheila Bird, was invited as the representative of BFACT. The meeting is scheduled for 10.00AM Saturday 20th May at the Qantas Lounge, Sydney airport. M Kent and J Rothfield also invited to attend to present a Marketing Committee update.

4) *President's Report* – K McDonald

a) The President tabled a letter from D Anderson outlining his approach to OK Bridge on establishing a similar arrangement as previously approved for MSM.

b) The President alluded to recent correspondence with the VBA re the AGM Notice of Motion.

c) Naming Rights for Trophies for ABF events

The acceptance of the Stern trophy for the SNWT was approved. DY to write to D Stern with a suggestion that the trophy name refer to either "Stern" or "DDBC" but not to both. cc J Mottram. **ACTION DY**

5) *Treasurer's & Finance Report* – T Brown

(a) Audit for SF
Pending

(b) Corporate mastercard
Application sent.

(c) Audit of 1998 ABF Accounts

The "Client Assistance Schedule" signed by the ABF President and Treasurer was tabled. Coopers Lybrand, Perth, will send the completed papers to VB who will pass them on to the Public Officer for lodgment in Canberra.

(d) Audit of 1999 Accounts
Proceeding

(e) GST - the issues raised by J. Hansen and other related matters

Masterpoint costs will rise by 10% from 1 July. This needs to be promulgated in the ABF Newsletter and the Masterpoint Newsletter. The year is 1 January to 31 December, not 1 April to 31 March. **ACTION DY**

GST of 10% will apply to GNOT entries. For any qualifying event, which commenced before 1 July, GST will be waived.

ABF registration for an Australian Business Number required. TB to apply for this. In principle, the ABF will buy services only from individuals or

contractors who have an ABN.

TB to liaise with Don Walker re the implementation of GST on behalf of the ABF. TB to author GST item for ABF Newsletter. **ACTION TB**

(f) Audit for Spring Nationals discussed. Treasurer to correspond with Convenor

ACTION TB

(g) Other items discussed:

(i) A Mill/youth event in January. Unresolved.

(ii) Treasurer to liaise with convenors via the Tournament Unit Chairman to institute a system of budgetary control and preparation of balance sheets that allow comparison of all ABF events.

(iii) The profit target for ABF events should be 10% of entry income. The cost of masterpoints to be treated as a normal expense of the event. **ACTION TB**

(h) Z7 Youth Event

Emails from D Stern and D Lusk suggesting ABF subsidies for the youth event in New Zealand were discussed. The subsidy, including all GST charges, for the youth team was approved as follows: (i) the return airfare to be booked through the Corporate Traveller at a cost as established by TB and Corporate Traveller. (ii) the return bus fare from Auckland to Hamilton, and (iii) \$210 per player.

Seamus Browne was ratified as captain of the youth team and a subsidy of \$300 approved. DY to confirm the appointment by letter. **ACTION TB/DY**

The Saturday meeting concluded at 5.05PM

The Sunday meeting commenced at 10.00AM

6) *Secretary's Report* - (D Yovich)

(a) Proposal for Youth Development

DY to promulgate the decision in the paper "Developing Status for ANC Youth" for the allowance of players under 30 for the 2000 ANC. Comments from the States would be appreciated, the responses to be presented by the Presidents at the meeting on 20th May **ACTION DY**

(b) Trophies and medallion issue
Completed.

(c) OKBridge

Allocation of names for Open, Women and Senior deferred until after the Playoffs. DY will contact D Stern for names of youth players. **ACTION DY**

- (d) Delegate to Zone 6
J Greenfeld confirmed as the Delegate for Zone 6 for 2000.
- 7) *Tournament Committee Report* – E Ramshaw
- a) With the exception of item 1, the Management Committee endorsed the Tournament Committee Minutes of the meeting of 1 April.
- b) Youth event in NZ including NPC
Dealt with under 5h.
- c) Residency issues for ANC
Refer to TC report.
- d) Dick Cummings Tournament
Dealt with under 3c
- 8) *Legal Counsel's Report* – E Magner
Spring Nationals Incident. A report was received from E Magner The Management Committee endorsed the recommendation by Legal Counsel that no further action be taken.
- 9) *General Business*
- a) The ABF is most grateful to Kim Ellaway, Secretary of the QBA, for her support and assistance to the ABF President.
- b) ABF Secretariat report accepted.
- c) ER's notes for the Management Committee Meeting discussed:
- (i) His paper on eligibility and residency to be promulgated without being vetted by General Counsel. ER to provide copies to DY, VB and D Lusk for the Newsletter.
- (ii) Corporate Traveller refinements discussed. VB to send a note to those attending the Presidents Meeting that they must book 21 days in advance and VB also inform the Corporate Traveller. Refer to 3c **ACTION VB**
- (iii) DY to extract any unresolved items for the next agenda. **ACTION DY**
- d) ER absented himself from the discussion. Payment of \$200 approved for ER as Convenor's honorarium for the 2000 Playoffs. **ACTION VB**
- e) Contracts for dealing for the 2001 Summer Festival have been resolved and awarded. The President to sign legal documents when available.

- f) Replies to requests for reports were received from J Brockwell, D Anderson, M Kent and W Scott reporting nil activity in their Committees; T Bourke submitted a Library Report and D Lusk a Youth report on behalf of D Stern. The content of the reports was noted.

The meeting closed at 4.00PM

The next Management Committee meeting will be in Sydney on 21 May.

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ABF INFORMATION RELEASE

To All State Secretaries
ABF Home Page & ABF Newsletter
Bridge Press & Other Interested Parties
From Valerie Brockwell
Date 8 April 2000
Subject ***CHANGE TO COMMENCEMENT DATE OF GNOT FINAL
SERIES***

The Final series of the 2000 GNOT will commence on ***Thursday*** 9 November.

A new gold masterpoint event will be held over the weekend 11-12 November.

The Spring Nationals schedule remains unchanged. The SNOT will commence on Monday 13 November. The SNWT will commence on Thursday 16 November.

It is particularly important that zonal GNOT qualifiers note the change to the commencement date of the Final series. Organisational details will be provided when available.