

ABF Management Committee Meeting
21st May 2000
Qantas Club, Sydney Airport
MINUTES – (Short)

1) **Present**

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

Apology
Eilis Magner

2) **Confirmation of meeting** held 8/9 April 2000.
So Confirmed.

3) **Matters arising**

(a) Cards proposal
Discussion deferred.

(b) Dick Cummings Tournament
Discussion deferred.

Mixed Teams issue

There was a general discussion on the issue. A motion was carried. **ACTION DY**

(c) Medallions

DY to order 1000 of each medallion. The outlay would be approximately \$30,000, including supply, set up costs and freight from Perth. ABF Marketing to be the distributor at a cost of \$15 per medallion. DY to send S Ryan the first medallion and TB to organise her prize money. **ACTION**

DY/TB

(d) President's Meeting
Discussion deferred.

(e) Youth Bridge Club

As membership is restricted to players under 18 years, DOB must be supplied. A different club number for each state was approved. Records should not be culled until players reach the ANC maximum youth age.

ACTION TB

Guest Speaker

At this point in the meeting, the President welcomed Greg Quittner who tabled an agenda and addressed the Committee on each point.

4) **President's Report**

KM gave a verbal report.

- (a) GNOT final dates and email from R. Penny refer to TC (item 7)

5) **Treasurer's & Finance Report**

TB gave a verbal report.

The PWC bills would be paid thus terminating the business relationship. **ACTION TB**

The cost of the Playoffs, (\$18,000), previously approved, was noted.

A request for an ABF subsidy from several players to attend the US Nationals prior to the Olympiad was declined (JA declared an interest and abstained).

- (a) Audit for SF and Spring Nationals
Deferred until next meeting.

- (b) Corporate Traveller and Mastercard issues
TB to open an account with CT as an interim measure until the Corporate Card is available. **ACTION TB**

- (c) Audit of 1999 ABF Accounts
A quote of \$4200-\$4500 received from Chan & Williams, Brisbane for the audit of the 1999 ABF accounts.
VB to give the Public Officer the signed 1998 accounts to be lodged. **ACTION VB**

- (d) Application for ABN for ABF
Submitted on 26 April. Nothing yet received.

- (e) ABF Newsletter printing
Negotiations handed over to W Scott. **ACTION ER**

- (f) GST issues (article in ABF newsletter)
TB to write article. **ACTION TB**

- (g) Insurance for Events
No registration needed for Victoria. SA and NSW is in place. Tasmania and WA need a situation address. **ACTION TB**

- (h) Olympiad at Maastricht.
It was agreed that subsidies for the three representative teams in Maastrich be the same.
VB to inform the spokesman for the Seniors Team, W Haughie. **ACTION VB**

The Treasurer would like players/captains to make their airline bookings through Corporate Traveller. TB has provided Corporate Traveller with a list of players/captains names for Maastricht with a credit of \$2,400 against each name for the airfare, any additional costs incurred to be paid by the individual. It was agreed that the accommodation subsidy be \$1600, thus the total package to each player would be \$4,000 plus any domestic airline add-ons necessary.

The name of Denis Howard was submitted from the Open Team as proposed captain. Ratified. The name of Seamus Browne was submitted from the Womens Team as proposed captain. Ratified.

The Seniors Team is yet to nominate a captain.
Approval to use WBF Recorders granted.

VB to notify both captains so far ratified and to provide information about Recorders and Declarations of Availability.

Captains to submit systems to Anna Gudge by electronic means by 1 July.

Photos not officially required.

Teams responsible for their accommodation bookings.

VB to submit official entry and pay for the Open (US\$2,500), Womens (US\$2,500) and Seniors (US\$1400). **ACTION VB**

6) **Secretary's Report.**

DY gave a verbal report.

(a) Proposal for Youth Development

Allowing under 30 players to compete in ANC youth teams has generated some potential conflicts and the parameters require further refinement and clarification. For the specific (WA) case, the MC confirmed that the Youth Committee controlled the availability of over-age concession. The YC is aware of the views of the ABF Council that the exemption for players over age should be limited by masterpoint rank and notes with interest that the Presidents have no such reservations. The YC proposes that the limit be in place but that the Chairman of the YC has the discretion to allow a "more senior" youth player to enter in special circumstances.

(b) OKBridge

Access via DY

ACTION DY

(c) Youth Club issues

Dealt with under item 3f.

(d) Naming Rights

DY had received a reply from DS in response to his letter.

The MC will promulgate that any proposal for naming rights will be submitted by the convenor to the MC for approval. Any existing arrangements should be notified.

ACTION DY

(e) GST on masterpoints (letter to Hansen)

Done.

7) **Tournament Committee Report**

ER spoke to his written report

The resignations of Bill Jacobs and Ben Thompson from the TC were noted with regret. Both to receive formal acknowledgement letters from DY. Warren Lazer and Martin Willcox will fill the vacancies. ER to confirm by letter **ACTION ER/DY.**

BT had circulated a questionnaire on the Matthew Thomson proposal. He will collate the replies and submit to ER.

ER outlined a potential problem of space with the ANT in future years.

The VCC trophy will be repaired.

A lengthy discussion ensued re the Calcutta event immediately prior to the VCC. No action at this stage.

8) Legal Counsel's Report

No report.

9) Correspondence (Email and Letters)

VB tabled an email from David Smith offering his ideas on international selection methods. Content noted. DS had requested dissemination to the ABF Newsletter and AB. The Committee felt that as this is further to Matthew Thomson's article in AB that the Smith article should be passed to that publication, not the ABF Newsletter.

ACTION VB

10) General Business

(a) Web site development (phase 3)

The Committee agreed that this is to proceed.

(b) Olympic issues (raised by S. Lusk)

Deferred until next meeting.

(c) Further issues re masterpoints (Westwood)

Deferred until next meeting.

The President declared the meeting closed at 1600.

Date for next meeting is 24-25 June in Sydney.