

Minutes (Short)
ABF Management Committee Meeting
30th July 2000
Mercure Hotel, Brisbane

The meeting commenced at 10.00AM

1. Present

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, T Brown, E Ramshaw

2. Apologies

J. Arkininstall, V. Brockwell, E. Magner

3. Confirmation of meeting of 24 –25 June

Confirmed

4. Matters arising

(a) Cards proposal

A clarification document to be prepared by JA and sent to PM. DY to notify PM that further correspondence is to follow.

ACTION DY/JA

(b) 2001 Playoff for Zone 7

The negotiations were proceeding with Mr Nightingale of the NZCBA. The 2001 playoff will be in NZ but not necessarily in Christchurch.

ACTION ER

(c) Medallions

Finalized. Silver medallions to be given to 3rd place in the Butler(Open, Women's and Seniors). This to be arranged by VB, and a note put in the Newsletter (by DY).

ACTION DY/VB

(d) Dealing for SF

Write to NSWBA seeking further clarification. Note that The ABF is seeking advice.

ACTION DY

(e) Olympic Recognition

To be dealt with at the next meeting.

5. President's Report

(a) Greg Quittner

The suggestions regarding reactivation and incentive payments were accepted. This to be implemented.

ACTION DY

(b) BFACT Loan

The loan to BFACT is due for payment. In terms of the SF sharing arrangement, it was decided to provide an ex gratia payment to BFACT of 10% of the SF masterpoint fee. This was to apply in 2001 only. Subsequent years will be decided by the MC on an annual basis. Letter to BFACT, with copy to JS and TB

ACTION DY

(c) *Funding of Marketing Video*

DY obtained costing for a 10 minute quality video at approximately \$10,000. No further action at this time.

6. Treasurer's Report

(a) *Audit for SF and Spring Nationals*

No action. It is to be noted that the audit will be a management audit only (of all ABF events). To be done following the bedding down of the GST.

(b) *Corporate Traveller and Mastercard Issues*

MasterCard issued. MC members can authorize travel for themselves only. Any other travel to be authorized by TB or VB (including Youth Coordinators). DY to authorize travel for other sub committees.

(c) *GST Issues*

For all ABF events, the following requirements are authorised:

- The convenor will need to open a bank account at a local NAB branch.
- The ABF will supply each convenor with the ABF ABN.
- All correspondence must carry the ABN (as well as the ARBN).
- All receipts issued will need to be in the *pro forma* format provided by the Treasurer.
- Entry forms must state that the entry fee is GST inclusive. The form is to be submitted to ER for approval from a tournament point of view and to TB for financial approval.
- Convenors paying for services must apply the withholding fee (48.5%) if the provider does not have an ABN.
- The accounts to be audited before passing to ABF Treasurer.
- Finalized and audited accounts to be forwarded to ABF Secretariat.

(d) *Youth Championships*

There is no further action required re the deposit for the 2000 event. However, it is to be confirmed with the Chairman of the Youth Committee that the 2001 event is organized with appropriate financial safeguards.

(e) *Bunbury Enquiry.*

There will be no change required to dates for capitation fees. TB to write to Bunbury with copy to BAWA and J Hansen. **ACTION TB**

7. Secretary's Report

(a) *OK Bridge*

Complete.

(b) *Medallions*

See 4 (c) above.

(c) *Web Development*

Scanner authorised for purchase by web development team. The use of the web site to collect and make available all systems cards for future ANC's was mooted.

The States to be written to for approval. Clubs with their individual web pages can be linked to the ABF web site. **ACTION DY**

(d) *Email from Alan Truscott*

DY to write to VB regarding this. ER to talk to Tim Bourke to collate names of players to go in Encyclopaedia. An offer of \$250 is suggested for the task.

ACTION ER

(e) *Charity Bridge Event for WBF*

Agreed the fee of JH. He is to send taxed invoice to TB for \$1200

ACTION DY

(f) *Youth*

Committee currently meeting. Report required for September meeting.

8. Tournament Committee Report

(a) *Blue Ribbon Pairs.*

Travel to the event for the TOU members (ER and MW) approved.

(b) *Ethics Report at Brisbane ANC*

Referred to Ethics Committee

ACTION DY

(c) *A. Bach residency*

A letter to be written to Bach asking for confirmation of residency.

ACTION DY

(d) *Mixed Teams Issue*

No response as yet to second letter. TB to follow up.

ACTION TB

9. Legal Counsel's Report

No report.

10. Sub-Committee Reports.

Nil received.

11. Correspondence

A letter from David Anderson re updating of results on ABF website. It was decided to investigate if provisional results could be posted within one hour of the completion of a session. A fee (post facto) was to be paid – amount to be decided.

ACTION DY

A letter from R. Klinger regarding the format of the Open and Women's Butler.

Referred to the TC for investigation.

ACTION ER

Query from Greg Quittner re the Novice pairs. Current status to remain.

ACTION DY

Letter from WBF Women's Committee Chairman, Anna Maria Torlontano regarding the formation of a Women's Committee. Answers to the questions to be sent to J. Wignal with copies to A. Gudge. Seek D. Howard interest in representing the ABF at Maastricht.

ACTION DY

Approach from D. Stern to run an approved Calcutta in 2001. The Management Committee will approve such an event provided there are no technical problems associated with running it. To be referred to TC for recommendation. **ACTION ER**

12. General Business

(a) *Blue Ribbon Pairs*

It was confirmed that the convenor is J. Mottram.

(b) *Report from FAR East Meeting.*

A note of thanks to be sent to J. Greenfeld for his report.

ACTION DY

(c) *ANC Raffles*

The running of raffles at the SF was discussed. Resolved that the ACT has the rights for 2001, and that the NTBA be given it for 2002. The ABF policy is to authorise the running of raffles for all gold point events that it sponsors, except the qualifying rounds of the GNOT which it delegates. The decision for 2001 and 2002 is:

1. Requests to run raffles where the ABF is the sponsoring body should be referred to the Management Committee for consideration. The statement on sponsoring bodies as promulgated by the National Authority will be used as a guide. (This to be reviewed at next meeting).
2. If the Convenor of the SF has approved a raffle for the 2001 event, this will be honoured.
3. The MC to ask the NTBA to liaise with the SF, and approves the 2002 SF raffle as theirs. J Scudder to be notified.

ACTION VB/DY

(d) *Seniors Playoff*

The TC will make a recommendation for the 2001 playoff for seniors. The format is to be advised in due course.

ACTION ER

(e) *Convenors Fees*

The recommendation for fees to be decided at next meeting. Responsibilities include publicity, registration, duties during the event and financial responsibility (accounting, auditing).

(f) *ANC Helpers*

The issues to be resolved include fees for helpers and the selection and fee for the Chief TD. A preliminary assessment was made and some figures considered. It was resolved to finalise this issue at the September meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

Dates for meetings (following the ANC meeting in July) are:

16-17 September in Sydney

28-29 October in Sydney

D. Yovich
Secretary, ABF

JAMES O'SULLIVAN FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 3.07pm on Sunday 30th July at the Mercure Hotel, Brisbane.

Present:

K McDonald (Chair), T Brown, D Yovich, E Ramshaw.

- Tamworth Bridge Club sent a copy of their terms of loan. To be filed by the Treasurer, TB
- The loan of \$30,000 to the Sunnybank Bridge Club to be sent immediately to the club. Moved TB, seconded ER. Carried.
- Devonport Bridge Club will repay their outstanding balance immediately.
- Bathurst and District Bridge Club have applied for funds to extend their club premises. They are required to submit a detailed proposal complete with P/L statement. A maximum of \$25,000 is available. **ACTION TB**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

D. Yovich
Secretary, JOS Foundation