

ABF Management Committee Meeting
16th March 2001
Commencing at 8.30pm, Rydges Hotel, Canberra
Minutes (Record-of-Meeting)

1) **Roll Call**

K McDonald (Chair), E Ramshaw, T Brown, J Arkininstall, E Magner, V Brockwell (Minute Secretary).

Notes.

- (i) Delayed arrivals by EM, TB and JA.
- (ii) This agenda not discussed in agenda order.
- (iii) VB Minute Secretary for this meeting 16/3.
- (iv) D Yovich Minute Secretary for meeting 17/3 (separate minutes to these).

Apology

D Yovich

2) **Confirmation of meeting held February 24/26, 2001**

Confirmed. Moved TB/ER. (JA abstained).

3) **Matters arising**

(a) *Stern Calcutta*
Pending.

(b) *Playoff Event for Open, Women and Senior Teams.*

The PABF has agreed to accept late entry from Australia for the Open and Womens teams. The successful teams in the Playoff must nominate immediately, ER authorised to discuss any difficulties in Christchurch and approve the PABF teams unless there are obvious deficiencies. Players to be advised to book through Corporate Traveller immediately under the normal conditions i.e. travel subsidy of minimum airfare (plus domestic add-on) and an allowance to defray the cost of accommodation and sustenance.

The issues contained in Don Nightingale's letter of 13 March considered.

(i) The position re the Z7 Championships in terms of venue for future years will be discussed at the Christchurch meeting. It was the feeling of the meeting that Australia should host the Z7 Championship in rotation. The MC needs to formulate its position with consideration also to the other nations within the Zone. Noted that other zonal members prefer New Zealand because of cost considerations. **ACTION DY** (future agenda item).

(ii) Advice containing full details of the Seniors event in Sydney distributed by the Secretariat to NZCBA and captains/contacts.

(iii) The question of payment by the ABF towards the cost of the NZ team considered at

some length. It was decided that the ABF would not subsidise the NZ Seniors Team. Chairman to dispatch a letter to this effect immediately, also seeking urgent advice from NZCBA that the Playoff would proceed. **ACTION VB.**

(iv) Subsidies to Open and Womens Teams all paid. The per diem subsidy to Christchurch for the two Australian Delegates to be paid (\$450 to ER, \$350 to JB). **ACTION VB.**

Email from R Klinger subject 50% board rule discussed. It was reiterated that the 50% board rule would apply in Open/Womens/Seniors. A discussion ensued on whether a pair failing to meet the 50% board rule would poison only the pair or the whole team. It was decided, (TB abstaining), that the existing rules (Playoff Regulations #8.2 and #8.3, see below) will apply. VB to write to R Klinger. **ACTION VB.**

#8.2 “Subject to the Supplementary Regulations for the qualifying event in question and excluding boards played to break ties, a player must play a minimum of 50% of the total number of boards played by their team (i) in the elimination rounds and (ii) in a round-robin final stage or in each match of a knock-out final”.

#8.3 “A player who does not comply with the minimum board rule ceases to be an eligible player but does not affect the eligibility of the other members of the entry unit.”

(c) *Bridge on the Web* (letter from Nick Justice)
Not discussed at this meeting.

(d) *AGM Matters*
The AGM agenda discussed in detail. VB to write letters of appreciation to the Councillors who have resigned or been replaced, (M Willcox, J Hunt, R Penny, S Wenger, G Smolanko). **ACTION VB.**

(e) *Committees for 2001*
Committee “nominations” for 2001 discussed. A proposed structure was established for submission to the AGM.

(f) *Youth Matters*
Not discussed at this meeting.

(g) *ANC Helpers*
Not discussed at this meeting.

4) **General Business**

(a) *ANOT*
Not discussed at this meeting.

(b) Opening of Tender Documents for 2001 Summer Festival.

The tenders opened by General Counsel in the presence of KM, ER, JA, TB, VB.

A total of three envelopes received. (Closing date 9 March 2001)

(i) Mary Dietz-Mullamphy received on 8 March by ordinary mail.

(ii) NSWBA received on 13 March by registered mail.

(iii) Martin Willcox received on 13 March by registered mail.

Noted that Tender One for Section One. Tender Two for Sections 4,5,6. Tender Three for Event 14 and 15 (Sections 4 and 5).

The Tender Committee of the ABF General Counsel (EM) and the ABF President (KM) will consider the tenders on 18/3/01 with technical advice from the Chairman of the Tournament Unit (ER).

Due to time constraints several items not discussed at this meeting. A further MC meeting scheduled for Saturday evening 17/3/01.

The meeting closed at midnight.