

**ABF Management Committee Meeting**  
**22 June 2001, commencing at 7.30pm, Arkinstall Residence, Bondi**  
**24 June 2001, commencing at 10.00AM at the Qantas Lounge, Sydney Airport.**

**1) Roll Call**

K McDonald (Chair); D Yovich; T Brown; J Arkinstall; E Ramshaw; V Brockwell (Minute Secretary); (24 June only) E Magner (General Counsel)

**2) Confirmation of meeting held April 28/29, 2001**

Confirmed.

**3) Important Matters arising**

(a) *Bridge on the Web* (Nick Justice, IOBC & e-bridge follow up)  
(Deferred until Sunday).

Following discussion on agreement in principle whether to proceed, it was decided that DY approach both companies outlining our requirements and emphasising that the ABF is expecting neither financial gains nor outlay (monetary or human resources).

**ACTION DY.**

(b) *ABF Helpers* (finalise fee structure)  
(Deferred until Sunday).

Further development of guidelines. DY to draft a paper and send to all ABF Convenors and all States. **ACTION DY.**

(c) *Singapore, Bali, Brazil*  
*Singapore*

TB, the representative for Australia to the PABF Delegates Meeting in Singapore, gave a verbal report.

Proposed venues for 2002 Thailand, 2003 Japan, 2004 (Congress) Taiwan  
General Wiranto outlined the arrangements for the 2001 WBF events in Bali  
PABF proposes to initiate director training and may seek assistance from  
Australia

PABF proposes to issue Zonal MP

PABF proposes to inaugurate a “simultaneous “ event similar to the WBF event to raise financial assistance to the Host for the PABF Championships The MC expressed doubt that any significant entry would be forthcoming from Australia.

An invitation to China to send one team to the 2002 Summer Festival with free entry approved with a copy to the Summer Festival Convener. **ACTION KM.**

Suggested that the ABF seek an invoice from the PABF Treasurer for 2002 PABF fees.  
**ACTION VB.**

The report received from the Captain of the Womens Team tabled. The Committee expressed its thanks to DW Howard.

Still awaiting reports from Open and Youth captains. **ACTION VB**

Future declarations should state that players must meet suitable dress standards and (for WBF

events) advert to the WBF Anti-Doping Code. ACTION ER/EM.

*Bali*

(TB took no part in this discussion). Subsidies for Bali; the minimum bookable airfare plus \$2000 for those attending the Victory Dinner or \$1500 for those not attending. VB to write to captains to obtain intent of all individual team members. Subsidies payable when this advice is received ACTION VB.

*Brazil.*

DY authorised to liaise with Peter Smith to finalise all arrangements for Brazil and advise the MC by flying minute. VB will issue cheques when advised of amount by DY. ACTION DY.

(d) *Corporate Traveller*

The MC discussed problems associated with travel arrangements and Corporate Traveller and agreed that the company is now on notice for improved performance.

(e) *Stern Calcutta*

Pending. TB will finalise matter with D Stern and NSWBA and report back to MC.  
ACTION TB

**4) President's Report**

(a) *J. Scudder and ABF Manual*

Not discussed

(b) *Visit by WBF President*

Deferred.

(c) *Positive marketing of ABF*

Not discussed

(d) *P. Marston proposal*

Not discussed

(e) *President's meeting items*

The agenda for the President's Meeting was discussed at length.

The meeting closed at 10.00PM.

The meeting continued on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 10.00AM at the Qantas Lounge, Sydney Airport. E Magner joined the Sunday meeting.

**5) Treasurer's Report**

(a) *Late entry fine for VBA*

Invoice issued, awaiting payment.

(b) *Haughie airfare refund & Lester/Lorentz payment.*

Done.

(c) *D. Stern request re extra fee for Senior Playoff*  
Paid.

(d) *PABF entry fees*  
Paid.

(e) *Package deals for Bali*  
It was decided that due to the recent problems associated with Corporate Traveller there would be no penalty for players not using Corporate Traveller for Brazil & Bali bookings.

(f) *Friends of Youth bank account.*  
Not done. TB to liaise with D Stern. ACTION TB.

The President noted that TB's resignation would take effect from 30 June and expressed the ABF's gratitude for his work as Treasurer. Note: the Public Officer & the NAB to be advised of the change of Treasurer and there is a change to the composition of the JOS. ACTION VB.

#### 6) Secretary's Report

(a) *Press Release from A. Gudge*  
To be drawn to the attention of all captains ACTION VB.  
A letter to be sent to Jose Damiani expressing the ABF's wish for press releases to be issued via the NCBO. ACTION KM.

(b) *Minutes on Web*  
DY has these up to date.

(c) *Bush letter*  
Done by DY.

(d) *BFACT re affiliation of clubs to NSW*  
Done by DY

(e) *Commonwealth Games bridge event*  
DY sought further information which confirmed that the EBU will pay for four team members, not six. The event is scheduled for 15-20 July 2002. The ABF will need to promulgate this information prior to the Playoffs. DY to upload on Web. ACTION DY

(f) *Committees*  
Document reviewed and circulated. All Committee Chairs have been informed of their duties.

Victorian Councillor, Laurie Kelso to be added to Newsletter and Corporate Governance Committees. ACTION VB

Jody Tutty (NT) will combine with H Pedersen as ANC Liaison and also join the Newsletter Committee. ACTION VB.

Margaret Bourke (the new Councillor for ACT) will be invited to join the Ethics

Committee. **ACTION ER.**

## 7) Legal Counsel Report

- (a) *VCC convenor request for letter of appointment and authority to open bank account*

EM needs further information, such as terms of appointment and outline of duties before proceeding with the draft. DY to send to EM. ER's draft "Guidelines for Conveners" to be revised by KM. **ACTION KM/DY/EM.**

The opening of the bank account should proceed along similar lines to the "Friends of Youth" bank account. **ACTION EM.**

- (b) *Legal Issues re Olympic Admission*

No progress. **ACTION EM.**

- (c) *Discrimination issue (Item 7(b))*

EM tabled a paper that will be redrafted. **ACTION EM**

EM to draft potential changes to the constitution required for (b) & (c) **ACTION EM**

- (d) *Redraft of PQP declaration*

The Declaration of Eligibility as put forward by General Counsel is acceptable, although the Tournament Committee believes that the most appropriate method of determination of age eligibility is registration of date of birth through the MP Centre. This form will be made available at the conclusion of an event in addition to being on the net. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee will prepare for publication in the Newsletter a statement implementing this policy decision. The Declarations for 2002 will need to be completed within one month of publication of this policy. DY will write to Michael Wilkinson to ask if he will accept responsibility in oversighting the compilation for a fee of \$500. It needs to be decided whether the Declarations will go directly to his address and whether a register of eligibility for the Playoff must be kept by the Secretariat. **ACTION DY.**

- (e) *Regulations Committee*

EM provided the Chair of the Regulations Committee, B Neill, her 1998 re-draft of the Tournament Regulations.

### **ABTA President**

At this point in the meeting, an invited guest, Mrs Lorraine Harkness, President of the ABTA, addressed the meeting and spoke to her pre-circulated agenda.

- (i) Upgrade or re-write our constitution, query incorporation.

LH advised that the ABTA constitution is outdated and needs review and noted that the ABTA intends to incorporate. JA offered to send some information about incorporation under the NSW act and EM offered to review any revision.. **ACTION JA/EM.**

- (ii) Teaching tours by accredited teachers and clarification of subsidies

LH was advised of the current arrangements that require authorisation of teaching tours through the States

(iii) Regular column in ABF Newsletter to help raise profile of ABTA.

DY to ask the Editors of the ABF Newsletter to release space so that the ABTA may have a regular column that could alternate with the Directors column. **ACTION DY.**

(iv) Annual seminar in rotation in each capital city with guest speakers to assist rural teachers and potential teachers with subsidy to aid travel etc.

The ABF needs a formal proposal from the ABTA for consideration.

The President of the ABTA to be invited to the 2002 President's Meeting. **ACTION DY.**

The Chair expressed the Committee's thanks to Mrs Harkness who then left the meeting.

### **TC Report**

(a) *Availability declarations for all teams in 2001*

Amendments to draft acceptable to ER. EM to add clauses on appropriate dress code and anti-doping. **ACTION EM/ER**

(b) *PQP's for Seniors event in NSW*

*Not discussed*

(c) *50% board rule (input from Player Liaison Committee)*

*Not discussed*

(d) *Z7 Laws Commission article for Newsletter*

*Not discussed*

(e) *Jillian Hay situation (and S Burgess).*

J Hay satisfies the residency rules but does not satisfy the WBF regulations as she represented New Zealand in Maastricht. J Hay has applied to represent Australia. This requires Australia to petition the WBF (same issue with S Burgess, who has applied to represent New Zealand. The WBF requires a letter from the ABF that there are no objections to this). NZCBA has provided a letter releasing J Hay. The immediate problem with the ANC Butler has been resolved by the ABF declaring it an open event. ER to write to the WBF re J Hay. **ACTION ER.**

(f) *State Pairs entry to Stage II of Butler*

*Not discussed but it was clear from the Presidents' meeting that there is significant resistance to removal of the privilege of direct entry of one pair per State to the ABPC Stage II*

(g) *Tournament Unit succession*

*Not discussed.*

(h) *2002 Playoff*

Phil Gue to seek comments from Player Liaison Committee on his proposal for the Australian Playoff. To be discussed at the July meeting. **ACTION ER.**

Other issues from TC Report not discussed.



## 8) Secretariat Report

### (a) *JOS*

Application for loan received from Batemans Bay Bridge Club

### (b) *Brazil.*

DY to advise VB of the subsidies to issue. **ACTION DY/VB.**

### (c) *FABF*

DY to liaise with P Mace on development of scoring programs capable of printing from Windows and report back to next MC meeting. **ACTION DY.**

### (d) *ANOT Report from D Anderson.*

It was decided not to pay the invoice until the further information was received.

**ACTION KM.**

It was reiterated that the ANOT is an ABF event. The new convenor is to be briefed by ER. The letter of appointment must stipulate the ABF's requirements. All ABF convenors should provide a budget. **ACTION ER.**

### (e) *NPC, Bali Seniors.*

Zoltan Nagy confirmed as NPC of Senior Team to Bali.

### (f) *Masterpoint Scheme Report.*

The Committee accepted the report and expressed its gratitude to P Gue for his work.

DY to copy J Hansen and D Anderson with the report for comments. **ACTION DY.**

### (g) *Bidding Boxes.*

Jannersten quote for bidding box chariots 27 Euros (approximately AUD 40-50) per tray.

DY will seek another quote. **ACTION DY.**

### (h) *Corporate Traveller.*

Manifold complaints about Corporate Traveller from players. VB received invoices for April, May, June.

### (i) *Summer Festival Dealing Tenders*

Completed, work progressing.

### (j) *Lodgement Form.*

KM to complete. **ACTION KM.**

### (k) *Zone 7 fees*

Paid for 2000 and 2001, total cost, NZD1459.30

## 9) General Business

### (a) *Email Issue*

no further action

(b) *Committee Reports*

“No progress” replies received from M Kent, D Anderson.

J Bailey request that the Systems Committee hold a meeting in Sydney approved. DY to write to J Bailey requesting that costs be kept to a minimum and emphasising that the ABF will only fund formal members of the Committee (J Bailey, R Busch, R Klinger, W Lazer).

**ACTION DY.**

(c) *South Australia’s Request for Dispensation for Director.*

DY wrote on 27 May seeking further details. Awaiting response.

(d) *Youth Team at ANC*

(i) To avoid a bye, the Management Committee approves an under 20s youth team to play in the ANC Youth Championships under the ABF banner. There will be two score boards, one being for eligibility to the Youth Championships, the second playing for the Youth Trophy of \$240. DY to advise Youth Committee. **ACTION DY.**

(ii) *Peter Gill to WBF Youth Camp in Poland.*

DY to advise no funding. **ACTION DY.**

(iii) *WJC in Australia in 2005.*

DY to obtain a quantification of costs. A comprehensive budget is required from the Youth Committee. The ABF is not prepared to levy the general membership. **ACTION DY.**

(iv) *Australian Team to Universities Championship.*

Funding not approved. DY to inform Youth Committee. **ACTION DY.**

## **JAMES O'SULLIVAN FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm on Sunday 24th June 2001 at the Qantas Club, Sydney Airport.

**Present:**

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

Coffs Harbour bridge Club requested \$10,000 for club room expenditure. Approved pending appropriate documentation being presented to Treasurer. TB to respond to club.

Application for funds from Townsville club. TB to provide details.

Application from Batemans Bay. If the application meets the requirements of the Foundation and the club has provision for payments, then the Chairman has authorisation to approve the application.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.15pm.

D. Yovich  
Secretary, JOS Foundation