

ABF Management Committee Meeting
15/16 September 2001
26 Blair Street Bondi.

The meeting commenced at 10.45AM

1) Present

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, J Arkinstall, E Ramshaw (present Saturday only),
E Magner (General Counsel), V Brockwell (Minute Secretary)

2) Confirmation of meeting held July, 2001

The minutes of the July meeting confirmed as an accurate record.

3) Important Matters arising

(a) *Bridge on the Web*

The IOBC program has some technical problems. DY to continue negotiations to resolve these before it goes on line. **ACTION DY**

(b) *ANC Helpers*

Following feedback received, the Management Committee adopted the draft with the addition that the hand dealing fee be set at the standard rate applying in the State in which the tournament is held. **ACTION DY.**

(c) *Bali*

Ongoing. VB referred to points from the ABF Secretariat Report (Item 9)

*Problems associated with the Ansett situation are expected.

*Continuous information received from Anna Gudge is relayed to all three NPCs.

*Letters of invitation from WBF and Indonesian Contract Bridge Association sought.

*ABF payments \$125 per player x 3 teams distributed. Players must obtain their own correct visas.

*Entries for Transnational Teams submitted to WBF by the deadline 1 September.

*All teams notified of their ratification by the ABF.

*Late entries will be accepted, space permitting.

*Arrangements made for the Indonesian Contract Bridge Association to provide Recorders for each team for all sessions at a cost to the ABF of \$US20 per session.

*New information received 16/8 confirming that the Seniors event will comprise a limited, but unspecified, number of teams.

(d) *ABF Manual preparation*

The proposal is to proceed. Noted that J Scudder has withdrawn his interest. DY authorised to place an ad in the Newsletter calling for expressions of interest. Fee to be stipulated by the ABF. ER to be a member of the selection committee. **ACTION DY.**

(e) *Feedback on P. Gue Report*

Replies received from three State Associations (QBA, TBA, NSWBA). A Committee, approved by the Management Committee, is to be established. Suggested Chair, Bruce Neill, suggested members Phil Gue, John Hansen, David Anderson and David Stern. **ACTION KM.**

4) **President's Report**

(a) *The late Lidia Beech.*

The Chairman expressed sincere condolences on behalf of the ABF at the recent death of Lidia Beech.

(b) *Arrangements for visit by WBF President*

The ABF is awaiting confirmation of dates and airline schedules from the WBF. Mr Damiani would now prefer to visit Australia prior to the World Championships in Bali rather than after. Suggested dates are: to arrive Sunday 14 October late evening or Monday 15 October early morning and to leave Wednesday 17 October. The venue for the visit is Sydney.

DY to write to NZCBA advising that the opportunity exists for NZ representatives to meet with M. Damiani if they so wish. **ACTION DY.**

KM & JA to act as hosts; no other members of MC involved at this stage.

JA to write to Olympic officials to arrange appointments for M. Damiani. **ACTION JA.**

(c) *P. Marston proposal*

DY to dispatch a note to P Marston advising that the Management Committee considers that there is little value in keeping his proposal on the MC agenda. **ACTION DY.**

(d) *Cavendish style event*

Correspondence tabled between KM and K Crowe-Mai re the proposed Cavendish-style tournament in Sydney. The NSWBA Tournament Committee is negotiating with D Stern and will notify the ABF of all details in due course.

(e) *General Manager application*

A further submission for employment from a previous applicant was tabled. The ABF is not in a position to proceed at this time. The policy reinforced that any future appointment for the role of GM would be by advertisement/tender. **ACTION DY.**

(f) *Remaining Management Committee Meetings for 2001.*

3/4 November and 15/16 December, both in Sydney.

(g) *Resignation of J Bailey*

J Bailey's resignation noted both as Tasmanian Councillor and Chair of the Systems Committee. Suggested that R Busch be invited to assume the Systems Committee Chair. **ACTION DY.**

(h) *Sydney Festival*

Chinese Team.

DY to write to Mr Liu Gang and say that, in spite of minor glitches in communication in the lead-up, the ABF was delighted to see a Chinese team attend the Sydney Festival. Any feedback would be appreciated. **ACTION DY.**

Book Launch.

The "Cumings Compendium" book launch went well. Thanks are extended to Denis Howard. A thank you letter has been sent to "Herald".

5) Treasurer's Report

KM presented a Profit/Loss statement of the ledger and bank reconciliation to end August. A detailed discussion ensued.

- (a) *Workers Comp enquiries* (JA to follow up)
All insurance policies and matters pertaining to insurance to be clarified by JA.
VB to send all insurance policies to JA. **ACTION JA**
- (b) *Reply to auditors* (KM to respond)
Deferred.
- (c) *Convenor Guidelines to be revised by KM*
Pending

The meeting closed at 4.15PM

The meeting resumed at 10.00AM Sunday.

6) Secretary's Report

- (a) *Bridge on the Web*
Discussed in 3(a)
- (b) *D Stern's letter to Management Committee.*
DY to write that to D Stern that his precirculated letter was discussed by Management Committee. Action will be taken. **ACTION DY**
- (c) *Bridge Canada Chez Nous*
Noted
- (d) *Youth Committee issues*
DY to write to D Stern seeking answers to questions raised in ER's "Notes to MC" regarding the Youth Coordinators. **ACTION DY.**
- (e) *Convenors guidelines* (to EM)
On receipt of the "Convenors Guidelines", EM will scrutinize the document for legalities. **ACTION KM**
- (f) *SABF interim director & ANOT franchise fee.*
SABF replied to DY that it has sufficient State Directors (David Lusk and Rex Whitford) to fulfil its obligations. DY to acknowledge and request further progress reports. **ACTION DY.**

Separate letter to D Smyth re franchise fee for the ANOT. The ABF needs confirmation of SABF's intentions and would like the matter finalised. **ACTION DY.**
- (g) *ABF manual*
Discussed in 3(d)

- (h) *Web notice re Commonwealth Games*
The notice was removed. DY to write to web masters seeking explanation. **ACTION DY**
- (i) *Consolation Butler notification*
Emails sent to J Pettitt, TBA and Newsletter.
- (j) *Ted Chadwick response to NPC Report*
Response received.
- (k) *BFACT letter re Grant from SF*
BFACT wrote to DY thanking the ABF for the payment received and querying future profit-sharing intention. DY responded that the ABF would honour the profit-sharing agreement for the Summer Festival until 2004 and after that it would be decided on a year-to-year basis.

BFACT Letter

Precirculated letter from BFACT advising that they do not have a legal counsel or marketing manager (re items raised at Presidents' Meeting) discussed.

7) Legal Counsel Report

- (a) *Discrimination issue*
General Counsel advised the meeting about an approach from a member of a Club in Tasmania. EM authorised to respond and also to advise the TBA. KM to write to J O'Brien. **ACTION KM.**
- (b) *Regulations Committee*
EM to write to B Neill for progress report. **ACTION EM.**
- (c) *Wilkinson and PQP's*
Negotiations almost successfully resolved. The ATO "hobby form" required from M Wilkinson. EM will also provide a formal letter of appointment. When signed by MW, EM will dispatch the signed copy to the Secretariat. On receipt, VB will instigate payment to MW of \$250 (half the fee). **ACTION EM/VB.**

The Declaration of Availability will appear on the web page for players to download and submit to M Wilkinson (not the ABF Secretariat). Noted that using this methodology no signature will be available and that one person may submit the form on behalf of a team. (or anybody else provided the information to complete the form is in their possession) M Wilkinson would like a copy of the regulations that govern PQPs.
- (d) *Friends of Youth bank account*
Rather than opening a new banking account, a "Friends of Youth" ledger account has been opened within the ABF system. A courtesy letter should be sent to D Stern from time to time to keep him updated re the state of funds in the account.
- (e) *Olympic admission*
Remove as an agenda item.
- (f) *Franchise fee for future ANC's*
Discussed.

- (g) *Constitution*
JA provided VB with his latest copy
 - (h) *Workers Comp. Insurance.*
Complicated issue. Needs due consideration then advice from EM. **ACTION EM.**
- 8) **TC Report** (Discussed on Saturday out of agenda order)
ER spoke to his September “Notes to the Management Committee.”
- (a) *Playoff 2002*
Convenor ER with assistance from C Diment. Convenor’s fee in Helpers Paper

Notification
For the 2002 AGM the ABF will propose a motion to bring in a sanction fee for the ABPC. **ACTION EM**
 - (b) *Laptop*
TU laptop held by ER to be updated immediately. **ACTION DY.**
 - (c) *50% board rule* (input from player liaison Committee)
Delete “50%” and call it “board rule”. Input to the TC from the Player Liaison Committee will not be available until they meet in January 2002
 - (d) *Z7 Laws Commission article for Newsletter*
In train
 - (e) *Tournament Unit succession*
Information being collected for timetable noted in previous minutes
 - (f) *Gue proposal re Z7 and Playoffs*
P Gue has produced a preliminary report. The suggestion is, instead of sending three teams, to only send one, either Open or Womens, the possible venue to be one of the island NCBOs. The Tournament Committee would like to progress the proposal with a New Zealand committee, cc J Wignall. **ACTION ER.**
 - (g) *ABF responses to PABF Questionnaire.*
Q1 Keep present fees.

Q2 WW Pairs not successful in Australia. Due to lack of support this year the ABF allowed Clubs to deal directly with France.

Q3 Favour adding a Senior event in the PABF Championships, however we regret it may be necessary to reduce our representation to perhaps 3 teams.

DY to convey the ABF’s answers to the questionnaire to Mr Nakatani. **ACTION DY.**
 - (h) *Youth Coordinator as per ER’s Report*
Letter by DY to D Stern re viability of Youth Pairs. **ACTION DY**

9) Secretariat Report (Significant Issues)

- *Listing of all correspondence IN distributed to Management Committee.
- *Listing of all cheques written +deposits since last MC meeting.
- *Bali arrangements ongoing. Refer to Item 3(c)
- *Telco Gold masterpoints. KM to discuss with DA **ACTION KM**
- *Committees list updated, posted on web site and further distributed.
- *Requested and received Summer Festival profit cheque \$19,554.71 for 2001 event.
- *Correspondence with Mr Damiani's office re his visit. Refer to item 4(a).
- *Correspondence with Chinese re visiting teams. KM to write to Liu Gang re the visit of a Chinese team to the 2002 Summer Festival. **ACTION KM/VB.**
- *Correspondence with Anthony Ching re PABF fees.
- *Thank-you letter the "Herald" re the donation of \$500 to Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs.
- *2000 Annual Return lodged.
- *VB granted leave in lieu of weekend work attending meetings.
- *Notification from SABA that John Zollo is the new manager replacing D Anderson.
- *Resignation of J Bailey as Councillor (Tas) and Chair of Systems Committee. Refer to 4(g).

10) General Business

- (a) *Committee Reports*
None.

- (b) *Other business*
ANC

Noted that fines (such as ANC fines) are paid in to the JOS Foundation account.

- (c) *Fax to JA from Noel Vandugteran.*

JA tabled the letter received as Delegate to NSW from the Southern Highlands Bridge Club. The Management Committee saw this as a matter for NSWBA. **ACTION JA.**

- (d) *MP query from QBA*

K Ellaway queried the basis for which approval had been given for granting masterpoints earned on cruise ships. Refer to the Masterpoint Booklet, items 5.1.2 to 5.4.2.

Playoff Trophies.

It was decided that the ABF would purchase trophies as a level of recognition for all future winning teams at the Playoffs. Suggested that for the Open the trophy be called the "Tim Seres Shield" and for the Womens, the "Lidia Beech Trophy". The trophies will be held at the ABF Secretariat on display, taken to the venue for their presentation to the winning three pairs or teams, then returned to the Secretariat. VB to write to Tim Seres. **ACTION VB.**

Meeting of the James O'Sullivan Foundation, 16 September, Blair Street, Bondi

The meeting commenced at 12.30PM.

Present :

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, J Arkinstall, E Magner, V Brockwell.

Apology ER

Amendment to previous Minutes.

E Magner was present at the previous meeting.

VB detailed the activity since the last meeting:

- Cheque received from Tamworth Bridge Club \$1070.00
- Cheque received from Launceston Bridge Club \$1175.00
- Fines banked re ANC received from VBA (longstanding) and NSWBA.
- Schedule of payments sent to Bateman's Bay Bridge Club on request. However, this club has not yet asked for the \$20,000 loan.
- Account from D Walker re JOS. VB authorised to pay.
- Letter from QCBC that they may require a letter of accommodation. VB to respond that the Trustees are not prepared to exceed the current policy limit of \$25,000 to any one club. As QCBC has an existing loan, additional funds of \$10,000 would be available. **ACTION VB.**

P/L Statement.

KM tabled the JOS Foundation Profit/Loss statement for the year ended 31 December 2000. This was discussed at length.

Moved (JA), 2nd (DY) *That the Chairman and Secretary be authorised to sign the P/L statements.* Carried. Signed.

Payment of the audit fees to 31 December 2000 approved. **ACTION VB.**

Interest Rate.

After consideration of the present interest rate (6%), it was decided that the interest rate for the JOS Foundation effective from 1 October 2001 be 5%. KM to write to all clubs setting out the new terms to loans. **ACTION KM.**

Noted that the maximum length of loans is usually 10 years.

A policy decision taken that JOS does not differentiate between applications from affiliated clubs be they entrepreneurial clubs or clubs incorporated by some other form of structure. Each application will be considered on its merits.

It was decided to hold over the matter of repaying the ABF until the next JOS meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30PM.