

ABF Management Committee Meeting
23/24 February, 2002

Commencing at 10.00am at ANA Hotel, Gold Coast, Queensland

1) Present.

K McDonald (Chair), D Yovich, E Magner (General Counsel), E. Ramshaw.

Apology:

J. Arkinstall, J. Greenfeld, V. Brockwell.

2) Confirmation of meeting held January, 2002

Minutes confirmed.

3) Important Matters arising

(a) *ABF Manual* (any further applicants)

J. Brockwell had discussions with DY re the details of the project and will produce an interim Report for the mid-year Council meeting. Remuneration to be decided at a later stage in the project. Letters written to unsuccessful applicants.

(b) *Salt Lake City Olympic Event*

P. Gue presented a written report on behalf of the participating players. KM suggested that in future all International representative teams be presented publicly with medallions. An expense claim has been presented by the team.

(c) *Playoff 2002*

Finalised with all vacant places filled.

(d) *Online Bridge Article*

To appear in next Newsletter.

Action KM.

(e) *Newsletter*

Further quotation received for printing. D. Lusk to be appraised of position and final decision made regarding the least expensive way to go.

4) President's Report

(a) *Convenor Guidelines to be revised*

Preliminary report on guidelines tabled for consideration.

(b) *Seniors event for 2002*

Information passed to Z. Nagy re additional funding. Team nomination to WBF to be completed and forwarded by ABF rather than team. Agreed and will be done following final confirmation from team.

Action DY

(c) *Echelon contract*

Document finalised. See Legal Counsel Report.

(d) *Darwin ANC.*

Report received. There is a change of personnel in the NT organisation. Venue is booked. Committee in place. A revised budget is required for 2002 AGM. New President of NTBA is Ken Miller. Request new budget (via Helge Pedersen). **Action DY**

5) Treasurer's Report

(a) *Payment for Youth to attend country Congresses*

Funding agreed and supported by Youth Committee. Policy to be promulgated in Newsletter. Agree on a \$ for \$ basis with States to a maximum of \$1500 per year for youth under 25 as per International age requirement. **ACTION DY.**

Promulgation of Youth Report to States approved. **Action DY**

D. Stern to be asked to report on Youth championships in Canberra 2002, and to formally request funding for McManus claim. The payment should meet the guidelines as per the ABF Helpers document. **Action DY**

(b) *Public Liability Policy*

DY to provide pdf files for publication on web site. **ACTION DY**

(c) *PABF Subsidy*

The duration is 12 nights. An all up subsidy of \$1500 per player was decided. This would cover air fares and accommodation. A check was to be made to see if 12 nights in Bangkok was available as a package deal. **Action VB**

(d) *ABF Accounts*

Acting Treasurer to sign documents. KM will complete Finance Committee Report for AGM. **Action KM**

(e) *Salary for Executive Secretary*

To be reviewed in line with normal annual increments. **Action KM**

(f) *ABF costs for 2002/3*

Possible sources of income improvement are increase in MP levy, and decrease in rebate for MP fees to States. To be discussed further in 2002.

6) Secretary's Report

(a) *Youth Committee issues*

Dealt with earlier.

(b) *Gold Masterpoints*

Masterpoints for Gold Coast events have different ratings than other similar events on the ABF calendar. These will be left for 2002 and changed for 2003. QBA to be notified.

(c) *NPC duties (ACBL document on NPC's)*

DY will present a draft to the next meeting. **ACTION DY.**

(d) *Convenor breaches of conditions of Franchise events*

Write to new Convenor of Sydney Festival reiterating franchise conditions – particularly hand dealing and presentation of medallions. **Action DY**

(e) *PQPs on the Web.*

The PQP list s are to be called "Provisional" and "Ratified" and both are to be dated. The

information is also to be published in the Newsletter.

ACTION DY.

(f) *Tournament Unit Equipment*

M. Willcox presented a list of obsolete equipment requiring replacement. Further questions to be put to MW as to requirement for the laser, and the possibility of renting.

Action ER

(g) *ABF Helpers Paper.*

To be put on net minus the list of events it applies to.

ACTION DY.

7) Legal Counsel Report

(a) *Sandy Bay Bridge Club issue*

Sandy Bay Bridge Club issue is still ongoing – letter received from lawyers representing L. Cooper.

ACTION EM.

(b) *Public Liability* (Stern question)

EM responded to David Stern. Advice on Associated Liability Insurance required for next meeting.

Action EM

(c) *Contract with Echelon.*

Additional clauses to be added before March 2002.

Action EM

(d) *Summer Festival hand dealing*

Tender documents for 2003 to be looked at soon.

ACTION EM.

(e) *SF Issue re Substitution in Finals*

Issue passed to Regulations Committee to investigate any requirement to alter regulations. Write to M. Courtney on the issue.

Action EM

(f) *Claim for 2002 SF Dealing*

Fine money to be placed in the JOS Fund.

8) TC Report

(a) *January Tournament Committee meeting*

Recommended increase for GNOT entry fee and qualifying rounds approved. The TC Report to be circulated to State Sec's and all Councillors.

Action VB

(b) *Z7 Laws Commission article for Newsletter*

Meeting at Gold Coast (ER, JB and Arie Geursen) discussed Laws. No review needed in general – focus on a few main issues, namely Laws 12C2, 25B2, 40D. Mobile phone breaches were also discussed.

(c) *Tournament Unit succession*

Ongoing

(d) *System Cards for ANC*

The cost of placing the systems on the web site to be borne by the home ANC. To be communicated to State for 2003.

Action DY

(e) *Franchise Fee for ANC*

This should be presented to the mid-year General Meeting with a reasoned case in favour.

Action ER

Secretariat Report

A written report on Secretariat activities presented. Some items requiring action are:

- Senior team attendance at Montreal event. Z. Nagy to be notified that the ABF will pay entry fee and deduct this amount from the agreed subsidy. Reiterate that the attendance is to be by all six players. **Action DY**
- Systems question from G. Cuppiadge to be referred to new Systems Committee in 2002. **Action ER**
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Phil Gue joined the meeting to present a Report on the Winter Olympic bridge event in Salt Lake City and some other matters. He made several points:

- Jose Damiani was keen to visit Australia in April this year. He would like to meet officials of the Australian Olympic Committee. He recommended the ABF send a letter to the WBF thanking them for running an excellent well organised event. A letter also to be sent to Damiani accepting the proposed dates for the visit. ABF to set up meetings with AOC officials. **Action KM**
- A request for some financial assistance for the cost of air fares was sought by the team. The MC had made it clear that no further financial compensation was contemplated.
- Player Liaison Committee. Phil would be happy to chair the committee in 2002 and have the same members. A player database was being set up on the ABF web site by Val Cummings. This would be a voluntary forum for discussing issues that affected Australia's senior playing fraternity. The notice of this forum was to be advertised on the web and in the Newsletter.

9) General Business

(a) *JOS Accounts.*

A motion to authorise the President of the ABF to sign JOS accounts was moved by ER, seconded by DY. Carried. A motion to authorise the Secretary of the ABF to sign JOS accounts was moved by ER, seconded by KM. Carried.

(b) *Franchise events*

Franchise arrangements for the ANOT, Barrier Reef, Gold Coast and Sydney Festival have been made. The franchise fee for these events is \$1500 for the ANOT, and 10% of the masterpoint levy for the remainder. The NOT/NWT, VCC, SF, SNOT/SNWT and GNOT will not be franchised. The ANC, ASP and HRM Teams to be finalised. Suggestion to increase the levy on the Gold Coast event. A check is to be made on the Barrier Reef and Sydney Festival as to the length of the commitment by the ABF. Also a detailed cost of the MP costs for each event to be sought. J. Hansen to write to the Convenor of the Gold Coast stating that the levy will be \$2000 for 2003. The sanction fee for the ANC was suggested to be 10% of the masterpoint fee. The fee for the ASP recommended to be the same as the ANOT (i.e. \$1500). KM to discuss this with D. Cooper at the AGM. **Action DY/KM**

The meeting concluded at 3.30PM.

D. Yovich

Sec. ABF