

ABF Management Committee Meeting
June 29, 2003
Sydney

1. Present

K McDonald (KM) (Chair), D Yovich (DY), E Ramshaw (ER)

Apology

E Magner, V. Brockwell (on Annual Leave), J. Arkinstall, J. Stark

2. Confirmation of May meeting.

Minutes confirmed.

3. Matters arising from May Minutes

See attached

b) *NPC Duties*

Not yet finalised. **Action DY.**

c) *Commonwealth Games.*

JS has contacted Dennis Robson re how the Manchester event started. G. Gaspar would like to be on Committee, but suggested A. Helmos as possible Convenor. **Action KM.**

d) *Edwards convention card problems.*

DY has contacted L. Edwards who has agreed to work on problems. He will have time in June and July to sort these out. **Action DY.**

e) *GNOT*

DY received email from J Brockwell posing additional questions. It was resolved that all who reach the National Final from Regional teams would receive certificates. Additionally only those who actually won the Regional final would receive certificates. Finally, only those who played in the qualifying event (i.e. the Regional final) would receive certificates, and not those whose names were presented as part of the team but did not play. DY to respond to J. Brockwell and J. Hansen. **Action DY.**

f) *Online Bridge*

N. Justice has responded but there are still some difficulties. However, it was agreed to proceed as fast as possible. DY to liaise with Catherine Cummings to get advertising on website. MC happy to appoint the recommended online manager that N. Justice has been using. Proceed with finalising the Contract. **Action DY.**

g) *Summer Festival*

DY has advised J Scudder that the Echelon contract is extended until 2005. **Complete.**

h) *Drug Policy*

WBF Drug Policy has been placed on the website. **Complete.**

i) *ANC License fee*

DY has advised J Hansen that Butler licence fee is 10% of masterpoint costs. J Hansen will invoice the ANC convenor. **Complete.**

License fees re the Butler to be communicated to all State Secretaries. **Action DY**

k) *Newsletter Matters*

(i)KM has discussed with D Smyth the right of reply. **Complete.**

(ii) *Email from P Lavings.*

Tabled. Matter not finalised. Advice to be sought from General Counsel. DY has acknowledged P Lavings's letter and KM to communicate with D Smyth. **Action KM.**

(iii) On-line newsletter size increase referred to D Smyth. He is awaiting a price from D. Lusk. **Action DY.**

l) *Web charges for ABF events.*

DY has notified the Executive Secretary of invoices and amounts. Some queries from K. Ellaway and J. Scudder. These were resolved. **Complete.**

m) *Eligibility form improvement.*

Pending. Noted the confusion between availability forms vs eligibility forms. The Declaration of Availability needs to be discussed under PABF. The system for Eligibility needs to be listed for the next meeting as there is still tuning to be done. **Action EM/ER.**

u) *ABF brochures.*

Secretary has contacted Chair of Marketing Committee, A. Richman. He has replied that D. Stern intends completing it upon returning from Europe. Follow up required. **Action DY.**

w) *Playoff*

Trophies still required. ER has obtained quotes (\$124.55). Purchase required. **Action VB.**
Open = Tim Seres Trophy. Womens = Lidia Beech Trophy. Seniors = Ivy Dahler Trophy. Youth = Helman Trophy. President to contact Rabbi Helman **Action KM.**

4. Secretariat Report

a) *List of significant emails to MC since last meeting.*

- ◆ Women's Team request for funding. Discuss in General Business.
- ◆ 2004 Trans Tasman challenge. Discuss in General Business.
- ◆ Captain's Report Women's team, Tahiti. Discuss in General Business.
- ◆ Naming Rights for ABF events. Discuss in General Business.
- ◆ Youth Team subsidies. To finalise.

b) *PABF*

Declarations/waivers (vetted by ER/EM) sent to all three teams. N. Rosendorff ratified as NPC for Open. D. Beauchamp ratified as NPC for Women. They receive an extra \$250 allowance. Each is expected to provide a Report on the event. To be notified. **Action. DY**

c) *Email from Daniel Neil, Lexington*

Concept approved in principle provided no cost involved. **Action JS.**

d) *World Youth Championship 2005*

Confirmation of the 2005 event to be finalised following D. Stern's return from overseas. Likely to be held in Sydney following the ANC. Youth International costs to be reviewed at the next MC meeting depending on whether the 2005 event is confirmed. Youth coordinator to provide details of the 2003 World Youth Championships to VB. DY to check details on Internet. **Action DY.**

e) *Newsletter*

A query arose about how Newsletter inserts and ads are costed. The methodology is that the Secretariat receives all costs for each issue from the Editors and sends out invoices accordingly. (Likewise, the Editors supply the names, addresses and amounts to be paid to people who write articles. Cheques are then mailed out from the Secretariat).

f) *Management Committee Minutes*

The distribution of original Management Committee minutes is unresolved. Advice to be sought from EM on distribution and access to players, states, councillors, committee members etc. **Action DY.**

5. Treasurers Report

a) *Youth Coordinator*

GST query re invoices from Youth Coordinator . **Action JS.**

b) Correspondence between Treasurer and D. Walker on Banklink noted.

c) Treasurer has full ledger till end of May 2003.

d) ABF Financial Reports. KM to follow up with JS. **Action. KM**

6. Secretary's Report

a) Insurance quote on ABF HQ presented. Accepted. Premium to be paid. **Action. JS**

b) Report from J. Scudder on SF financials. To be presented to meeting in Darwin. **Action. DY**

c) Alert Regulations presented by L. Kelso. Accepted. To be presented to Councillors at Darwin. **Action. DY**

d) Councillors to have Minutes of 2003 President's meeting in Darwin. **Action. DY**

e) The VBA proposed holding the 2004 ANC in the new Clubrooms. This was accepted by the MC on the proviso that the proposal be fine tuned, and that there was an assurance that financial savings would be returned to players (e.g. food, bus transport, etc.). G. Gaspar to be written to seeking this assurance. **Action. DY**

f) The letter from Baylis re golf club bridge issues to be referred to NSWBA. **Action. DY**

7. Legal Counsel's Report.

No items discussed in EM's absence. The MC wished Eilis a speedy recovery.

However, (i) noted that Licence Agreement is not yet under control. **Action EM** and (ii) General Counsel needs to resolve the issue of 9H on the February minutes. **Action EM**

8. Tournament Committee Report.

a) *Spring National Championships*

KM had discussions with Frank Budai. His appointment as Convenor was reconfirmed. Proposals are acceptable provided that the TC Chairman has vetted them as OK. It was noted that the Charity Pairs for 2002 have yet to be fully resolved. **Action DY.**

b) *Request from SA re National Director*

Email from D. Marler was discussed. D. Lusk is not available for a sufficient time during the SF to receive full appraisal. However, it was agreed to appoint him as a National 3 after the SF in 2004. He will be required to attend further training at a later date to gain higher status. KM to discuss with J. Brockwell. This resolution of the MC to be communicated to D. Marler. **Action. KM**

c) *Regulations for ABF Events*

D. Smyth and his Regulations Committee to finalise the rewrite of the Regulations as soon as possible. To be presented to November meeting for ratification. Supplementary Regulation for franchised events to be drafted by Convenors and forwarded to TC Chairman for approval. **Action DY**

d) *Systems Committee.*

The review of the Systems Regs (particularly covering the Opening Points issue) to be drafted by December 2003. **Action DY**

e) *Policy at Major ABF Events*

If incidents occur at major ABF events, an experienced ABF person (preferably the Chairman of the TC) is required to be present to provide policy guidelines and implement decisions. The TC to appoint a liaison person at each event, if the TC Chairman is not there. A booklet covering the requirements should be prepared for each major event. **Action ER.**

e) *Mobile Phones at ABF Events*

There is significant difficulty in enforcing the current ABF Regulation on mobile phones in the playing area. It was decided to revert to the current WBF policy that states that mobile phones are not allowed in the playing area or toilets. ER to discuss this with J. Wignall. EM to advise on legal aspects. No further action was to be taken regarding the incident at the 2003 VCC. The restoration of equity by the TD was deemed to be the correct action. JA asked to have his dissenting vote recorded in the Minutes. **Action ER/EM**

f) *Alerting Regulations*

Ratified for promulgation.

g) *Helpers Paper*

The Treasurer will produce a draft revision of the Helpers Paper for the June meeting. **Action JS.**

h) *Rights and responsibilities of kibitzers*

This subject to be resolved by the National Authority. **Action EM.**

i) *PQP's*

The PQP allocation as displayed on the web site can be challenged. If not challenged within 30 days of appearing, they will be accepted as correct. EM to draft a statement for website. **Action EM**

11. **General Business**

a) *Masterpoint Fee Increase*

Discussed. Recommend start from 1/1/04. To be increased with cost of living, rounded down to nearest 5 cents. Discussed with Presidents who agreed with principle. A rationale to be prepared by JS for next meeting so it can be distributed to States and clubs. **Action JS**

b) *World Junior Championships 2004*

Pending.

c) *ABF MP Newsletter*

The Committee expressed concern with some of the membership figures in the latest Masterpoint Newsletter. DY to write to Presidents of BFACT and BAWA asking for feedback on membership decline and to Tasmania congratulating them on their membership increase. **Action DY**

d) *Ranking Scheme*

Write to van Abbe thanking him for his paper. As the June meeting was not attended by all MC members discussion was deferred till August. Van Abbe to provide more details – costs, technical issues, how are clubs weighted, etc. DY to seek further information. **Action DY**

e) *Nationwide Pairs*

Report required from JS on progress (required 3 monthly) – particularly on how money is distributed (25% to organisers and 75% to ABF), masterpointing method, details of an appropriate contract between ABF and organisers. **Action JS**

f) *Naming Rights for ABF events*

DY to write to D. Marler agreeing with basic proposal. SABF to provide formal proposal for next MC meeting. **Action DY.**

g) *Double Green points*

Not acceptable. D. Anderson and J. Hansen have resolved. Write to D. Anderson supporting his position. **Action DY.**

- h) *Subsidy for BB/VC*
Agreed at \$4200 for Open/Women/Senior teams.
- i) *Letter from Pamela Nelson re GNOT*
President to write to her. **Action KM.**
- j) *Training for Australian Teams*
Initiative is excellent – the MC supports teaching prior to event. As a gesture of support the ABF will provide \$500 towards this structured training. A report is required on the training (what was covered, player response, who taught, etc). Is the training documentation available for other National and International teams to access? Thank P. Evans for her report. **Action DY.**
- k) *Credit Card payment for entry to ABF events.*
Approval granted for JS to organise through the National Bank. Expected bank fees of 2.1% to be paid by each event. JS will also produce a letter for convenors. **Action JS.**
- l) *Contracts with States for licensed events*
DY has constructed two documents for the new Perth events. Two year period. Contracts need to be drawn up for all licensed events. **Action JS.**
- m) *Brief for J. Hoffman re ANC*
Prepare a brief for the ANC Committee to use in preparing a paper on the future of the ANC.
Action. DY
- n) *Single Member Clubs; Masterpoint Manual Update.*
In abeyance till June report acted upon.
- o) *Strategic planning*
The Secretary has discussed with J Hansen his intentions re the Masterpoint Centre. **Action DY.**
- p) *Meetings 2003*
The remaining meetings for 2003 are:

August 17/18
October 11/12
December 13/14

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

D. Yovich
Secretary