

Minutes of ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA Clubrooms, 162 Goulburn St, East Sydney 2010

Sunday 8th May 2005

1. Present

Keith McDonald (President)
Richard Grenside (Secretary)
Kieran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer)
Eilis Magner (General Counsel)
Martin Willcox
Eric Ramshaw

Apologies: Val Brockwell (Secretariat)

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting Feb 2005

Matters Outstanding from Dec Minutes

4d	D. Smith	May meeting
4g KM	Spicers	Progressing
7d KCM	J Pszczola	In hands of immigration Lawyer
5c EM	Bridge Training notes	Legal advice re coping (EM)
10fEM	Letter of Appt for Conveners	Discuss later on
11cKM	Gue Matter	Agenda Item
4I VB	JS Contract	Done
4ii	NTBA Dealing Machine	Dealt with, no grant given
4iii RG	Visas WJC	Transferred to D. Stern
4a RG	2005 ANC/NSWBA	has been accepted? (RG)
4b RG	Licence fee by event JH to VB	Pass to KCM
5a KCM	Teaching Subsidies	Pass to KCM Subsidy to State only
5c	PABF Delegate	RG to Contact Alan Walsh
5d	SF to BFACT	Licence fee paid
6c	Licence Fee5% (& Licences)	ANC: ABPC \$85: Pairs \$80 pr
6e	Advice Convener date for fin report	3 Months KCM + Fin + RG
6g	Licence fee by event/State in MP Report	ER to Liaise with KCM
8a EM	JB Probate	EM to act urgent, accept \$4000
8c EM	NSWBA title	Going ahead, same terms
9a RG	50%fee for Youth	Advise all states, done
9c ER	Helpers	of ANC, (EHR)
9d KCM	Bridge for Brains	Up and running, Take off
10cRG	Raffle to Web	Dealt with
10dKCM	Accreditation of Holiday Congresses	Coming up
10j RG	Super congress/acceleration Factor (DA)	Coming up
10kRG	Coffs Harbour super congress	Coming up
10l KCM	Gue Matter	Coming up

10m	Convener Contracts	To deal with
10n	Outright awards for GNOT regional finals	On agenda, DA letter sent all clubs.

Matters Outstanding from Jan Meeting

4c	D.Smith Correspondence	Carry Forward
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Matters Outstanding Feb Minutes

4ii	VB	Scudder Contract	To Hand.
5ii	KCM	Increase Teaching Subsidies	States to be advised.
5xii		CNBC Biographies	Status unknown
5xv	KCM	New Corporate Cards	Status unknown
6viii	RG	WA Licence fee agreements	Status unknown
8iii	EM	Kibitzers, Nat Authority Decision	Status unknown
8iv	EM	Recorder Reports to EM	Status unknown
10ii	KMC	Invite to Lorraine Harkness	Status unknown
10iv	KCM	Bridge holiday accreditation	Delayed to next meeting
10xi		MP Allocation Super Congress	Next meeting.
10xii		MP Allocation Acceleration 2 events	Next Meeting
10xviii		Convener Contract	Status unknown

5. Presidents Report

Report from AGM Tabled

President made mention of larger than normal volume of email correspondence and issues.

6. Secretariat Report

Tabled

- a) Coat of Arms Under control **VB**
- b) PABF: A Walsh nominated as delegate for Seoul (**RG**)
A.Walsh be given ABF views (**VB**)
Captains issue resolved, see 10g
- c) Playoffs O/W/S, Subsidies Refer to Finance Committee
- d) Email from NZCBA 28/4/04? Titled World Youth Champs
NZCBA asked to send Official Rep to WJC. (**KCM** to write to NZ)
- e) Z7C. Fees paid. All subsidies paid, Horton/Markey issue resolved.
- f) WBF. Paid 2005 annual membership fees
- g) MP Centre . Dealt with
- h) Halmos Claim: Resolved (Claim paid by VBA)
- i) Summer Festival donation to BFACT, Resolved
- j) Meetings combining AGM with Presidents meeting. Resolved
- k) Executive Secretary Position. Next meeting
- l) Financial Records for the Secretariat. Tabled
- m) Mid Year meeting. **RG** to write to AY requesting NSWBA find venue
Thurs 28th July 3.00pm to 8pm.
- n) Refunds. Issue referred to Finance Committee

7. Treasurers Report

No Report

8. Secretary's Report

Tabled

9. Legal Counsel report

Verbal report from EM, noted

10. TC Report

Tabled

Next meeting of Tournament Committee May 21-22 in Melbourne

Items for discussion: Reviews of 2005 & 2006 Playoffs C/F

Aus team for CNBC. MC Supports event with subsidies?

Strategies for improvement of Aus teams

Conjunction of Syd Festival & Spring Nats

Nexus between GNOT and Spring Nats: Broken, 1 yr trial

NZ participation in ANC. Refer Pres meeting

Test Matches AUS v NZ

- a) CNBC. Refer to Item 12
- b) Helpers Policy. Remuneration suggestions
- c) Capitation: Issues re 100% rule
- d) ANC Venue: revisit the characteristics and policy
- e) ANC Eligibility: Ruth Thompson
 - Motion: That dispensation be given for Ruth to play in ACT Womens
 - Team: Carried. **EHR** to advise ACT
- f) ANC and Tournament Unit: See 19f under General Business
- g) Captains: All captains must be ratified by the MC. Carried
 - All Captains must be Non-Playing and non sharing. Carried
 - Captains receive the same subsidy. Carried
- h) MP Report: EHR reported apparent inconsistencies

11. World Youth Championships

In good hands of David Stern and his committee

Under control

12. CNBC

Various options discussed. Suggestion of Youth team?

TC to make recommendations, MC to support event

13. World Champs Estoril

Current policy is that players must play in Transnational event **RG** to advise Captains.

Subsidies \$3500 or \$3000 for first week, If staying \$4000 or \$3500.

All team must stay at designated hotel to obtain extra subsidy

Extra \$250.00 if reaching final series.

RG to email Anna Gudge re discount on entry fees for staying at venue.

Captains: Open, Nigel Rosendorff, Seniors. David Stern, Womens. TBA

MW to draft the part of regs to include declarations and indemnity clause

14. Presidents meeting

Successful meeting, Presidents very responsive

Professional Indemnity Insurance **MW** to investigate and action.

Proxie not allowed, a person 'acting in the position of' is permitted to attend (eg Dallas Cooper)

15. AGM ABF

Committees formed, Oversight abandoned, The Constitution states "The Committees shall comprise the persons specified in the By-Laws" 17(2) Clause 4.9 of the By-Laws states The Player Liason Committee is chaired by a councillor and contains among its members at least one male and one female ABF registered players (who are not Councillors)". D.Stern resigned from all positions after WYC.

Require names of conveners for all ABF events **RG** to seek information

AGM minutes circulated, checked by EM, to be posted on Web **RG**

Minutes, once approved to Web

16. Seniors Playoff Report

Tabled

RG to send thank you for well run tournament include well directed by MM to DS.

17. Captains for International events

See Item 13 for more detail

RG to advise Bruce Neill that a non-playing captain is a requirement. No Sharing

RG to query Margaret Bourke as to who is proposed as Womens Captain for Z7

18. Possible new international event for 2005

Awaiting any communication on the subject.

