

# **ABF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING IN SYDNEY (DOUBLE BAY BRIDGE CENTRE) WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2005**

### **SUMMARY OF MATTERS DEALT WITH AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING**

What follows is a precis of the proceedings of the TC meeting of 14 September 2005.. More detail can be obtained by reference to the full minutes.

#### **09 05 01.      *Replacement pairs for international teams***

It was resolved that, should an individual withdraw from an Australian team after its ratification, that person's designated partner is deemed also to have withdrawn. Thus, what follows applies to the withdrawal of a pair.

The following replacement procedures will be observed:

- (i) Where the Australian team has been selected using a pairs format, the replacement pair will be the pair that finished next in line in the Playoff.
- (ii) Where the Australian team has been selected using a teams format, the replacement pair will be selected from the team that finished next in line in the Playoff. The selection of the replacement pair will be done by the remaining members of the Australian team.
- (iii) Where a replacement pair is needed for a Zone 7 Championship, the replacement pair will retain all rights to be part of the Australian team for the ensuing Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup. (That is, the principle "once in, stays in" applies.)

#### **09 05 02.      *World Championships – Verona 2006***

The ABF has resolved that a subsidy (of \$1000) will be paid to each of 20 players who are ratified by the ABF to play in the 2006 World Championships (Verona, Italy, 9-24 June 2006). It is recommended that the following conditions apply to the payment of subsidies:

- (i) Players may apply for the subsidy in only one of the three categories, viz. Open, Women's, Seniors.
- (ii) Players must make application (to the ABF Secretariat) for the subsidy at or before the time of commencement of the corresponding Playoff.
- (iii) In so far as is possible, subsidies will be divided equally between the three categories.

#### **09 05 03.      *Sydney Festival Of Bridge***

The new Sydney Festival, will incorporate the existing Festival, the Australian Open Pairs and the Open and Women's Spring National Championships.

#### **09 05 04.      *Playoffs – Wild card entries***

It was resolved that, in the event of there being insufficient entries to fill a Playoff field, the Convenor may or need not call for expressions of interest before filling the vacancy (or vacancies) of his own volition.

**09 05 05.      *Submission of systems***

It was resolved that the “exclusion procedure” for submission of systems will apply to submission of systems for the Playoffs and the ANC. The “exclusion procedure” is the procedure whereby it is no longer necessary for partnerships to submit their full systems but, instead, merely to submit a form listing their non-mainstream treatments. Partnerships that play entirely mainstream must, nonetheless, submit a nil exception form.

**09 05 06.      *Playoffs for 2007***

It was confirmed that the playoffs for 2007 will use a teams format.

**09 05 07.      *Australian National (Interstate) Championships (ANC) 2006***

- (i) Schedule. The traditional schedule (Butler Pairs Championships first) will be re-reinstated.
- (ii) Seniors Butler Pairs Championship. Stage A of the Seniors Butler Pairs Championship will commence on Monday morning instead of on Sunday evening.
- (iii). ANC Pairs Championships. It is reiterated that each State is entitled to three pairs in each Pairs Championship (as part of its ANC entry fee). Subsequently, entry to the Pairs Championships is open, (with no State ratification necessary) to pairs both members of which are resident in the same State, i.e. no interstate entries are permitted. There will be an entry fee, yet to be determined, for these subsequent entries.

**Other matters dealt with**

Detail of the 2006 Playoffs.

Allocation of dates (13-21 September 2006) for the new Sydney Festival of Bridge.