

MEETING OF ABF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

SYDNEY 11 NOVEMBER 2005

SUMMARY OF MATTERS DEALT WITH AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING

What follows is a precis of the proceedings of the TC meeting of 11 November 2005. More detail can be obtained by reference to the full minutes.

11 05 01 BBO presentations

It was resolved that the convenor shall be responsible for deciding which matches should be broadcast on BBO. It was further resolved that players themselves shall not be permitted to decide whether or not they should appear on BBO. Notwithstanding, in a teams event in which a particular team's total masterpoints (top 4 players) numbers less than 1000, the captain of that team has the right to decide which of the 2 tables should appear on BBO.

11 05 02 Slow play

It was confirmed that the penalty of VPs removed for slow play (1VP for the first board and 2VPs for subsequent boards) is the penalty per pair and that, even if only one pair is found to be at fault, the penalty remains the same (i.e. 1VP for the first board and 2VPs for subsequent boards).

11 05 03 Dick Cummings Pairs

It was resolved that the Dick Cummings Pairs for 2006 Sydney Festival will be scored as match-pointed pairs.

11 05 04 Australian teams for international events

- a. Prior arrival. It was noted that there is no requirement for players representing Australia in international events to arrive at the tournament location prior to the commencement of the tournament. It was resolved (i) that players be required to arrive 48 hours before the event when making a long flight to the venue, (ii) that players be required to arrive 24 hours before the event when making a short flight to the venue and (iii) that these requirements form part of the declaration of availability.
- b. Practice and tournament play. It was resolved that players selected for international teams should be asked to keep a log of events in which they play and the practice that they undertake in the 4 months leading up to the event. While there would be no sanctions or requirements, the ABF should be informed about what it is getting for its investment.

Other matters dealt with

- (i) Detail of regulations for the 2006 Playoffs.
- (ii) Tie-breaking regulations.
- (iii) Mobile phones regulations.