

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at ABF Headquarters, 4/51 Tennant Street, Fyshwick
15 March 2008
Time 9.30am - 4.00pm

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair)
ACT	R Nixon
NSW	K Crowe-Mai, B Neill (2 votes)
VIC	D Smith
TAS	D Cooper, A Richman
SA	D Marler, C Leach
WA	R Grenside, A Stralow
NT	T Haubrick (2 votes)
Supplemental	L Kelso
Minute Secretary	J Rasmussen

1.2. *President welcomes new Councillors and thanks retiring Councillors.*

The President thanked retiring councillors, E Dudley (ACT) and S Fischer (NT)

1.3. *Bona Fides of each person present voting or observing*

Confirmed.

1.4. *Apologies*

E Nunn, Marler, T Jackman and M Willcox.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. *Confirmation*

The minutes of the meeting 17 March 2007 were amended and confirmed.

2.2. *Matters arising*

Amendment to Previous Minutes

1.4 Apologies D Marler.

2.3 *Minutes of Previous Mid Year Meeting (21 July 2007)*

2.4 *Confirmation*

The minutes of the meeting 21 July 2007 were confirmed.

2.5 *Matters Arising*

3.17 Significant documents to be attached to minutes

3. Election of Office Bearers

Management Committee

- 3.1. As 2008 is an election year, in accordance with clause 10 (6) of the Constitution, the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and two ordinary members of the Management Committee. Nomination forms were sent to all Councillors and States in accordance with the Constitution.

President – K McDonald elected unopposed.

Secretary – R Grenside elected unopposed.

Treasurer – R Nixon elected unopposed.

Management Committee Members:

D Marler elected unopposed.

K Crowe-Mai elected unopposed.

Noted that the elected officials are elected until the AGM 2010.

4. Appointments

4.1. *Appointment of General Counsel*

Professor Eilis Magner was re-appointed.

4.2. *Public Officer*

George Jesner re-appointed.

4.3. *Auditors*

Skaines, Reeves & Jones re-appointed.

4.4. *Delegates for PABF, Zone 7*

Delegate for PABF.

Eric Ramshaw and John Brockwell appointed Delegates for Zone 7

5. Executive Reports

Note: All reports in items 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 8, 10 were pre-circulated.

All reports gratefully accepted. The relevant Councillors spoke to each report and answered questions. Only the discussion to each report is minuted.

5.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*

President acknowledged J Hansen's retirement from the Masterpoint Centre and thanked him for his loyal service.

5.2. *Secretary's Report (R Grenside)*

5.3. *Treasurers Report (K Crowe-Mai)*

- 5.4. *General Counsel's Report (E Magner)*
General Counsel gave a verbal report on her activities for the past 12 months.
- 5.5. *James O'Sullivan Trust*
Trustees have resisted increasing interest rates, however there may be an increase in 2008.
6. **Committee Reports**
- 6.1. *Tournament Committee Report (J Brockwell)*
- 6.2. *Finance Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*
No Report
- 6.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*
- 6.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report (J Hansen)*
- 6.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*
- 6.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*
No Report
- 6.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*
General Counsel expects a recorder report at Mid Year meeting and AGM 2009.
- 6.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*
- 6.9. *Technology Unit Report (A Stralow)*
No Report
- 6.10. *Masterpoint Unit Report (D Anderson)*
No Report
- 6.11. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*
- 6.12. *Youth Committee Report (C Mill)*
- 6.13. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*
- 6.14. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*
- 6.15. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (E Dudley)*
No Report

- 6.16. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*
- 6.17. *Governance Report (C Leach)*
Members to be sought via ABF Newsletter
- 6.18. *Marketing Committee Report (R Nixon)*
No Report
- 6.19. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*
No Report

6.20. *Presidents Meeting (K McDonald)*

6.21. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*

7. ANC Calendar

7.1. *ANC 2007 Perth (A Stralow)*

7.2. *ANC 2008 Gold Coast (J Millar)*

8. Tournaments & Licensed events

8.1. *2007 GNOT Report- GNP (J Brockwell)*

8.2. *2007 VCC (D Jacobs)*
No Report

8.3. *2008 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*

8.4. *2007 Playoffs (E Ramshaw)*

8.5. *2007 Playoffs (D Stern)*

8.6. *2007 Australian Swiss Pairs and Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs (C Elliot)*

8.7. *2007 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (S Young)*

8.8. *2007 Barrier Reef Teams (M Darley)*

8.9. *2007 Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*

8.10. *2007 Western Senior Pairs (J Reynolds)*

8.11. *2007 Golden West (A Stralow)*

8.12. *2007 Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*

8.13. *2008 Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*

8.14. *2007 NT Gold (P Nunn)*

8.15. *2007 Spring Nationals (K Neale)*

9. WBF Tournaments

9.1. *PABF Championships, Bandung*
No Report

9.2. *World Teams Championships, Shanghai*
Open Team performed exceptionally at Shanghai

10. Independent Organisations

10.1. *ABDA Report (S Mullamphy)*

10.2. *ABTA Report (L Harkness)*

11. Notice of Motion

Nil

12. Masterpoint Centre Project

All State Secretaries and State Masterpoint Secretaries to be informed of the duplicated Masterpoint Centre now at ABFHQ. D Smith to liaise with Migration Path re: documentation.

13. General Business

The honoraria for the current officers of the Tournament Unit, the GNOT Convenor and Library Custodian, be increased by 3% using honoraria paid in 2006 as a baseline.

13.1. *Honoraria (Tournament Unit)*
2008 to be paid the same rates as for 2007

13.2. *2008 Committees*

13.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Date*
Saturday 13th September, Sydney

- 13.4. *President's Meeting Date*
Saturday 24th May, Sydney
- 13.5. *WBF Women's Festival, 7-13 April 2008 (D Marler)*
- 13.6. *ABF Marketing Reports (R Nixon)*
- 13.7. *Any other business*
(a) ANC Fines to be reviewed by the Management Committee
(b) PABF – all states to have one automatic entry.
(c) ABF AGM 2009 to be discussed at next Management Committee Meeting
- 13.8. *Meeting Close*
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.