

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

July 8th & 9th 2006

New South Wales Bridge Association, 162 Goulburn Street, Sydney

9.00am both days

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Dianne Marler and Andrew Halmos

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (General Counsel), Martin Willcox and Jane Rasmussen, Secretariat

Apologies: Keiran Crow-Mai (Treasurer)

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting May 27th and 28th 2006
Confirmed

3. Matters Arising

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM	Web Site Advertising	Ongoing
KM/JR	Oz-One Weekly session green points on BBO	Ongoing
JR	Promulgate notice of 'Internal Events Co-coordinator' to all councilors, State Secs & Conveners	Pending
EM	Write QBA and CTD for copy of Directors Report.	Ongoing
EM	Disclaimer for Bridge Tours page – Draft to be written	Pending
EM	Treasurer to review Tax Position	Ongoing
MW	Maccabi Games, view current ABF Policy	Ongoing
JR/KCM	Letter of appointment to new Youth Coordinators	Pending
KCM	Inventory of Screens	Ongoing
KCM	Letter to Captains	Ongoing
KCM	Guidelines for notifying of Captain	Ongoing
KCM	3 year renewal	Ongoing
KCM	License agreement modification and mailout	Ongoing
KCM	Contact Entrepreneurs	Ongoing
MW	McCutcheon Point for Playoffs	Ongoing
RG	Historical Information on past players	Ongoing
KM/JR	Oz-One Online events	Ongoing
KCM	Committees that meet may claim expenses	Ongoing

4. **Correspondence**
 5. **Presidents Report**
 - (a) President was concerned at the lack of entries for Butler in upcoming ANC.
 - (b) NT Gold entries are excellent. MC has agreed to make the same subsidy available next year to attend NT Gold 2007. Convenors to be notified. **Action RG**
 6. **Secretary's Report**
Tabled
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Tabled
 8. **Treasurer's Report**
 - (a) Write to Chairman of Youth Committee re: subsidies. Payments in future to be made directly to players. **Action KCM**
 - (b) Write to CBC President and SF Convenor re: Summer Festival Name payment **Action RG**
- President of ABDA**
John McIlrath arrived at 12.20pm to deliver a report from ABDA.
9. **Legal Counsel Report**
 - (a) ABF now has a copy of the National Authority Report. Circulate report to MC **Action JR**
 - (b) Legal Counsel working on Oz-One Deed. Statement of intention
 - (c) Check on tax status of JOS and ABF accounts. Recover JOS Deed. Legal Counsel authorized to consult with T Rice. **Action EM/JR**
 - (d) Recorder Guidelines to be circulated to MC **Action JR**
 - (e) Does ABF have responsibility for members of youth teams under 18 years? Check with states on "Blue Cards" **Action RG**
 10. **Tournament Committee Report and Tournament Unit Report**
 - (a) Fees – States need to be informed that regardless of the number of teams they send to the ANC, they need to still pay the full fee. **Action MW**
 - (b) Agenda item for December meeting, Entry fees for Butler 2007 **Action RG**
 - (c) Bidding boxes have been made available free of charge via P Jannersten
 - (d) ANC system summaries, feedback has been received.
 - (e) SF interim report received. Rejected the claim for scoring units at this time but will look into at a later date **Action RG**
 - (f) TU Chairman will Chair Appeals at ANC
 - (g) Contact N Fahrer re: BBO, for information of web display **Action RG**
 11. **Central Masterpoint Committee Report**
 - (a) Briefing paper to be written **Action MW**
 - (b) Need to visit WA for thorough investigation of current system **Action MW**
 - (c) ABF to advise clubs as to progress of project **Action AH**
 12. **Youth Committee Report**
No Report. Secretary to request a report from Chairman **Action RG**

- 13. ABF Events**
 (a) *Dick Cummings Pairs*
 Request for increased Masterpoints was rejected by both the MC and DA. Secretary to write to J Foster. **Action RG**
 (b)& (c) *PABF*
 MC has resolved to have nothing to do with PABF 2008 if it is to run at a loss. Request to QBA for funding of \$50,000 rejected. Asian Cup to run in conjunction with PABF 2008.
 (d) *Summer Festival of Bridge* – see TC report above
 (e) ANC Adelaide – see President's report above
 (f) ANC Perth
 T Free resigned as co-convenor, J Beddow has taken role. Has approval been sought? **Action RG**
 (g) *World Championships*
 At meeting in Verona there was a strong recommendation that all NCO's adopt a strong standard and uniformity. Screens, bidding boxes, convention cards and playing cards should be standard in events all over the world
- 14. Oz-One**
 (a) Deed – Statement of intention between the ABF and Oz-One Project. Legal Counsel to contact Oz-One re: name. **Action EM**
- 15. Women's Committee**
 Sue Grenside attended the meeting in Verona.
- 16. GNOP**
 No responses from States as yet.
- 17. Travel Proposals**
 P Gue has decided not to pursue this anymore. Two submissions, one from Harvey World Travel and one from American Express Travel have been received by the ABF. Write to FcM Travel and inform them that we are investigating all travel and accommodation ideas and would they put forth a proposal. **Action JR**
- 18. License Agreements**
 Deferred in the absence of Treasurer
- 19. Mid Year Meeting**
 10.00am at the Holiday Inn, Hindley Street, Adelaide, August 5th 2006.
- 20. Other Items**
 (a) Entry Fees for PABF
 Treasurer will pay entry fees for all teams at PABF Shanghai
 (b) Excessive fees for World Youth
 ABF not entering into email conversation
 (c) ANC Colts Team
 Need to recruit one more player
 (d) Newsletter Editor
 Contract to be finalized. Thank the outgoing editors. **Action RG**
 (e) Masterpoint retrieval
 Page loading problems
 (f) Date of Birth Problems
 Requirement to collect only day and month of birth.
 (g) Tasmanian Senior Swiss Pairs
 MC have agreed to renaming the Tasmanian Senior Swiss Pairs, the Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs **Action RG**
 (i) BridgeClubLive

Online bridge clubs to receive Masterpoints must affiliate with the State. Secretary to inform R Borland. **Action RG**

(j) Request from JOS Trust Fund

A request for a further \$100,000 line of credit to the JOS Fund from the ABF was approved.

(k) Find certificate of title for the NSWBA loan. **Action JR**

21. Dates for future Management Committee Meetings

August 6th	Adelaide
23rd and 24th September	Sydney
4th and 5th November	Canberra
2nd and 3rd December	Sydney

Meeting closed at 2.30pm