

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

November 4th and 5th 2006

ABF Headquarters, Fyshwick, ACT

9.30am – 4.45 Saturday

9.30am – 2.35 Sunday

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Keiran Crow-Mai (Treasurer), Dianne Marler, Andrew Halmos (Saturday Only),

In Attendance: Martin Willcox and Jane Rasmussen, Secretariat

Apologies: Eilis Magner (General Counsel)

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting September 23 and 24
Confirmed and amended 13b

3. Matters Arising

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

EM	Write QBA and CTD for copy of Directors Report	Ongoing
EM	Disclaimer for Bridge Tours – Draft to be written	Ongoing
KCM	Letter to Captains	Ongoing
KCM	Guidelines for notifying of Captains	Ongoing
KCM	3 Year renewal	Ongoing
KCM	License agreement modification and mail out	Ongoing
KCM	Contact Entrepreneurs	Ongoing
EM	Check on tax status of JOS and ABF accounts	Ongoing
EM	Write to Oz-One re 'name'	Ongoing
JR	Write to FcM Travel	Pending
KCM	Letter to Captains to include leave availability	Ongoing
RG	Find a writer	Ongoing
KCM	Late Fee P Gue	Ongoing
KCM	Follow up Barrier Reef Masterpoint Account	Ongoing
KCM	Letter to Captain's to include Payment for Captain to play	Ongoing
JR	Balance of FFP for AMEX	Ongoing
KCM	Sweep Accounts	Ongoing
JR	Get copy of distribution list for ABF Newsletter	Pending
KCM	Letter to Captains to include statement "MC will decide whether	Ongoing
EM	Contracts with Oz-One Players	Ongoing

- 4. Correspondence**
- (a) N Dutton re: J Hansen's retirement
 - (b) R Nixon re: Committees
 - (c) Re: Free entry for NZ Youth to SF, MC approves the reciprocal agreement between Australia and New Zealand. Only official teams. **Action RG**
 - (d) R Maloney re: Psychic Bidding **Action RG**
 - (e) J Stark re: Delay in publication of minutes on website **Action RG**
 - (f) R Klinger re: PQP's **Action MW**
 - (g) G Bilski re: Captain's Report **Action RG**
- 5. Presidents Report**
- (a) Zone 7 Playoffs will be in Christchurch, NZ from 9 to 12 May 2007. States to be asked if they wish to host Playoffs 2009. Place notice on website. **Action RG**
 - (b) Honorarium for Gold Point Convenor, commencing 1/10/06. **Action RG**
 - (c) Tabled a complaint re: procurement of cards for dealing machines. **Action RG**
- 6. Secretary's Report**
- Tabled
- 7. Secretariat Report**
- No Report
- 8. Treasurer's Report**
- (a) Increase funding to BBO. **Action KM**
 - (b) Web Designer, obtain advice and quote. **Action DM**
 - (c) Advertising subsidy for all States, at the discretion of the states. One year trial, report at the end of 12 months. \$3000 on a dollar for dollar basis for each state. A report to be provided at the 2008 AGM. **Action RG**
 - (d) End of year reporting.
 - (e) Masterpoint fees to rise in 2007 to:

Grades A3, B3, B4, B5	from \$1.60 to \$1.70
Grades C, D, E, F	from \$1.50 to \$1.60
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	from \$1.20 to \$1.30
Grades A, A2, B	from \$1.00 to \$1.10

Action KCM
 - (f) BridgeMates and table top scorers. ABF may purchase 100. Request Finance Committee to consider purchase of units. **Action KCM**
- 9. Legal Counsel Report**
- No Report
- 10. Tournament Unit and Committee Report**
- (a) Request from Chairman of TU for increase in remuneration to TU. MC approved an increase in TU remuneration by 5%. **Action KCM**
 - (b) Cancellation of ABDA Director's Seminar, December **Action RG**
 - (c) The MC to advise all Convenors of Licensed events that the condition of entry for Restricted events is as follows: "Players entitled to represent another NBO (National Bridge Organisation) are not permitted to enter events restricted by MP's even though their expertise fell within the parameters of the event" **Action RG**
 - (d) Write to TU Chairman for clarification of "representation at every event" **Action RG**
 - (e) Write to Summer Festival Convenor for a listing of all staff for SF **Action RG**
 - (f) SF contract to be an agenda item **Action RG**
 - (g) Last Train 1st, 2nd and 3rd eligible pairs will form team for Playoffs.
 - (h) K Morrison to write article on NOT Final 8 format for ABF Newsletter
 - (i) GNOP will not work, maybe a restricted or country pairs.
 - (j) Circulate NZCBA Code of Conduct **Action MW**

- 11. Central Masterpoint Committee Report**
 (a) MW presented display of website.
 (b) AH presented Masterpoint Centre Project No 3. Request for scope and schedule
Action MW
- 12. Youth Committee Report**
 (a) Provisional budget for 2007 tabled.
- 13. Player Liaison Committee**
 Alcohol at table. Several responses from players. Matter is on hold. Correspond with NZ.
Action DM
- 14. PABF Shanghai, reports +**
 AH gave an update on the 2008 PABF.
- 15. Other Matters**
15a WBF Capitation fee increase as follows:

2008	up .20c
2009	up .15c
2010	up .15c

The ABF will absorb these increases; therefore there will be no increase in ABF capitation fees.
Action RG

15b Newsletter Advertisements will constitute only 30% of ABF Newsletter
15c V Demuy letter for WBF re: Play for Australia
Action KM

(i) R Nixon, President of BFACT joined meeting at 10.30am to discuss ACT Gold Point event and masterpoint rebate for BFACT from Summer Festival.
 (ii) M Abraham and G Ware joined meeting at 12.10pm. Tabled a provisional budget for 2007.
 (iii) Secretariat to attend GNOT.
 (iv) Online bridge. TC Chairman to write a paper.
Action MW
 (v) If no re-payment of hotel bill in Bangkok received – write off.

16. Forthcoming Meetings:

December 2 and 3	Sydney
January 27 and 28	Canberra
February 24 and 25	Broadbeach
March 17	AGM Canberra
March 18	President's Canberra

Remind delegates about accommodation and transportation to AGM and President's meeting, absorbed by ABF.
Action RG

Meeting Closed at 2.35pm