

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Rydges Hotel – Canberra

Sat 27th & Sun 28th Jan 2007

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

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel), Martin Willcox, Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting December 2nd and 3rd

Confirmed with no amendments

3. Matters Arising

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM 3 Year renewal - pending
KCM License agreement modification and mail out - pending
EM Check on tax status of JOS and ABF accounts – in train
EM Contracts with Oz-One Players - pending
MW Scope and Schedule - Pending
MW Write Online Bridge Paper – Pending
KCM Amended licences to convenors
DM Questionnaire from Player Liaison Committee following playoffs – pending
JR President travel diary – in train
EM Understanding of what is published
EM Letter of appointment for Nick Fahrer as NC of NVU – pending
EM Implementation of ban on alcohol – pending
RG Transfer overcalls – pending
MW Published systems are only ones that can be play at an event – pending
JR/MW Paper trail for tender/contract award CMS – pending
RG Paragraph in AB seeking expressions of interest for State NVU operators – pending
KCM Payment details for NVU operators – pending
RG Note from P Gill – pending
KM GNOT query – Colin Mitchell – pending
RG Team withdrawal from GNOT Final – pending
MW Code of Conduct – pending
JR Letter to EBU, WBF and ACBL and press release list of recipients – pending
RG Email to marketing committee re: suggestions – pending
RG WBF powerpoint presentation on web site - pending

1. Correspondence

2. Presidents Report

a. Meeting with P Marston and ABF President and Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel and President met with P Marston re: Oz-One Bridge. Terms of the Deed which the ABF will execute were agreed. . The Donor will augment funds in 2007. \$300,000 to be set aside for Youth Bridge. At this time, Women are not included but may be down the track. P Marston to be invited to attend AGM to report on Oz-One Bridge. Better communication between ABF and Oz-One Bridge desirable. A copy of Australian Bridge to be supplied to every bridge club in Australia for 2 years. ABF will cover this cost but does not wish to have any editorial weight in the publication. In principle agreement that P Marston will sell the Australian rights to the CARDS ranking system to the ABF.

P Marston joined MC meeting at 12.35pm. Paul stated that the sponsor would be happy to work directly with the ABF on the ranking system. An in principal agreement was signed by P Marston on behalf of himself and I McKinnon for the Australian rights to the CARDS ranking scheme. Chair of Technology to liaise with PM and IMcK. **MW**

b. Accounts

ABF and JOS accounts ready to be audited. Secretariat sent a list of JOS addresses to auditor.

c. JOS

A transfer of \$10,000 was made from ABF Funds to JOS in memory of Keith McNeil.

d. Masterpoints for NWP

Nationwide Pairs – masterpoint status

KCM

3. Secretary's Report

4. Secretariat Report

No Report

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Legal Counsel Report

a. Playoffs

Legal Counsel drafted a letter of response to class action solicitor. Updated website with notice of 7 teams for the Playoffs 2007.

b. Oz One Bridge Deed

MC authorized the President to sign the Deed in which the ABF declares the terms under which the Oz One Bridge Project will be managed. Send copy to all MC Members, Councillors and place on website. **JR**

7. Tournament Committee Report

a. Vince Demuy

Vince Demuy has been a resident for the past 6 months and satisfies all the criteria to be eligible to play for Australia in 2007. MC accepted the recommendation from the TC to allow Vince to play. TC to change regulations to state, "six months in the prior year".

MW

b. Notes from TC Meeting

Review of PQP's will be done. Playoff times and format.

- 8. Tournament Unit Report**
Open and Women's Playoff budget tabled.
- 9. Central MP Committee Report**
MW tabled a report. Further information to be tabled at February MC Meeting. Central Masterpoint Centre Project to present at AGM **MW**
- 10. Youth Committee Report**
The role of Chairman should be taken on by someone who is willing to take on the role.
- 11. Women's Committee Report**
No Report
- 12. SFOB Report**
SFOB contract due for renewal. A report was received from the Tournament unit about the probation period..EHR to pass on comments to Convenor in the debriefing.
Ask that convenor attend AGM to present a report. **RG**
Send SF Contract to all MC Members **JR**
- 13. Other Committee Reports**
No Reports
- 14. John Hempenstall attendance & trophy situation**
Trophy Curator joined the meeting at 10.10am Sunday. Renew Gerda Stern Trophy, McNeil Langley Cup and Summer Festival NOT Cup.
- 15. Warren Lazer resignation**
Correspondence tabled re: W Lazer's resignation from all ABF Committees. Secretary to thank him for his contribution to the ABF. **RG**
- 16. ABF Events**
- a) *ACT New event*
BFACT to run new event in April 2008. TC to be informed.
- b) *2007 Open & Women's Playoff*
MC agreed to keep 7 and 7 for both Open and Women's Playoffs 2007
14 Board Matches will be played in RR1 and RR2.
Player Liaison Committee to be canvassed re: Playoffs **DM**
Discussion of amendments to entry procedure. **RG**
Subsidies to 5th team. No subsidy for 6th and Last Train entries. **RG**
Notify I Thomson of subsidy. **RG**
- c) *2007 Seniors Playoff*

17. International & Other events

- a) *2009 Zone 7*
Submissions close on January 31 2007. Two submissions received to date.
- b) *Canakkale Anzac Day tournament*
Placed on website
- c) *WBF Charity Pairs*
Event was conducted on Tuesday 23rd January and raised \$195, QBA donated \$200 and ABF to make up to \$600. **JR**
- d) *PABF*
MC approved supporting 3 extra senior teams to attend the PABF in Indonesia. Entry fee will be paid by ABF. Playoff attendees will be given first preference. Display on website. **RG**

18. Other matters

- a) *Web Links Bridgedoctor.com*
A request from webmaster to create a link was not recommended **RG**
- b) *Bridge Certificates*
Secretary to ascertain from J Hansen whether this can be done **RG**
- c) *Proposed New Laws*
Secretariat sent link to Legal Counsel
- e) *Table top scorers*
Finance committee approved purchase of table top scorers from Migration Path. MC approved purchased. A report to be formulated by Treasurer. **KCM**
- d) *Bridge for Brains*
To be scored across the field using online scoring website **MW**
- e) *AOB*
 - a. Territory Gold subsidy to be advertised on website and in newsletter. **RG**
 - b. John Beddow has resigned as WA Delegate. Secretary to write a letter thanking him for his contribution. **RG**
 - c. Zone 7 Laws meeting will be held in February at GC Congress
 - d. AGM and President's send out notice of forthcoming meeting. Request all Chairs of committees to submit a report for the AGM. Send to travel agent a list of Delegates names. Request in writing names of councillors and those up for election. Invite President's to AGM as observers only. Send minutes of last AGM to all councillors. Send reports electronically to all councillors as they come to hand. Make small number of bound copies. **JR**
 - e. Write to President's re: Agenda items. President's cannot nominate a proxy. Agenda item: GNRP. **JR**

Next Meeting: Saturday 24 February at 1.00pm and Sunday 25 February at 9.30am

Meeting closed at 2.50pm