

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA - Sydney

Sat 23rd and Sun 24th June 2007

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Keiran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer)
Roy Nixon (Sat Only), Dianne Marler

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel) and Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Apologies: Martin Willcox (Chairman TC)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

KCM	3 Year renewal	Pending
KCM	Amended licenses to convenors	Pending
RG	In principle proposal re: Honorary Members	Pending
KCM	License Agreements to state all players must be financial	Pending
EM	Supplementary Regulations to be vetted by legal counsel	Pending
KM	Oz One Bridge to Finance Committee	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) *Historical Data*
ABF Historian to place biographies on website. **Action: JR**
- (b) *Armidale Bridge Club*
President has been invited to open the new Armidale Bridge Club.
- (c) *Memorandum to all Councillors*
A memorandum was circulated to all ABF Councillors re: use of credit card.
- (d) *James Zhong*
James Zhong attended the MC Meeting to offer assistance with Chinese visiting Australia.
- (e) *Jose Damiani*
President has corresponded with J Damiani re concerns raised on climate conditions in Shanghai.

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) Online Bridge to be referred back to the Tournament Committee **Action: MW**
- (b) GNRP to be renamed Grand National Pairs, DM to contact JB **Action: DM**
- (c) Report from Captain of Australian Women's Team tabled. Secretary to request reports from Youth, Senior and Open Captains. **Action: RG**
- (d) MC agreed that in future all Australian Representative Teams will have a non-playing captain. **Action: RG**

- 3. Treasurer's Report**
- (a) *SFOB Financial Reports for 2007 and Budget for 2008.*
A financial report for the 2007 SFOB was tabled. A budget for the 2008 SFOB was also tabled. The financials will be referred to the Finance Committee. The MC accepted the financial reports.
- (b) *Captains Letter 2008*
A draft of the Captain's Letter for 2008: Measurements for uniforms to be an obligation of the non-playing captain. **Action: KCM**
- (c) *Tabletop Scorers*
Check on quote for table top scorers and place an order for 40 **Action: JR**
- 4. Legal Counsel Report**
- (a) Matter of bequest to be discussed with potential donor.
- (b) Meyer Van den Berg will now be used for JOS Tax brief.
- 5. Secretariat Report**
Tabled
- 6. Tournament Unit Report**
No Report
- 7. Tournament Committee Report**
No Report
- 8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project**
- (a) D Marler tabled a history of the project.
- (b) Write to J Hansen re: renewal of contract to June 2008 **Action: RG**
- 9. Youth Committee Report**
- (a) Liaise with Youth Committee re: Youth Release. State Associations to nominate a person responsible for underage youth at the ANC. Parental release to be obtained from underage youth.
- (b) Request for payment of \$700 to be paid to Captain of Colts team.
- (c) Secretary to write to Youth Committee re: concerns with the Colts team. **Action: RG**
- (d) Youth Budget for 2008 to be made available for the November meeting. **Action: JR**
- 10. ABF Events**
- (a) *Playoffs*
Notices to be placed in the ABF Newsletter and on the website in September for the Playoffs in 2008. Notice will outline closing dates, procedure for form-filling, failure by Australia Post to deliver will not be considered, encourage Express Post or Registered Mail. Applications will be vetted by Legal Counsel and ABF Secretary after the closing date with 48 hours to amend or correct faulty applications. **Action: JR**
- (b) *ANC*
Prepare agenda and circulate together with AGM minutes and notice of forthcoming mid year meeting to all councillors. **Action: JR**
- (c) *Licensed Events*
Compile a list of all signed licensed agreements and circulate to MC. **Action: JR**
Write to Convenors of the VCC, Barrier Reef and Western Senior Pairs requesting a report. **Action: RG**
- (d) *CNBC 2010 India*
This will be a targeted event in 2010. Notify Tournament Committee. **Action: JR**

- (e) *PABF*
2008 – Australia
2009 – Macau
2010 – New Zealand
2011 – Malaysia
A specific webpage to be set up with links to past winners. **Action: JR**
- (f) *Permissible Captains*
Compile a list of available non-playing Captains for the ABF Management Committee. Secretary to place a notice asking for names of parties interested in captaining at international events. **Action: RG**
- (g) *Bridge for Brain*
President to write to Angela Fury. A notice to be placed on the website re: delay in processing the results. **Action: JR**

11. Other Matters

- (a) *Online Bridge*
To be an agenda item for next meeting. Check previous minutes re: masterpoints and membership of the ABF.
- (b) *Secretariat Salary*
MC agreed to increase Secretariat salary by \$1000. Contact D Walker to obtain advice re updated salary. Secretariat to produce duty statement. **Action: JR**
- (c) *TC Action Items*
All TC Action items to be circulated to MC and TC. TC and TU Reports for mid year meeting. **Action: JR**
- (d) *Committees*
All new recommendations to be sent to States prior to publishing for discussion. **Action: RG**
- (e) *Oz One Bridge Project*
Obtain further advice re: tax and superannuation. Legal Counsel to inform PM. The ABF will hold \$50000 as a reserve pending superannuation advice. **Action: EM**
- (f) *Trophies*
Buy new trophies to replace ANC Trophies. Shield preferably. **Action: JR**

12. Forthcoming Meetings

Perth – Mid Year Council Meeting 21 July and MC Meeting 22nd July
 Sydney – September 1st and 2nd
 Sydney – November 3rd and 4th
 Canberra – December 15th and 16th