

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA, Sydney

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September 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), Martin Willcox
(Chairman TC)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

RG	In principle proposal re: Honorary Members	Ongoing
EM	Supplementary Regulations to be vetted by legal counsel	Ongoing
KM	Oz One Bridge to Finance Committee	Ongoing
KCM	Draft Captain's Letter 2008	Pending
KCM	Remuneration for Directors	Pending
EM	Write to P Marston re: superannuation legal advice	Pending
MW	Write to Chairman of Youth Committee re: Colts home based	Pending

1. President's Report

- a) At any ABF conducted event, any person involved with Youth must have a "blue" card" or equivalent from their state. **Action: RG**

2. Secretary's Report

- a) Secretary to inform all states that Automatic Entry to Stage II of the Butler will remain in place. **Action: RG**
- b) Amend Handbook to reflect that the Tournament Unit will control the scoring of the ANC Swiss Pairs and Restricted Swiss Pairs **Action: JR**
- c) Send Tournament Committee Meeting Minutes to Chief Tournament Director. **Action: JR**
- d) Agenda item for the AGM, Secretary to seek responses from councillors to change current date of Mid Year and President's meetings. Responses by November meeting. **Action: RG**
- e) Duty statements to be included in Handbook. **Action: JR**
- f) Agenda item for President's Meeting, ANC fines. **Action: RG**
- g) Topical Notes page for ABF Website and ABF Newsletter to inform players of such page. **Action: RG**
- h) Report from Convenor of 2008 PABF for every MC Meeting **Action: RG**
- i) Secretary to write a proposal for the purchase of ABF Pins by November meeting. **Action: RG**
- j) Standard System Cards to be used at ANC's and Playoffs. Secretary to inform all states. ABF will pay for uploading of system cards to website. **Action: RG**
- k) The ANC Teams Open Trophy has been renamed the Denis Howard Trophy. **Action: RG**
- l) Secretary to send "Be a Good Sport" for publication in the ABF Newsletter. **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) Paper on promotion of bridge to restricted players. **Action: KCM**

4. **Legal Counsel Report**
Tabled
5. **Secretariat Report**
Tabled
6. **Tournament Unit Report**
- a) MC supported the expenditure of \$1500-2000 for transport and accommodation to the forthcoming directors. Secretary to write to TU Chairman to thank him for his report. **Action: RG**
 - b) Appeals Committee personnel to receive remuneration to be sent to finance committee for action **Action: KCM**
7. **Tournament Committee Report**
- a) MC agreed in the change to the ANC Pairs, agreeing on open entry. **Action: RG**
 - b) Amended 15, Mobile Phone fines to remain
 - c) Playoffs 2009 to be placed on website within Player Liaison for comment **Action: DM**
 - d) Secretary to contact N Fahrer re: continuing in role of BBO Coordinator **Action: RG**
 - e) Coffs Harbour Super Congress, it was agreed that the event had now complied with the stipulated conditions and will be considered for a license and gold points subject to agreement with NSWBA. Secretary to write to Coffs Convenors and to NSWBA. **Action: RG**
 - f) Secretary to consult with BAWA, re: Senior Swiss Pairs, Swan River Swiss Pairs and ANC Swiss Pairs **Action: RG**
 - g) Request minutes of missing TC from TC Secretary. **Action: RG**
8. **Central Masterpoint Centre Project**
- a) Migration Path will exercise the option of taking up the role of administration of the Masterpoint Centre. Contract to be drawn up by Legal Counsel for 1st January 2008. **Action: EM**
 - b) 3% increase effective 1st September 2007 for J Hansen. **Action: DM**
 - c) Circulate change via website, ABF Newsletter, Masterpoint Newsletter **Action: DM**
 - d) Councillors need to be informed of the Masterpoint Centre Project **Action: DM**
9. **Youth Committee Report**
Cathy Mill, Peter Gill, Griff Ware and Daniel Krochmalik joined the MC meeting at 1.30pm.
- a) Cathy Mill has been appointed the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
 - b) David McDonald has resigned as Youth Coordinator. Youth Committee would like to split the role into four key areas, namely, Development, Events, Newsletter and Database. Advertisements will go on the ABF Website and in the ABF Newsletter calling for expressions of interest.
 - c) MC agreed in the change to the ANC Pairs, agreeing on open entry. **Action: RG**
 - d) MC requested a report for every meeting, secretariat to email dates to chairperson. **Action: JR**
 - e) Secretary to write to M Abraham thanking him for his service as Chairman. **Action: RG**
 - f) Investigate a formal meeting with all state coordinators. **Action: RG**
10. **ABF Events**
- a) *ANC Perth*
Secretary to request a report from Convenor. **Action: RG**
 - b) *SFOB*
Brochures have been distributed to all states.
11. **Other Matters**
- a) *World Youth Bridge*
David Stern addressed the Management Committee on the concerns of Youth Bridge Worldwide.
 - b) *WBF Shanghai*
Richard Grenside to act as ABF Delegate
 - c) Duty Statements to be sent to all MC Members and Chairman of TU. **Action: DM**

- d) Extra space requirement via ABF Webpage for PABF, Secretary to ask webmaster for further details. **Action: RG**
- e) Invite Webmaster to next MC Meeting **Action: RG**
- f) MC delegated the job of reviewing all matters relating to Tournaments, (structure, remuneration (including Honorariums), equipment, employment of staff) to Roy Nixon. He was given the power to coopt members to form an ad hoc Committee if he so desired. **Action: RN**

12. Forthcoming Meetings

Sydney – November 3rd and 4th

Canberra – December 15th and 16th