

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA Goulburn St, Sydney

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2009

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Dianne Marler (Secretary) Ellis
Magner (Legal Counsel) Richard Grenside, Keiran Crowe-Mai

In Attendance: Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Scan/Retype
EM	Legal Counsel to update regs on Drug Testing	Pending
EM	Legal Counsel to draft response to KH	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) Order 2000 Gold and 2000 Silver medallions from Sheridans **Action: JR**
- (b) Send Marketing Reports to KCM to précis **Action: JR**
- (c) President and Executive Secretary attended the opening of the new Kiama and Districts Bridge Club on 1st May.
- (d) President to write the terms of reference for the Masterpoint Review **Action: KM**

2. Secretary's Report

Those matters requiring attention have been covered hereunder.

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) Subsidies for Macau and Sao Paolo are being paid. All outstanding subsidies will be paid by the 1st July. **Action: JR**
- (b) License agreements to be checked in respect of date for renewal. **Action: JR**
- (c) \$2000 has been paid to two restricted teams to attend the Barrier Reef Congress. Beneficiaries were very appreciative. **Action: JR**
- (d) A review of Masterpoint pricing to be handled by the Finance Committee after the MC Review has been completed.

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) A pro-forma Club constitution to be drafted and sent to all states **Action: EM**
- (b) NSWBA loan agreement has been received
- (c) Write to SB acknowledging receipt of email **Action: EM**

5. Secretariat Report

Tabled

6. Tournament Committee Report

- (a) Chairman to be notified that ABF Councillors are to have first consideration when looking for replacement members. Sec to write to Chairman advising same and offering suggestions. **Action: DM**

7. Tournament Unit Report

EHR sent a report.

- (a) Suggested that the MC reinforce payment obligations for non-attendance at ANC. Agreed to review if/when necessary.
- (b) Zone 7 Championships to be a Round Robin with a 48 Board Final
- (c) L Kelso ratified as Captain of both Senior and Open Teams in Macau. **Action: DM**

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Periodic transfers of funds to ABF Account.
- (b) Interviews being carried out 23/24 May to determine new Manager.
- (c) Parameters with respect to role and responsibilities penned by MC.
- (d) Contract with duty statement to be prepared by DM and EM. **Action: DM-EM**
- (e) MigrationPath continues to work to finalization of new software.

9. Youth Committee Report

- (a) Interim Chair would like to seek a new Youth co-coordinator
- (b) Write to Convener of 2009 ANC re: Youth Triathlon to replace Youth Pairs **Action: DM**

10. Women's Committee

- (a) Jamboree in Rome, 6-11th October. Subsidy of \$4000 to highest placed pair down to pair three in the ABF Women's Butler. WBF Women in Bridge Committee to be informed. Information to be posted on ABF web site. **Action: DM**

11. ABF Events

- (a) Send Convener of VCC email re: BBO **Action: JR**
- (b) Seniors Playoff to be held 1st week after Easter 2010. Fee for Convener for 2010 endorsed by ABF MC. **Action: DM**
- (c) Nationwide Pairs results to be published in the ABF Newsletter **Action: DM**
- (d) Copy of Licensed events reports to be sent to TC Chairman **Action: JR**
- (e) ANC Review to be sent to Presidents and Councilors **Action: DM**
- (f) Remind all States that dealing programs are not to be altered. **Action: DM**
- (g) Dates for Open and Womens playoffs in 2010 set down as 20-24 March. **Action: DM**

12. International Events

- (a) Correspondence received from Norway re: affiliation by 4 Norwegian Players to the ABF
- (b) Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships in New Delhi 2010, ABF MC agreed to support by sending one Team. Sec to email organizer to see if other teams can be included. **Action: DM**
- (c) NPC of Senior and Open Teams for Macau to be offered RG's services if/should need assistance in Macau. **Action: DM**

13. Other Business

- (a) Greg Quittner gave a presentation on teaching bridge in Australia. At the conclusion of the presentation, Greg was asked to Chair a Committee on Teaching Bridge in Australia – aimed at teaching the teachers. GQ to respond.
- (b) VBA/FABCV progressing forward. A request for Daytime State Events was received and the MC agreed to allow one pairs event and one teams event with a maximum of four sessions for 2010. Information to be published in the ABF Newsletter. **Action: DM**
- (c) Stephen Lester has returned to NZ. MC has agreed to allow him to remain Editor of the ABF Newsletter. **Action: DM**
- (d) Mid Year meeting 2008 minutes to be distributed to all councilors and placed on the ABF web site. **Action: DM**

14. Forthcoming Meetings

Canberra – Saturday 18th and 19th July 2009 – start time 9.30am – finish Sunday by noon.

Sydney – Mid Year Meeting 19th September 2009 with MC meeting 20th September
 Sydney – 31st October and 1st November
 Canberra – 12th and 13th December

ACTION ITEMS MAY MEETING

1a	Order Medallions	JR
1b	Send Marketing reports to KCM	JR
1d	Write terms of reference for MP Review	KM
3a	Pay Subsidies	JR
3b	License Agreements to be checked with respect to renewal dates	JR
3c	\$2000 to BR Congress	JR
4a	Pro-forma Club Constitution	EM
4c	Write to SB acknowledging receipt of email	EM
6a	Write to Chair of TC requesting consideration of ABF Councilors as replacement/additional TC members in first instance	DM
7c	LK ratified as NPC of Seniors Team	DM
8d	Contract/duty statement for new Manager	DM-EM
9b	Write to ANC Convener re: Youth Triathlon	DM
10a	Prize for winners of Women's Butler	DM
11a	Email VCC convener re: BBO	JR
11b	Seniors Playoffs to be 1 st week after Easter	DM
11c	Nationwide Pairs to be in ABF Newsletter	DM
11d	Licensed Events reports to TC	JR
11e	ANC Review to all Presidents and Councilors	DM
11f	Remind all states dealing programs not to be altered	DM
11g	Dates for Open and Womens Playoffs determined – to web	DM
12a	Commonwealth Nations – email to organizer confirming Australia's involvement	DM
12b	NPC of Open and Senior Teams in Macau to be offered RG's assistance	DM
13b	Daytime State Events	DM
13c	Editor of ABF Newsletter – NZ residence	DM
13d	Mid Year minutes 2008 to be circulated	DM