

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Vibe Hotel, Goulburn Street, Sydney

Sunday 20 September 2009

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Richard Grenside, Keiran Crowe-Mai

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

Apologies: Roy Nixon (Treasurer)

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

EM	Legal Counsel to update regs on Drug Testing	Pending
KM-PK	Write terms of reference for MP Review	Pending
EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
EM	Contract for new Masterpoint Centre Manager	Pending
RN	Data for ranking scheme	Ongoing
RG	Minus Scores, board removal	Pending

Matters arising from previous minutes.

3b Butler subsidy to 1st Placed Pairs to be used for entry into an international event to be endorsed by the ABF MC. All pairs to be asked for a report on the event they attend. To be included in the AB newsletter.

1. President's Report

As detailed to Council 19/09/2009.

2. Secretary's Report

Items for discussion included in the Agenda for the meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) MC endorsed the President's request to apply on behalf of the ABF, to the Australian Taxation Office for "Application for endorsement as a tax concession charity or income tax exempt fund" more commonly referred to as a Deductible Gift Recipient. **Action: KM**
- (b) Token payment of \$500 to be paid to Migration Path for scoring B4B. Tenders to be called for in 2011. **Action: DM**

4. Legal Counsel Report

- (a) Enquiries from clubs and club members are to be directed to the State Associations. Information to be sent to all councillors. **Action: DM**
- (b) Draft advice on membership rights prepared for circulation to clubs **Action: EM**

- (c) Declaration of availability to be produced for playoffs. **Action: EM**
- (d) Payment to Rice Moore Gibson for work carried out on behalf of the ABF was endorsed by the Management Committee. **Action: JR**

5. Secretariat Report

- (a) The Secretariat reported that the NT report had now been received.

6. Tournament Committee Report

- (a) The Minutes of the TC of 9th August 2009 were reviewed by the MC and the following items endorsed:
 - (c) 2010 Open and Womens Playoffs PQP requirement and close of entries
- (b) TC to be asked to prepare a questionnaire for the SF and to forward to the Player Liaison Committee for circulation if they require info prior to January. **Action: DM**
- (c) Playoff entries to be received via web based entry form. Entries close at 7.00pm on 19th December. Successful nominees will be on website on 31st December. Playoff information to be published in November ABF Newsletter. All States to be notified of Playoff Dates. Entry fee will be \$260. **Action: DM**
- (d) PABF Hamilton NZ 2010, there will be one Australian Team in all three categories. As the organizers of the Commonwealth Games have not responded to repeated requests for clarification of number of teams able to play, the MC agreed that if only one team can participate, it will be the Open team. Participation by Youth players at targeted events is still to be decided by the Youth Sub-committee.
- (e) Write to all councillors asking for expressions of interest in being a Tournament Committee member. **Action: DM**
- (f) Send to all State Secretaries GNOT subsidies link on webpage. **Action: JR**
- (g) Secretary to write to all States re: Trainee directors at SF to be received by 30th June 2010. **Action: DM**

7. Tournament Unit Report

The Management Committee thanked the Chairman of the TU for his report.

- (a) Invoices for ANC fines to be issued to recalcitrant State Associations soonest. **Action: JR**
- (b) State nominations for Stage II of the Butler to be an agenda item at the Presidents meeting. **Action: DM**
- (c) Comments on the ANC paper to be passed on to Peter Kahler. **Action: DM**

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Correspondence re: ranking scheme. Secretary to write to MW asking that data be sent to Paul Marston. **Action: DM**
- (b) R Clapham provided advice re: Migration Path. MC is not exercising any rights until MB and DS have given a report. Clapham to draft a letter re: ABF's reserved rights. Report from DS and MB for next meeting. **Action: EM-DM**
- (c) Send to DS and MB list of all reports currently processed for their consideration in the documentation required from MigrationPath. **Action: DM**

9. Youth Committee Report

- (a) Send correspondence from T Free to Youth Committee. **Action: DM**
- (b) MC would like Youth Coordinator in place by the 31st December 2009.
- (c) MC agreed to one additional airfare of \$460 to be paid to Youth team from ABF funds not GNOT funds. Convenor of GNOT to correspond. **Action: JR**

10. Women's Committee

- (a) MB attended meeting in Sao Paulo and committee was very excited at the subsidy given by the ABF for the winners of the Womens Butler to attend Jamboree in Rome. They are hoping other countries will follow our lead.

11. ABF Events

- (a) MC approved request from DA to vary existing master factors. **Action: DM**
- (b) Write to NSWBA re: Unknown player at Coffs Harbour. **Action: DM**
- (c) Coffs Harbour License fee, notify Convener that the matter has been referred to the Finance Committee. **Action: RN**
- (d) Emerald and Diamond Grandmasters, MC approved expenditure involved to update the software to bring new categories into being.
- (e) Unavailability of some of the results from the Territory Gold was disappointing. Consideration to be given to including this requirements in all licence agreements. Secretary to write to Tournament Organiser expressing disappointment in failure to comply here. **Action: DM**
- (f) Sarfraz Khan would like to play at the SF and GC, requests a letter of invitation. Tournament Organisers to be send information surrounding this request. **Action: KCM**

12. International Events

- (a) Youth Captain's report still outstanding from Macau. Senior report for Macau received and email of thanks sent.

13. Other Business

- (a) Bridge for Brains coordinator Suzy Randjelovic attended meeting and reported to the MC on the success of the 2009 event and prospects for the 2010 event. Entry fee for 2010 to be raised from \$5 to \$7. All information to be sent to States. **Action: JR**
- (b) Meltwater News gave a presentation to the MC Meeting on Sunday. Internet searching on all things to do with bridge. The ABF MC agreed to a 6 month trial. President to negotiate direct. ABF MC requires a report on usage and benefits to affiliates, clubs and members. **Action: KM**
- (c) MC asked SH to confirm that the VBA will conduct the ANC 2011. **Action: KM**
- (d) History of Australian Bridge Part 2. Correspondence received from CC for a soft cover version as before, \$15,000 to be paid in three installments. Send previous contract to Secretary who will forward to EM for revision to include latest understandings. **Action: JR**
- (e) Full Tilt Mizel proposal dismissed.
- (f) J Hansen to receive token of appreciation to the value of \$500. **Action: DM**
- (g) List of all PABF Masterpoint Holders to be published in ABF Newsletter. **Action: JR**
- (h) Bourke Donation to State Library of Victoria, to be publicised in ABF Newsletter. Seek approval from SLV. **Action: JR**
- (i) English Bridge and ABF have done a deal resulting in over half monies paid for the G Jesner library have been recouped.

14. Forthcoming Meetings

- Sydney – 31st October and 1st November
- Sydney – 14th November – Meeting of Presidents
- Canberra – 12th and 13th December

ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER MEETING

3a	Tax Deduction Gift ATO	KM
3b	Token Payment MP Pty Ltd	DM
4a	Enquiries from Club to Legal Counsel	DM
4b	Draft advice on membership rights	EM
4c	Declaration for Playoffs	EM
6a	TC to write questions to send to Player Liaison	DM
6b	Playoffs circulation of information	DM
6d	Write to all councillors re: Tournament Committee	DM
6e	Send to all States GNOT Subsidies on website	JR
6f	Write to all States re: SF Trainee Directors	DM
7a	State fines for ANC	JR
7b	State nominations for President's meeting agenda	DM
8a	Ranking scheme	DM
8b	Clapham advice	DM-EM
8c	List of current tasks not currently available on new MP System	DM
9a	Correspondence from T Free to Youth Committee	DM
9c	One additional airfare	JR
11a	Master Factors approved	DM
11b	Write to NSWBA re: unknown player at Coffs	DM
11c	Coffs Harbour license fee to FC	RN
11e	Territory Gold lack of results	DM
11f	Sarfraz Khan	KCM
13a	Bridge for Brains	JR
13b	Meltwater News	KM
13c	VBA via SH for confirmation of ANC 2010	KM
13d	Send previous contract to Secretary	JR
13f	J Hansen	DM
13g	PABF Masterpoint Holders	JR
13h	Bourke Donation to SLV	JR