

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA, 162 Goulburn St, Sydney

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June 2010

1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow, Simon Hinge

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

Observer: Bruce Neill

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – May 8th and 9th

Minutes confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

KM-PK	Write terms of reference for MP Review	Pending
EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
KM/DM	Marketing and Promotions position	Pending
KM	National Teaching position	Pending
JR	Comparisons of numbers SF and Butler	Pending
RN	GNOT entry fees	Pending
RN/RG	Information Kit for Australian Players	Pending
DM	Expressions of interest for hosting B for Brains 2011	Pending
RN	Negotiate for Software immediately	Pending
RN	Treasurer to set subsidy for New Delhi	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

- (i) Request that the National Recorder, Neville Moses and the Archivist, Margaret Bourke's details be placed on the website. **Action: JR**
- (ii) Inactive Players listings to be sought from Masterpoint Centre. **Action: KM**
- (iii) MC acknowledged that all Youth workers need to have an up-to-date working with children card.
- (iv) ANC Handbook to list that the ABF will control the ANC Swiss Pairs and Restricted Swiss pairs. All reference to Tournament Unit to be removed.
- (v) Secretary to write to PM re: status of the Oz One Committee. **Action: DM**

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters as listed in correspondence

(c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) ABF has a new Travel Insurance policy with Chubb Insurance Company of Australia.
- (ii) The subsidy to the Asia Cup in China for the Open and Women's Team will be \$1600. Subsidy will be paid in the first week of July. Treasurer will solve all intra-travel queries. **Action: RN**

- (iii) New license agreements for all State Associations have been drafted. The question of sponsoring organization, legal counsel will correspond with Ron Clapham. MC approved the use of a barrister for clarification of the sponsoring organization. **Action: EM**
- (iv) The Finance Committee is formulating charges for the Ranking Scheme. Secretary to send information to NSWBA, BFACT and Paul Marston on affiliation of Grand Slam Clubs by September. **Action: DM**
- (v) NTBA's request for an increase in Marketing Grant to \$6000 was approved for 2010. Secretary to notify NTBA. **Action: DM**
- (vi) MC approved the payment to BFACT of \$2000 for 2010. The Tournament Committee to find a suitable date for a Gold Point Event for BFACT in 2011. **Action: DM**
- (vii) The method of payment for the new Youth Coordinator will be via the use of a Hobby Form. **Action: RN**
- (viii) Willis Temby to be contacted re: Insurance Claim from Hamilton. **Action: JR**
- (ix) Subsidy for New Delhi to be set by Treasurer. **Action: RN**

(d) Secretariat Report

No Report.

(e) Legal Counsel

- (i) Claims reporting procedures from new Brokers was vetting by legal counsel with changes to be checked by broker and placed on website. **Action: JR**
- (ii) May minutes have been approved for website.
- (iii) Anti-abusive behaviour, laws can deal with it? Circulate to all Tournament Organisers. **Action: EM/DM**
- (iv) Legal Counsel to circulate Cross Gender paper on law. **Action: EM**
- (v) Legal Counsel to contact SF Organiser to check on contract with Rydges re: airconditioning. **Action: EM**
- (vi) There was one expression of interest for the hand replication for the Summer Festival of Bridge, Tournament Organiser to finalise arrangements. Statement to go on website. **Action: DM**
- (vii) Two invoices from R Clapham have been approved for payment. **Action: JR**
- (viii) Report from D Smith and M Bourke re: Migration Path has been received. Legal Counsel to contact R Clapham to write a light legal letter. **Action: EM**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee matters

- (i) The SF and GCC survey results will be placed on the website.
- (ii) TC is concerned at the disparity between the display of results both at the event and on the website. Secretary to inform all TO's of the need for some uniformity. **Action: DM**
- (iii) TC would like to raise the profile of the SF by inviting a high-ranking team to assist with Finance and Marketing. **Action: RN**
- (iv) NTC to become an observer on the TC. Secretary to write to EHR to ask if he wishes to remain on the TC. **Action: DM**
- (v) TC to reappraise the residency clause. **Action: BN**

(b) Tournament Unit Report

No Report

National Tournament Coordinator Report

VCC 2010 report was circulated. It was agreed that if requested by the TO, the NTC could head the Appeals Committee. NTC to be informed that he should not chair appeals committees. **Action: DM**

(c) Central Masterpoint Centre Project

See Legal Counsel report

(d) Youth Committee Report

A report from David Stern was circulated. Reference to Klinger week, need more information. Secretary to send a note to all successful youth team members stating that the MC were delighted with their successes this year. The MC has no problems with the targeted events for 2011. **Action: DM**

(e) Women's Committee

No Report

(f) BBO

Equipment was tagged for use at the VCC in the Convention centre. The Kit is now at the VBA awaiting transportation to Hobart.

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Playoffs

- (i) All reports for 2010 have been received. Cross imps to be removed from Pairs years playoffs. Secretary to notify DS **Action: DM**
- (ii) Request from D Stern re: Targetted events and number of teams to participate in Senior Playoffs was addressed and notice of new venue was noted. Secretary to relay that the targeted events will be the PABF in Malaysia and the Seniors Bowl in the Netherlands. **Action: DM**
- (iii) Open and Women's Playoffs 2010, Tournament Organiser having trouble securing a venue in Sydney.

(b) GNOT

Budget approved send to Tournament Organiser.

Action: RN

(c) GNP

Budget approved send to Tournament Organiser/s

Action: RN

(d) Bridge For Brains

Stephanie Grove of Neuroscience Research Australia, previously Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute gave a wrap up of Bridge for Brain Research 2010.

(e) Nationwide Pairs

A verbal agreement has been reached between Migration Path and the ABF to continue the contract.

(f) Licensed Events

A proforma to be created for all Tournament Organisers for reporting purposes.

Action:DM

(g) Summer Festival 2011

Swiss Pairs will now be 2 days.

(h) ANC 2010

- (i) MC noted that the number of entries to the ANC Hobart were quite small.
- (ii) Secretary to write to VBA re: NPC of Open Team. **Action: DM**

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) PABF 2010

No reports have been received from Open, Senior and Youth Teams. Secretary to remind Captains.

Action: DM

(b) Zone 7 Meeting

Report from Zone 7 representative circulated. Secretary to thank. **Action: DM**

(c) **Commonwealth Games**

MC ratified Andrew Braithwaite as Captain of the Open Team for New Delhi.

Action: DM

(d) **Asia Cup 2010**

MC ratified Barbara Travis as Captain of the Women's Team for the Asia Cup.

No uniforms for Asia. Andy Braithwaite post MC meeting ratified as

Captain of the Open Team to China.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) **CTD's**

Should be on the floor at all times.

Action: DM

(b) **NPC at ANC**

Tournament Regulations to include NPC's who are involved with the running of the Tournament, ie. CTD, Floor Manager, Scorer, BBO Operator, Appeals Chairman should not be NPC.

Action: EM

(c) **Newsletter ad or advertorial**

Remove ad from newsletter, more pertinent to state or club.

(d) **Pre-existing Conditions**

Treasurer to write to brokers re: pre-existing conditions for Travel overseas on current travel insurance policy.

Action: RN

(e) **Captains**

International Captains are put forth by the team members and then ratified by the Management Committee.

(f) **Power of Attorney**

The President has appointed Richard Grenside as his proxy for the Congress in Philadelphia.

(g) **ABF Number**

Correspondence from Judith Wood was considered by the Management Committee. Secretary to respond.

Action: DM

(h) **ABF Computer Dealt Hands**

The ABF does not require computer dealt hands in club sessions.

Action: DM

(i) **Non-Affiliates Masterpoints**

Some club members would like the opportunity to gather Masterpoints but belong to a non-affiliated club. This to be an agenda item at the President's meeting.

Action: DM

(j) **Mid Year Meeting**

The ABF Mid Year meeting will be held at the VBA on Saturday the 18th September. Geoff Chettle to be invited to give a presentation on the VBA interim committee.

Action: DM

(k) **Management Consultant**

MC agreed to the employment of a Management Consultant by the President and the financial services will be returned to the ABF Secretariat.

(l) **Tournament Regulations**

Regulations to include all matters pertaining to board security.

Action: SH

(m) ABF Banner

ABF to purchase a banner for use at all Licensed events.

Action: AS

(n) Youth Members Invitation

At the MC meeting in October it was suggested that the Youth have a meeting to coincide with the MC meeting so that the Youth could attend a MC meeting as observers.

Action: DM

(o) President's Meeting

Tournament Calendar to be an agenda item at the next President's meeting.

Action: DM

(p) Laptop Security

MC approved the purchase of laptop security and to use an external body.

Action: SH

Forthcoming Meetings

23 July 2010 - Hobart

18 September 2010 - Mid Year Meeting - Melbourne

18 September 2010 - evening - MC Meeting - Melbourne

19 September 2010 - Melbourne

30/31 October 2010 - Sydney

11/12 December 2010 - Canberra

ACTION ITEMS MAY MEETING

4a (i)	Archivist and National Recorder for web	JR
4a (ii)	Inactive Players Listings	KM
4a (v)	Status of Oz one Committee	DM
4c (ii)	Resolve intra-travel queries	RN
4c (iii)	Barrister for sponsoring organization	EM
4c (iv)	Contact PM, NSWBA and BFACT	DM
4c (v)	NTBA increase to \$6000	DM
4c (vi)	BFACT \$2000	DM
4c (vii)	Hobby form for D Thompson	RN
4c (viii)	Hamilton incident to Willis Temby	JR
4c (ix)	Delhi subsidy	RN
4e (i)	Place on website procedures for claims	JR
4e (iii)	Abusive Behaviour	EM/DM
4e (iv)	Cross Gender paper	EM
4e (vi)	Tender statement for website	DM
4e (vii)	Pay invoices to R Clapham	JR
4e (viii)	R Clapham to write another letter	EM
5a (ii)	Display of results	DM
5a (iii)	High ranking team invitation	RN
5a (iv)	NTC to be observer and EHR to remain?	DM
5a (v)	Re-appraise residency clause	BN
5b	NTC not to chair appeals	DM
5d	Klinger Week and team thank you	DM
6a(i)	Cross-imps from Pairs years at Senior Playoffs	DM
6a(ii)	Targetted events to be relayed to DS	DM
6b	Budget to TO	RN
6c	Budget to TO	RN
6f	License Agreement Proforma	DM
6h	NPC Vic Open Team to VBA	DM
7a	No reports from Open, Senior and Youth Teams	DM
7b	Thank for Zone 7 report	DM
7c	AB ratified as Captain	DM
7d	AB ratified as Captain	DM
8a	CTD's to be on floor at all times	DM
8b	NPC at ANC to be in regulations	EM
8d	Pre-existing conditions	RN
8g	Respond to Judith Wood	DM
8h	Computer dealt hands not in clubs	DM
8i	Non affiliates to be Pres Meeting Agenda item	DM
8j	Mid Year meeting Geoff Chettle	DM
8l	Tournament Regulations re: board security	SH
8m	ABF Banner	AS
8n	Youth members invitation	DM
8o	Calendar as an agenda item at President's meeting	DM
8p	Laptop security	SH