

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Wrest Point, Hobart

Friday 23rd July 2010

1. ROLL CALL

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

In Attendance: Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Observer: Bruce Neill

Apology: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel)

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – June 26th and 27th

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/AS	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
EM	Barrister for sponsoring organization	Pending
DM	Contact PM, NSWBA and BFACT	Pending
DM	License Agreement Proforma	Pending
EM	NPC at ANC to be in regulations	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

- (i) President to discuss with Mr Yeh the option of having a prize for one team to enter the Yeh Bros Cup. **Action: KM**
- (ii) BAWA Directors Seminar will be held in Perth on 30th and 31st October.
- (iii) Correspondence from the Masterpoint Manager re: issuing Masterpoints on cruises to be referred back to the state bodies. **Action: DM**

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters as listed in correspondence

(c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) The Commonwealth Games subsidy will be \$3000 per player and will be paid at the end of August. **Action: JR**
- (ii) All states have received updated license agreements. SABF and BAWA have signed their agreements.
- (iii) Treasurer pre-circulated a report on the visit of Barry Williams re: the relocation of the accounting procedures to Canberra.
- (iv) Treasurer and Finance Committee to set subsidies for targeted events by commencement of the playoffs next year. **Action: RN**

(d) Secretariat Report

No Report.

(e) Legal Counsel

No Report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee matters

No Report

(b) Tournament Unit Report

No Report

National Tournament Coordinator Report

NTC arrived at the meeting at 10.10 am.

- (a) NTC discussed with the MC the lack of specificity in the role of National Tournament Coordinator. MC asked that the NTC send all queries to the ABF Secretary. NTC will now be paid \$10,000. Airfare, accommodation and a per diem will be paid at National events. As Convenor of the Open and Women's Playoffs a convenors fee will be paid. As NTC and ABF Representative a per diem will be paid.
- (b) NTC asked that the TC dispense with the use of screens for the Open Playoffs Stage II **Action: BN**
- (c) Send all license agreements to the NTC **Action: JR**
- (d) Send a copy of the ANC Handbook to the NTC **Action: JR**
- (e) Management Committee agreed not to formulate a formal agreement with the National Tournament Coordinator.

(c) Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) Legal letter will not be sent to Migration Path. Secretary to send dates of mid year meeting to MNW to enable him to give a presentation on the new Masterpoint centre program, namely the back-end of the program. **Action: DM**

(d) Youth Committee Report

No Report

(e) Women's Committee

No Report

(f) BBO

No Report

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Bridge For Brains

All facets of data entry and compilation of results to be handled by the new incumbent.

Action: DM

(b) Nationwide Pairs

More promotion of this event to be done by all States. Secretary to send correspondence to the state personnel linked to the marketing grant.

Action: DM

(c) Summer Festival 2011

Staffing and hiring of trainee directors. The current contract has the nomination of trainee directors to be sent to the Secretariat by the 31st October and the list of nominated staff to be sent to the Secretariat by the 30th November. The MC would like both those dates changed to 30th September.

Action: EM

(d) ANC 2011

Venue will be at the Powerhouse Function Centre, Albert Park Lake. Venue to be cleared with the NTC in September

Action: SH

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) World Youth – Philadelphia

Secretary to write to Youth Coordinator re: MC is disturbed at the behaviour of some of the youth at the ANC and how can these problems be addressed a copy to Chairman of Youth Committee.

Action:DM

(b) Commonwealth Games

Captains need to sign forms recognizing duties involved. Remind Chairman of Youth to send to Youth team members

Action: DM

(c) Bermuda Bowl 2011

Spring Nationals may be moved to a date early in November to avoid a clash. PQP's for players unable to play in National events as they are playing in international events.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Beta Drug Testing

Information to be communicated to all international team members.

Action: DM

(b) Inactive Players

All Tournament Organisers to list all active and inactive players in their report of the event.

Action: DM

(c) ABF Banner

Chair of Marketing to create a generic banner to be used at all licensed events.

Action: AS

(d) Gold Coast License Fee

A listing of actual Masterpoint fees paid and license fees to be produced.

Action: JR

(e) Biography Project

MC agreed to a request from Keith Ogborn to do biography project with the states and a small remuneration to be paid.

Action: DM

(f) High Level Player's Committee

MC supports the introduction of the High Level Player's Committee at the WBF but does not endorse the two votes. **Action: DM**

(g) Player Liaison Committee

Player Liaison Committee to be noted in the ABF Newsletter. **Action: DM**

(h) Coffs Harbour

Remove lunches from entry fees. **Action: RN**

(i) Sharing of Reports

Financials to be circulated to all Management Committee members. All reports to be circulated to all Full Councillors, with the financials in their current form.

Treasurer to create a form with income and expenditure non-specific. **Action: RN**

Forthcoming Meetings

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 JULY MEETING

4a (i)	Yeh Bros Cup	KM
4a (iii)	Masterpoints on cruises	DM
4c (i)	CNBC subsidy to be paid	JR
4c (iv)	Set 2011 subsidies by March	RN
5b	TC to be asked to dispense with screens Stage II	BN
5c	Send all license agreements to RR	JR
5d	Send copy of ANC handbook to RR	JR
5c	Send date of Mid Year meeting to MNW	DM
6a	B for Brains all facets to be handled by incumbent	DM
6b	NWP to be promoted via Marketing subsidy	DM
6c	SF contract to be changed to 30 th September for hiring	EM
6d	Show RR Powerhouse in September	SH
7a	Write to DT re: bad youth behaviour, cc Stern	DM
7b	Send letters to Captains and remind Stern re: Youth	DM/JR
8a	Beta drug testing to all international reps	DM
8b	Inactive players to be listed in TO reports	DM
8c	Banner	AS
8d	Gold Coast Masterpoints and License fees	JR
8e	Biography Project approval to K Ogborn	DM
8f	High Level Players Committee	DM
8g	Player Liaison Committee	DM
8h	Remove lunch from Coffs	RN
8i	Sharing of reports, form to be created	RN