

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Victorian Bridge Association

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September

1. ROLL CALL

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

In Attendance: Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Observer: Bruce Neill, Richard Grenside (NTC)

Apology: Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel)

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 23rd July 2010

Minutes confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
JR	Comparisons of numbers SF and Butler	Pending
RN	GNOT entry fees – consideration for increase	Pending
RN/RG	Information Kit for Australian Players	Pending
EM	Draft protocols from Ethics Meetings for web	Pending
DM/RG	License Agreement Reporting Proforma	Pending
EM	NTC Contract – has it been signed	Pending
EM	Issue of employee being NPC at ANC – regulations	Pending
	Issue of having access to hand records etc	
EM	Send anti-doping regulations to Laurie Kelso	Pending
RN	Set 2011 subsidies by March in each year	Pending
EM	SF contract to be changed to 30th September for hiring	Pending
EM	Abusive behavior issue	Pending
EM	Cross Gender policy	Pending
RN	Sharing of reports, form to be created	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

The meeting with the interim committee for Bridge in Victoria was very successful.

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters as listed in correspondence

(c) Treasurer's Report

As the treasurer was an apology, no report was available

(d) Secretariat Report

No Report.

- (e) **Legal Counsel**
No Report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Tournament Committee matters**

MC has no objections to combining the NT Gold and ANC in 2012. Matter referred to the TC. TC currently reviewing the calendar. The Minutes for the TC meetings for May and August were vetted by the ABF MC, endorsed, amended and sent back to the TC. They were sent to EM for review and amendment prior to placing on the web. **Action: DM/EM**

- (b) **National Tournament Coordinator Report**

Open and Women's Playoff information to be in November newsletter. Applications for Division One will close on January 14th and Division Two will close on Friday 11th March. Webmaster to be notified. **Action: DM/JR**

- (c) **Central Masterpoint Centre Project**

Clear specifications for what the ABF requires have been issued. Peter Busch and David Weston to be invited to contribute. Documentation of all equipment owned by the ABF required. **Action: DM/JR**

- (d) **Youth Committee Report**

A report was provided to the ABF Mid Year meeting.

- (e) **Women's Committee**

Women's Jamboree set for same dates as the Summer Festival in January in 2011. DM to write to Anna Gudge voicing disappointment at ABF's unwillingness to send representatives. **Action: DM**

- (f) **BBO**

Nothing to report.

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

- (a) **Playoffs 2011**

Report received from both Tournament Organisers. RG talked about staffing issues – ABF MC endorsed appointment of MW as scorer. In CD absence SG to take over his general duties. All other arrangements moving along. On-line entry being investigated for the Open and Women. Input to be sought from Webmistress. **Action: DM**

- (b) **GNOT**

Nothing to report

- (c) **GNP**

Organisers agreed to hold GNP National Final at Rydges Lakeside.

- (d) **Bridge for Brains**

Bruce Neill to replace Keiran Crowe-Mai as ABF point of contact. Ad to be posted to web seeking expressions of interest for new Coordinator. **Action: DM**

- (e) **Nationwide Pairs**

Nothing to report – secretary to write to States suggesting that they use some of their marketing money to promote Nationwide Pairs in their area. **Action: DM**

(f) Licensed Events

1. Barrier Reef

Masterpoint and PQP allocation to Barrier Reef, now on watch. Criteria as laid down by the TC will be used.

2. Gold Coast

Still some concern about Gold Coast license and license fee. **Action – RN**
Reports from TOs of other events being circulated as received and retained at ABF HQ.

(g) SFOB

Reports received from the TO of the SFOB with list of proposed employees. MC agreed that an invitation to an Italian director could be sent provided that this person did not hold a senior position at the SFOB. **Action – DM**
The ABF MC recommended that RG be appointed CTD of the SFOB. **Action - DM**

(h) ANC 2010

Report and financials yet to be received from the Tournament Organiser.

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) APBF

To be held in the Genting Highlands in Malaysia – nothing to report.

(b) World Youth – Philadelphia

Nothing further to report.

(c) Commonwealth Games 2010

New Delhi – nothing further to report. The ABF MC continues to monitor the security alerts issued by the Australian Government. Secretary to write to players and ask them to lodge travel plans with Smart Traveller. **Action: DM**

(d) WBF Events

Bermuda Bowl 2011 – Eindhoven 15-29 October 2011 – nothing further to report.

High level players sub-committee

MC endorsed I Del Monte to the High Level Players committee of the WBF representing Zone 7.

(e) Other Overseas Events

Information posted to the web site as it is received.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) WA Incidents

MC would like independent advice regarding recurring problems in WA. Secretary to contact National Recorder and Legal Counsel. **Action: DM**

(b) Archival of Historical Data

A request for all historical data to be archived to be sent to the “keepers” of the data. **Action: DM**

(c) Mid Year Meeting

All agreed that it was a positive move to have the mid year meeting in another state. Gives ABF MC an opportunity to meet with the state bodies to discuss matters that are peculiar to them. Consider for 2011.

Forthcoming Meetings

30/31 October 2010 - Sydney

11/12 December 2010 -Canberra

ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER MEETING

5a	Tournament Committee Matters	DM/EM
5b	O/W's PO's for web and newsletter	DM/JR
5c	Masterpoint Centre specs and invitations, equipment	DM/JR
5e	Women's Jamboree	DM
6a	Playoffs 2011	DM
6d	Bridge for Brains	DM
6e	Nationwide Pairs	DM
6f(2)	Gold Coast License Fee	RN
6g	SFOB	DM
7c	Smart Traveller	DM
8a	WA Incidents	DM
8b	Archival of events	DM