

MINUTES
ABF Management Committee Meeting
Sunday 9th November at NSWBA, 162 Goulburn Street, Sydney

1. ROLL CALL

Bruce Neill (President), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow (Secretary), Simon Hinge, Dallas Cooper

In Attendance: Keith McDonald (President Emeritus), Russel Harms (Legal Counsel), Jane Rasmussen

2. Confirmation of previous minutes 20th and 21st September 2014

Minutes were confirmed.

3. Matters outstanding from previous minutes

- (i) QBA advises that CNBC 2018 is moving forward
- (ii) Online bridge
- (iii) BfB 2015 – P Busch

Action: SH

4. Correspondence

- a. Mindsports information received from SABA

5. MC Reports

a. President's Report

- (i) Pacific Nations in Zone 7 progressing.
- (ii) The MC congratulates Tim Bourke of Canberra on winning the IBPA's Master Point Press Book of the Year award with Britain's Justin Corfield, for their book *The Art of Declarer Play*.
- (iii) In a highly creditable performance in a world class field, Nye Griffiths and Liam Milne finished 9th in the Final of the Open Pairs at the Red Bull World Bridge Series in Sanya, China.
- (iv) At the recent Sydney Spring National Bridge Festival, the Tournament Committee conducted feedback sessions with interested players about possible changes the timing and format of playoffs to select Australian representative teams. (No changes will come in before 2016/2017.) We intend to have more feedback sessions on a range of topics at future national events, including the Summer Festival in January.

b. Secretary's Report

c. Treasurer's Report

- (i) Treasurer and Accountant to meet with Auditors on the 21st November. Auditors and Accountant to attend the AGM.

d. Executive Secretary's Report

- (i) Personnel data has been placed into the Dropbox.

e. General Counsel's Report

- (i) Work continues on a policy for protection of minors. National Directors and T.O. of ABF licensed events should note, they are likely to need "Working with Children Check" if they are working with caddies under 18 years of age or running a Youth Tournament or directing any Tournament in which players under 18 are playing.
- (ii) Advertising via ABF media: to guard against trade practices breaches etc, advertisers will be asked to accept our terms and conditions and give an indemnity. General Counsel will finalise details.

6. Other Reports

a. Tournament Committee

(i) President to talk to CTD re: dealing with difficult people.

Action: BN

(ii) Look at possible formats for ANC 2016 and beyond if Bye is returned.

Action: AS

b. National Tournament Coordinators

Report received.

c. Masterpoint Centre

No report.

d. Youth Committee

MC member to be on the Youth Committee as an observer. President to contact Phil Gue.

Action: BN

g. National Marketing Officer

The ABF received seven proposals in response to an invitation to apply for Special Marketing Grants in 2015. The MC considered the proposals, and the recommendations of the Marketing Committee. All projects will be advised of the MC decision before the end of November.

Action: BN

h. National Teaching Coordinator

i. Technology Committee

(i) The ABF Technology Committee is exploring possible use of BBO online tournaments in the Australian bridge environment. Any proposal emerging will be circulated to Council members before consideration by MC.

(ii) Nick Fahrer attended the MC meeting to discuss online bridge.

10. Forthcoming Meetings:

13th and 14th December – Melbourne

2015

12th and 13th January 2015 – Canberra

28th February and 1st March 2015 – Broadbeach

AGM 18th and 19th April 2015 – Canberra

13th and 14th June- Sydney

8th and 9th August – Sydney

10th and 11th October – Adelaide

7th November Mid term Meeting – Sydney

8th November MC Meeting – Sydney

12th and 13th December - Brisbane