

## Mid Year Meeting of the ABF Councillors

Sat 21st July 2007

Venue: Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle  
10.00am to 4.00pm

### 1. Identification of attendees

ACT:	Roy Nixon (MC Member), Ian Thomson (proxy for E Dudley)
NSW:	Keiran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer), Bruce Neill
NT:	Tim Haubrick
QLD:	Keith McDonald (President), Tony Jackman
SA:	Dianne Marler (MC Member)
TAS:	Dallas Cooper, Andrew Richman
WA:	Allison Stralow, Richard Grenside (Secretary)
Supplemental Councillor:	Laurie Kelso
Legal Counsel:	Eilis Magner
Executive Secretary:	Jane Rasmussen
Apologies:	Stephen Fischer (NT), Earl Dudley (ACT), Carolyn Leach (SA), Martin Willcox (VIC), David Smith (VIC)

### 2. Matters arising

### 3. Executive Reports

#### Presidents Report

Zone 7 Laws Commission, WBF will ratify new laws in Shanghai. The program for Oz One Bridge in 2008 is likely to be limited to support for youth bridge. \$50000 remaining in the original account will be embargoed against superannuation liability. A request from the ACT asked for an explanation of the background behind the statement sent out by the President concerning credit card transactions.

#### General Counsel's Report

Sought advice from Meyer Van Den Berg re:  
tax liability for the JOS Trust Fund, no liability.  
ASIC listing of ABF, necessary for transacting business interstate

#### Secretary's Report

Very productive time since AGM. Biographies page now on website, states have been notified and asked for other biographies. Criteria for same, suggestions are welcome. \$3000 has been given to all States for promotional purposes and will be continued next year following receipt of report from each state for this year.

## Treasurer's Report

Currently updating license agreements with the States.

#### 4. Committee Reports

**Ethics Committee** – No Report

**Finance Committee** – No Report

**Governance Committee** – No Report

**Library Committee** – No Report

**Marketing Committee** – No Report

**MP Unit Committee** – No Report

**National Authority Committee** – No Report

**National Director Accreditation Committee** – No Report

**Newsletter Committee**

More articles needed for the newsletter.

**Olympic Committee** – No Report

**Player Liaison Committee**

Playoffs – questionnaire circulated and results placed on the website. The MC is yet to review final report. All responses will be sent to the Tournament Committee.

**Regulations Committee**

Bidding boxes and written bidding regulations now on website.

Appeals rules is currently being looked into and defining the role of Appeals Consultant. Penalties for Appeals without merit to be standardized. Tournament Regulations to be re-vamped.

**State Director Accreditation Committee**

**Systems Committee**

Changes to the current electronic System card with the addition of brown sticker systems and other content changes. Editing program now on ABF Website.

**Technology Committee** – No Report

**Tournament Committee** – Tabled

**Women in Bridge Committee** – No Report

**Youth Committee** – No Report

#### 5. Other Reports

**National Vu Graph Unit Report** – Tabled.

**Masterpoint Centre Development Report**

The ABF is investigating the option of retaining the services of the current Masterpoint Centre Manager until June 2008. Online Scheme currently running parallel with the Masterpoint centre. Historical paper currently being prepared by D Marler.

**Tournament Unit**

**ANC Convenor**

The council had a general discussion on matters relating to the ANC.

## 6. General Business

There was a discussion on the usefulness of holding a mid year meeting. Perhaps options could be considered as to the timing of a second meeting. At present the Mid Year Meeting is only 3 to 4 months after AGM.

Meeting Closed at 1.40 pm