

## Mid Year Meeting of the ABF Councillors

Saturday 19th September 2009

Venue: NSWBA Headquarters, Goulburn Street, East Sydney  
10.00am to 4.00pm

### 1. Identification of attendees:

ACT:	Peter Kahler
NSW:	Keiran Crowe-Mai (MC Member), Bruce Neill
NT:	Tim Haubrick
QLD:	Keith McDonald (President), Charles Page
SA:	Dianne Marler (Secretary)
TAS:	Dallas Cooper
VIC:	Simon Hinge, David Smith
WA:	Richard Grenside (MC Member), Allison Stralow
Legal Counsel:	Eilis Magner
Executive Secretary:	Jane Rasmussen
Supplemental:	Laurie Kelso
Apologies:	Roy Nixon (Treasurer) Andrew Richman (TAS), Eric Nunn (NT), Carolyn Leach (SA)

### 2. Minutes of Mid Year Meeting 2008

### 3. Matters arising

- a) Drug testing – did it impact the Australian teams in Beijing
- b) Agreement with Paul Marston re Ranking Scheme
- c) Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Australian Butler  
\$2000 to be awarded to all categories in the Butler to be used in an overseas event

### 4. Reports – Information update only

- a) President  
Gianarrigo Rona will take over as WBF President in October 2010. Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships will take place in New Delhi, India in October 2010. Contributions to ABF Newsletter are paid and to be highlighted in each edition.
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) General Counsel  
Ethics Committee met in July. Numerous enquiries from clubs and club members to be directed back to States. Home club members and alternate members voting rights, clubs to be informed of procedures involved.

### 5. Other Reports

- a) National Vu Graph Unit Report – Nick Fahrer  
Nick addressed council and will write an article for the ABF Newsletter
- b) Masterpoint Centre Development Project Report – Di Marler  
*M Bourke and D Smith to continue the process of getting the new Masterpoint Centre up and running.*
- c) Tournament Unit – Eric Ramshaw  
*The report was tabled and the matter of State fines was discussed.*

- d) Tournament Committee – Kim Morrison  
*General discussion on ANC Butler Pairs*

## **6. General Business**

- a) Update on the introduction of a State Body for Victoria  
*An interim council is to be put in place.*
- b) The future of the ANC - Peter Kahler  
*Council gratefully acknowledged the amount of work that Peter has done on the review of the ANC*
- c) Grand National Pairs – ranking basis to determine make up of Provincial Team  
*States are to decide the makeup of Provincial teams, whether regional or under life master status applies. All states to notify GNP Convenor whether they will be fulfilling their quota by 14 December.*
- d) ABF Manual – progress to date  
*Table of contents to be sent to all councillors.*
- e) Australian Bridge Director's Bulletin – need assistance from States to promulgate.  
*L and S Kelso will reinstitute the Australian Bridge Director's Bulletin and all state associations to be notified.*
- f) Any other business
  - I. Keith McNeil Library has managed to do a deal with Bridge Magazine for the next 11 years creating a saving of between \$2500 and \$3000*
  - II. Bridge for Brains brochure to be distributed to all States.*