

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at "Tall Trees" Motel, Canberra
17 March 2007
Time 9.30am - 4.00pm

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair
ACT	E Dudley, R Nixon
NSW	K Crowe-Mai (2 votes), B Neill
VIC	M Willcox, D Smith
TAS	D Cooper, A Richman
SA	D Marler, C Leach
WA	R Grenside
NT	T Haubrick (2 votes)
Supplemental	L Kelso
Minute Secretary	J Rasmussen
Observers	A Yezerki (PM Only)

1.2. *President welcomes new Councillors and thanks retiring Councillors.*

The President thanked retiring councillors, F Wilson (SA), J Arkininstall, (NSW) J Beddow (WA) and A Halmos (VIC).

New Councillors, C Leach, D Smith and B Neill were also welcomed. R Nixon was welcomed on to the Management Committee as A Halmos (VIC) has retired from his position on the Management Committee.

Presidents attending as observers to limit participation.

1.3. *Bona Fides of each person present voting or observing*

Confirmed.

1.4. *Apologies*

D Marler, T Jackman, S Fischer and A Stralow.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. *Confirmation*

The minutes of the meeting 18 March 2006 were amended and confirmed.

2.2. *Matters arising*

Amendment to Previous Minutes

6.22 Andrew Struik wishes for greater success.

- 2.3 *Minutes of Previous Mid Year Meeting (5 August 2006)*
2.4 *Confirmation*
The minutes of the meeting 5 August 2006 were confirmed.

- 2.5 *Matters Arising*
3.17 Significant documents to be attached to minutes

3. **Executive Reports**

Note: All reports in items 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 8, 10 were pre-circulated.
All reports gratefully accepted. The relevant Councillors spoke to each report and answered questions. Only the discussion to each report is minuted.

- 3.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*
- 3.2. *Secretary's Report (R Grenside)*
- 3.3. *Treasurers Report (K Crowe-Mai)*
Included audited Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2006.
Professional indemnity insurance – no longer on the agenda. E Dudley disappointed that the ABF did not take up the insurance, matter referred to the Finance Committee to investigate further. License agreement financial proforma has been streamlined and all States have now received proforma. All councillors grateful to have received Auditors report.
- 3.4. *General Counsel's Report (E Magner)*
Attended seven of nine management committee meetings . Oz One Bridge Deed has been signed by the ABF and P Marston. Send copy of Oz One Bridge Agreements to Councillors and Statement of Intention placed on website.
Action: JR
- 3.5. *James O'Sullivan Trust*
Included audited Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2006.

4. **Committee Reports**

- 4.1. *Tournament Committee Report (M Willcox)*
- 4.2. *Finance Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*
Finance Committee looking into Honoraria and expect to have a report for the mid year meeting. Honoraria only paid to TU.
- 4.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*
- 4.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report (J Hansen)*

- 4.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*
- 4.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*
No Report
- 4.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*
No Report
- 4.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*
- 4.9. *Technology Unit Report (M Willcox)*
No Report
- 4.10. *Masterpoint Committee Report (D Anderson)*
No Report
- 4.11. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*
- 4.12. *Youth Committee Report (D McDonald)*
- 4.13. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*
- 4.14. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*
- 4.15. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (E Dudley)*
No Report
- 4.16. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*
- 4.17. *Governance Report (J Beddow)*
Council accepted the terms of reference.
- 4.18. *Masterpoint Review Report. (M Willcox)*
M Willcox presented a report on the project to date and was asked to give a thorough presentation at the mid year meeting.
- 4.19. *Marketing Committee Report (R Nixon)*
- 4.20. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*
- 4.21. *Presidents Meeting (K McDonald)*
- 4.22. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*

5. ANC Calendar

5.1. *ANC 2006 Adelaide (D Marler)*

5.2. *ANC 2007 Perth (A Stralow)*

6. Tournaments & Licensed events

6.1. *2005 Australian Swiss Pairs and Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs (D Cooper)*

6.2. *2005 GNOT Report (J Brockwell)*

6.3. *VCC (D Jacobs)*

6.4. *2007 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*

S Mullamphy presented to council a report on the 2007 Summer Festival of Bridge. Indications of a \$30,000 profit. Hellenic Club as a second venue was a great success. Legal Counsel to draft amendments to Summer Festival contract with the addition of board replication tender.

6.5. *2007 Playoffs (E Ramshaw)*

Entry forms with arbitration to be generated by the mid year meeting. **Action: EM**

6.6. *2006 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (T Free)*

6.7. *2006 Barrier Reef Teams (H Thompson)*

6.8. *2006 Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*

6.9. *2006 Western Senior Pairs (A Stralow)*

6.10. *2006 Golden West (A Stralow)*

6.11. *2006 Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*

6.12. *2007 Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*

6.13. *2006 NT Gold (P Nunn)*

6.14. *2006 Spring Nationals (K Neale)*

7. WBF Tournaments

7.1. *PABF Championships, Shanghai*
No Report

7.2. *World Championships, Verona.*
No Report

7.3. *World Youth Teams Championship, Bangkok*

8. **Independent Organisations**

8.1. *ABDA Report (J McIlrath)*

8.2. *ABTA Report (L Harkness)*

9. **Notice of Motion**

Nil

10. **General Business**

10.1. *Honoraria*

The honoraria for the current officers of the Tournament Unit, the GNOT Convenor and Library Custodian, be increased by 3% using honoraria paid in 2006 as a baseline.

10.2. *2006 Committees*

10.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Dates.*

Saturday 21st July , Esplanade Hotel South Terrace Fremantle. 10am – 4 pm

10.4. *AOB*

(i) Grand National Restricted Pairs (J Brockwell)

(ii) Zone 7 Laws Commission (J Brockwell)

(iii) Oz One Bridge (P Marston)

P Marston gave a presentation on Oz One Bridge outlining progress to date and the initiatives set in place for Bridge in Schools and the Ratings scheme. G Bilski is now known as Team Leader and there are 4 pairs on a retainer.

10.5. *Date of 2007 AGM.*

10.6. *Meeting Close*

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm.