

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at ABF Headquarters, 4/51 Tennant Street, Fyshwick
28 March 2009
Time 10.00am - 4.00pm

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair), C Page
ACT	R Nixon, P Kahler
NSW	K Crowe-Mai, B Neill (2 votes)
VIC	D Smith, S Hinge
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	N Beaumont and Q Van Abbe

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

The President thanked retiring councillors, T Jackman (QLD) and M Willcox (VIC)

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

Confirmed.

1.4. *Apologies*

E Nunn, A Stralow and E Magner

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. *Confirmation*

The minutes of the meeting 15 March 2008 were amended and confirmed.

2.2. *Matters arising*

Amendment to Previous Minutes
K Crowe Mai had the 3rd Vote for NSW.

2.3. *Minutes of Previous Mid Year Meeting (13 September 2008)*

The minutes of the meeting were held over to mid year meeting.

2.7. *Election of Supplemental Councillor*

Kim Morrison was elected Supplemental Councillor

3. Executive Reports

Note: All reports in items 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 8, 9 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)*
Noted receipt of financial reports of the ABF and the receipt of the Audit Statement.
- 3.2. *Secretary's Report (R Grenside)*
11. Removed from report
- 3.3. *Treasurers Report (R Nixon)*
- 3.4. *General Counsel's Report (E Magner)*
President gave a verbal report on behalf of Legal Counsel for the past 12 months.
- 3.5. *James O'Sullivan Trust*
Noted receipt of the financial reports of the JOS Trust fund and the receipt of the Audit Statement.

4. Committee Reports

- 4.1. *Tournament Committee Report (J Brockwell)*
- 4.2. *Finance Committee Report (R Nixon)*
- 4.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*
- 4.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report*
No Report
- 4.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*
- 4.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*
- 4.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*
Council thanks Neville Moses for his report and expressed regret at the passing of Dr Brian O'Hara.
- 4.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*
- 4.9. *Technology Unit Report (A Stralow)*
No Report

- 4.10. *Masterpoint Unit Report (D Anderson)*
- 4.11. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*
- 4.12. *Youth Committee Report (G Ware)*
Cathy Mill has resigned from the Youth Committee and whilst in the role of Chair did an excellent job. The interim Chair is Griff Ware.
- 4.13. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*
- 4.14. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*
- 4.15. *State Directors Accreditation Committee*
No Report
- 4.16. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*
- 4.17. *Governance Report (C Leach)*
No Report
- 4.18. *Masterpoint Review (D Marler)*
- 4.19. *Marketing Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*
Grants are to continue in 2009
- 4.20. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*
- 4.21. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*
- 4.22. *BBO (N Fahrer)*

- 5. ANC Calendar**
- 5.1. *ANC 2008 Gold Coast (M Cooke)*
Very successful event. Convenor to be congratulated.
- 5.2. *ANC 2009 Canberra (L Turner)*
- 5.3. *ANC Review (P Kahler)*
Review to be sent to the State Associations and the Tournament Committee.

- 6. Tournaments & Licensed events**
- 6.1. *2008 GNOT Report (J Brockwell)*

- 6.2. *2009 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*
- 6.3. *GNP (J Brockwell)*
- 6.4. *2008 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (S Young)*
- 6.5. *2008 Barrier Reef Teams (K Ellaway)*
- 6.6. *2008 Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*
- 6.7. *2008 Western Senior Pairs (J Reynolds)*
- 6.8. *2008 Golden West (A Stralow)*
- 6.9. *2008 Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*
- 6.10. *2009 Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*
- 6.11. *2008 NT Gold (P Nunn)*
- 6.12. *2008 Spring Nationals (K Neale)*
- 6.13. *2008 ASP and RPSSP (B Kelly)*
- 6.14. *2008 VCC (J Collins)*
- 6.15. *2008 Coffs Harbour (R Bingham)*

7. WBF Tournaments

- 7.1. *PABF, Gold Coast (C Page)*
- 7.2. *World Teams Championships, Shanghai*
No Report

8. Independent Organisations

- 8.1. *ABDA Report (S Mullamphy)*
- 8.2. *ABTA Report (L Harkness)*
No Report. President reported that this Association was still very active.

9. Notice of Motion

9.1 VBA

Suspension of proceedings was proposed by Dallas Cooper and seconded by Bruce Neill. President welcomed J Collins, R Clapham (Meyer Vandenberg) for a discussion of Bridge in Victoria. The ABF have received a number of letters from clubs in Victoria. After hearing dialogue from N Beaumont and S Hinge, council discussed a working plan for the future of the VBA and a move to a more advantageous position. Agenda item for Mid Year meeting. President thanked the observers.

10. General Business

10.1. *Honoraria (Tournament Unit)*

2009 to be paid the same rates as for 2008.

10.2. *2008 Committees*

R Grenside has been appointed Chair of the State Directors Accreditation Committee.

10.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Date*

Saturday 19th September, Sydney

10.4. *Any other business*

(a) President thanked J Rasmussen and M Bourke for their continued support.

(b) Change Masterpoint manual to allow State Associations to run Daytime Red Point events.
D Smith to write to Management Committee to approach D Anderson.

10.5. *Meeting Close*

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.