

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at ABF Headquarters, 4/51 Tennant Street, Fyshwick
27 March 2010
Time 9.30am - 4.00pm

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair) (2 votes)
ACT	R Nixon, P Kahler
NSW	K Crowe-Mai (3 votes)
VIC	D Smith, S Hinge
TAS	D Cooper, A Richman
SA	C Leach (2 votes)
WA	R Grenside, A Stralow
NT	T Haubrick (2 votes)
Minute Secretary	J Rasmussen

1.2. *President welcomes new Councillors and thanks retiring Councillors.*
No new or retiring councillors.

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

1.4. *Apologies*

C Page, B Neill, D Marler, E Nunn,
E Magner (Legal Counsel)
L Kelso and K Morrison (Supplemental Councillors).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. *Confirmation*

Minutes of the meeting 28 March 2009 were confirmed.

2.2. *Matters arising*

10.4. (b) Implemented Red-point Daytime Sessions.

2.3. *Minutes of Previous Mid Year Meeting (19 September 2009)*

Minutes were amended
6(e) populate to promulgate.

2.4. *Confirmation*

2.5 *Matters Arising*
No matters arising

3. **Election of Office Bearers**

Management Committee

3.1. As 2010 is an election year, in accordance with clause 10 (6) of the Constitution, the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and two ordinary members of the Management Committee. Nomination forms were sent to all Councillors and States in accordance with the Constitution. The Chairman asked the council for guidance with regards to NSW, clauses 6 (1) and 9A (1) and (2) and SA clauses 6 (1) and 9A (1) of the Constitution. The Council deemed all in order and those States were allowed their voting rights.

President – K McDonald elected unopposed.

Secretary – D Marler elected unopposed.

Treasurer – R Nixon elected unopposed.

As there were 3 nominations for 2 positions for ordinary members, there was an election. Dallas Cooper and Carolyn Leach were appointed scrutineers. With the indulgence of the Council, the Chairman interpreted By-Laws clause 3.11 on contested elections as follows:

- a. The first round of voting, there would be a distribution of preferences until one candidate had more than 50% of the primary votes and that person would be elected.
- b. The second round of voting would be a straight run-off between the two remaining candidates.

A Stralow - elected

S Hinge – elected

Noted that the successful officials are elected until the AGM 2012

Richard Grenside had resigned from the Management Committee before the AGM. The Council appreciated the efforts Richard Grenside had put in whilst on the Management Committee. Richard has been appointed National Tournament Coordinator.

Council approved making an offer to NSW, to be an observer at all Management Committee meetings for the next 12 months.

Action: KM

Laurie Kelso was elected Supplemental Councillor

4. Appointments

4.1. *Appointment of General Counsel*

Professor Eilis Magner was re-appointed.

4.2. *Public Officer*

George Jesner re-appointed.

4.3. *Auditors*

No appointment was made pending consideration by Finance Committee and Management Committee.

Delegates for PABF, Zone 7

Delegate for PABF – Richard Grenside

Zone 7 – Richard Grenside and John Brockwell

5. 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.

5.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*

5.2. *Secretary's Report (D Marler)*

5.3. *Treasurers Report (R Nixon)*

Received the Auditors report for the ABF, referred to the Finance Committee

5.4. *General Counsel's Report (E Magner)*

5.5. *James O'Sullivan Foundation*

6. Committee Reports

6.1. *Tournament Committee Report (K Morrison)*

6.2. *Finance Committee Report (R Nixon)*

6.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*

6.3 (a) Vu-Graph Unit (N Fahrer)

6.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report (D Weston)*

6.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*

6.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*

6.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*

6.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*

- 6.9. *Masterpoint Unit Report (D Anderson)*
- 6.10. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*
- 6.11. *Youth Committee Report (D Stern)*
- 6.12. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*
There will be an increase in contributors payments to \$150 **Action: AR**

- 6.13. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*
8. Coffs Harbour Super-congress to be dealt with by the NTO
Action: RG

- 6.14. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (R Grenside)*
No Report

- 6.15. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*

- 6.16. *Governance Report (C Leach)*

- 6.17. *Marketing Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*
Teaching and Marketing Grants to the States referred to the Finance Committee
Action: RN

- 6.18. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*

- 6.19. *Presidents Meeting (K McDonald)*
President reported that it was a very productive meeting.

- 6.20. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*

7. ANC Calendar

- 7.1. *ANC 2009 Canberra (L Turner)*

- 7.2. *ANC 2010 Hobart (D Cooper)*
Convenor spoke on Teams first week, Butler second week and prize for Butler Open, Women's and Seniors to Philadelphia.
T Haubrick announced that they may be unable to send any teams to Hobart. Council discussed the option of allowing ex-Darwinians to form teams from North Queensland and WA.

- 7.3. *ANC 2011 Melbourne (J Collins)*
VBA will take responsibility for the 2011 event and will send a report for the Mid Year Meeting. **Action: JC**

8. Tournaments & Licensed events

- 8.1. *2009 GNOT Report- GNP (J Brockwell)*
- 8.2. *2010 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*
- 8.3. *2010 Open and Women's Playoffs (E Ramshaw)*
- 8.4. *2009 Senior Playoffs (D Stern)*
- 8.5. *2010 GNP (J Brockwell)*
- 8.6. *2009 Australian Swiss Pairs and Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs (C Elliot)*
- 8.7. *2009 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (S Young)*
- 8.8. *2009 Barrier Reef Teams (A Hooper)*
- 8.9. *2009 Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*
- 8.10. *2009 Western Senior Pairs (J Reynolds)*
- 8.11. *2009 Golden West (A Stralow)*
- 8.12. *2009 Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*
- 8.13. *2010 Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*
- 8.14. *2009 NT Gold (P Nunn)*
- 8.15. *2009 Spring Nationals (K Neale)*

9. WBF Tournaments

- 9.1. *PABF Championships, Macau (R Grenside)*
Zone 7 Playoffs will be at he PABF every 2nd year. Report to be circulated to all councillors
Action: JR
- 9.2. *World Teams Championships, Sao Paulo (R Nixon)*

10. Independent Organisations

- 10.1. *ABDA Report (S Mullamphy)*
- 10.2. *ABTA Report (N Hughes)*
The council awaits the Management Committee re: National Teaching Coordinator
- 11. Notice of Motion**
Nil
- 12. Masterpoint Centre Project**
Report received from D Smith and M Bourke and there was general discussion of the contents.
- 13. General Business**
- 13.1. *Honoraria (Tournament Unit)*
2010 to be paid the same rates as for 2009.
Recipients to produce either an ABN or Hobby Form.
- 13.2. *2010 Committees*
Write to Chair of National Authority re: constitution of committee for 2010
Write to Chair of Player Liaison Committee re: constitution of committee for 2010
Council suggested Peter Kahler for the Tournament Committee
- 13.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Date*
Saturday 18th September, Melbourne
AGM 2011 26th March – TC to be informed **Action: DM**
- 13.4. *President's Meeting Date*
Defer to Presidents **Action: DM**
- 13.5. *Appointment of National Tournament Coordinator*
Richard Grenside has been appointed for 3 years. Payment will be within the approved budget.
- 13.6. *Interim Committee VIC Bridge (G Chettle)*
Thank Geoff Chettle for the report.
- 13.7. *History of Australian Bridge Part 2 (C Chua)*
Chair reported that the project was moving forward
- 13.8. *Committee of Honour – J Rothfield and R Smilde*
Council agreed that Jessel Rothfield and Roelof Smilde should be elevated to the ABF Committee Of Honour.
- 13.9. *Any other Business*

13.10. *Meeting Close*

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.