

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at ABF Headquarters, 4/51 Tennant Street, Fyshwick
26 March 2011
Time 10.00am - 4.00pm

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

QLD	K McDonald (Chair), C Page
ACT	P Kahler
NSW	K Crowe-Mai, J Foster
TAS	D Cooper, A Richman
SA	D Marler, C Leach
WA	A Stralow, N Dutton
NT	P Nunn
Minute Secretary	J Rasmussen

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

President thanked Bruce Neill, Tim Haubrick, David Smith and Richard Grenside for their time on ABF Council. President welcomed Quentin Van Abbe, Nigel Dutton, Julian Foster and Pam Nunn to council.

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

1.4. *Apologies*

B Neill, E Nunn, S Hinge, Q Van Abbe, R Nixon
E Magner (Legal Counsel)
L Kelso and K Morrison (Supplemental Councillors).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. *Chairman's power to vary Agenda as circumstances dictate*

Moved J Foster, seconded P Kahler

The AGM clashing with the Playoffs was highly regrettable.

2.2. *Confirmation*

Minutes of the meeting 27 March 2010 were confirmed.

Moved K Crowe-Mai, seconded Carolyn Leach

2.3. *Matters arising*

3.1 NSWBA Observer, B Neill to remain on as observer

- 7.2 Butler Prize to continue in 2011
- 13.2 Peter Kahler now confirmed as TC member
- 13.7 Cathy Chua delay in project
- 13.8 Committee of Honour, Jessel at VCC and Roelof at SF

2.3 *Minutes of Previous Mid Year Meeting (18 September 2010)*

2.4 *Confirmation*

Minutes of the meeting 18 September 2010 were confirmed
Moved D Marler, seconded D Cooper

2.5 *Matters Arising*

- 3e Follow up on distribution of ABDA bulletin
- 4a NTC replacement to be advertised in April or May
- 4c Ranking scheme agreement to cease
- 5d TC currently working on Calendar review
- 5e Challenge from the States, referred to MC for resolution
- 6b Joan Butts appointed National Teaching Coordinator
- 6c Sandra Mulcahy appointed National Marketing Coordinator
- 6d Insurance Brokers presenting at this AGM

3. Appointments

3.1. *Public Officer*

As George Jesner passed away during 2010, the Council elected to appoint Julia Hoffman as the new Public Officer.

3.2. *Auditors*

Council agreed to defer appointment of Auditors.

4. Executive Reports

Note: All reports in items 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 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.

4.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*

- (i) All Captain's reports to be added to minutes of MC meetings.
- (ii) GNP and GNOT under review.
- (iii) All Councillors agreed a letter be sent to Neville Moses in appreciation for all his work as National Recorder.
- (iv) President stated that the most onerous roles were those of the Treasurer and Secretary.
- (v) Governance Committee to look into procedures for use of ABF credit cards.

(vi) Council requested that the minutes be published in a more timely manner.

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

4.3. *Treasurers Report (R Nixon)*

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

No Report

4.5. *James O'Sullivan Foundation*

5. **Committee Reports**

5.1. *Tournament Committee Report (K Morrison)*

5.2. *Finance Committee Report (R Nixon)*

5.3. *Masterpoint Centre Report (D Weston)*

5.4. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*

No Report

5.5. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*

No Report

5.6. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*

No Report

5.7. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*

No Report

5.8. *Masterpoint Unit Report (D Anderson)*

5.9. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*

5.10. *Youth Committee Report (D Stern)*

5.11. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*

5.12. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*

Check with Chairman as to the dissemination of information.

Action: JR

5.13. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (R Grenside)*

- 5.14. *Library Committee Report (T Bourke)*
- 5.15. *Governance Report (C Leach)*
- 5.16. *Marketing Committee Report (A Stralow)*
(i) Sandra Mulcahy, National Marketing Coordinator and Joan Butts, National Teaching Coordinator introduced themselves to council and each gave a short report.
(ii) Council endorsed all marketing reports, excluding VIC

5.17. *Olympic Liaison Committee Report (K McDonald)*

5.18. *Women in Bridge Committee (D Marler)*

6. ANC Calendar

6.1. *ANC 2010 Hobart (D Cooper)*

6.2. *ANC 2011 Melbourne (J Collins)*
Council requested an update by the 9th April.

Action: DM

7. Tournaments & Licensed events

7.1. *2010 GNOT (J Brockwell)*

7.2. *2011 Summer Festival of Bridge Report (S Mullamphy)*

7.3. *2011 Open and Women's Playoffs (R Grenside)*

7.4. *2010 Senior Playoffs (D Stern)*

7.5. *2011 GNP (J Brockwell)*

7.6. *2010 Australian Swiss Pairs and Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs (C Elliot)*

7.7. *2010 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams (S Young)*

7.8. *2010 Barrier Reef Teams (J Hansen)*

7.9. *2010 Autumn National Teams (D Marler)*

7.10. *2010 Western Senior Pairs (J Reynolds)*
No Report

- 7.11. *2010 Golden West (A Stralow)*
- 7.12. *2010 Swan River Swiss Pairs (H Yovich)*
- 7.13. *2011 Gold Coast Congress (T Tully)*
- 7.14. *2010 NT Gold (E Boocock)*
- 7.15. *2010 Spring Nationals (M Scudder)*
- 7.16. *2010 VCC – (S Smith)*
- 7.17. *2010 Coffs Harbour – (P Houlton)*

8. WBF Tournaments

- 8.1. *PABF Championships, Hamilton (R Grenside)*
- 8.2. *1st Asia Cup – (T Tully)*
- 8.3. *Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships*

9. Independent Organisations

- 9.1. *ABDA Report (S Mullamphy)*
- 9.2. *ABTA Report (N Hughes)*
Remove link on ABF website.

10. Notice of Motion

Nil

11. Masterpoint Centre Project

12. General Business

- 12.1. *Honoraria*
Council agreed to a 3% increase for the CTD and the Assistant CTD.
- 12.2. *2011 Committees*
Executive Secretary to circulate Committees to all Councillors. **Action: JR**
- 12.3. *Mid year ABF Meeting Date and AGM 2012*
Saturday 10th September 2011 – Adelaide mid year meeting

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March 2012

12.4. *President's Meeting Date*

Defer to Presidents

Action: DM

12.5. *Interim Committee VIC Bridge (Q Van Abbe)*

Thank Quentin for the report.

12.6. *Any other Business*

Tony Bemrose and Steve Weil, the ABF Insurance Brokers addressed the council with insurance ideas.

12.7. *Meeting Close*

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.