

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Gold Coast Convention Centre, Broadbeach

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2008

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Dianne Marler

In Attendance: Eilis Magner (Legal Counsel) and Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Apologies: Keiran Crowe-Mai (Treasurer), Roy Nixon

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

RN	Retainers for TU	Ongoing
MW	TC to review SNOT	Ongoing
RN	Remuneration for Directors	Pending
JR	Amend Handbook TU control of Swiss Pairs	Pending
JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Pending
RN	Finance Committee to review Helpers Policy	Pending
KM	WBF increase in capitation fee	Pending
RN	Appeals Personnel	Pending
RG	Query re: recorder payments in Youth Budget	Pending
KCM	Clause to be added to license agreement re: recorders	Pending
RG	Playoff report from Convenor by February meeting	Pending
RG	Report from SF Convenor for February meeting	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) Management Committee has approved a change to closing date for Senior Playoffs and number of boards to be played to be left in the hands of the Convenor.
- (b) Election to Committee of Honour, seek out citations involved. **Action: JR**
- (c) Playoff Points to state, "30 days from posting on website". Webmaster to be informed. **Action: RG**
- (d) BAWA request for PQP's has been referred to the Tournament Committee. **Action: RG**
- (e) Correspondence from E Dudley re: treasury payments noted.
- (f) A request from the Chairman of Oz One Bridge to have the ranking scheme named after Alan Woods.
- (g) Oz One Bridge Committee with the resignation of D Stern and A Lasocki has appointed C Mill and N Rodwell to the committee.
- (h) Correspondence from Newsletter editor re: WA, secretary to respond. **Action: RG**

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) Request from Nick Fahrer to display BBO procedures on ABF Website approved. **Action: RG**
- (b) History of Australian Bridge oversupply of copies, contact States to ascertain how many copies each state would like. **Action: JR**
- (c) Contact C Chua to ask her to consider revising History of Australian Bridge. **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) Insurances need to be clarified. **Action: KCM**
- (b) Re-investigate blanket cover for Directors **Action: RN**
- (c) Management Committee has considered the Profit and Loss Statement from the Masterpoint Centre, report has been sent to Migration Path.
- (d) Swiss Pairs, financial matters have been resolved and not included in the 2007 accounts.
- (e) Auditing the income and expenditure of the Summer Festival of Bridge.
- (f) The VCC has been included in the ABF Accounts for 2007 for the last time.
- (g) Management Committee considered the position re awarding medallions at the 2008 Gold Coast Congress; this would have been a requirement if the license agreement had been signed. The Management Committee insists that players not be disadvantaged at the 2008 Gold Coast Congress.
Action: JR
- (h) The Helman-Klinger prize was paid a notional interest of \$415.00
- (i) The NSWBA owe \$1814.79 in interest
- (j) International Player Fund was paid notional interest of \$189.09
- (k) Accruing of unused leave by the Executive Secretary was taken into account.
- (l) Oz One Bridge was paid a notional interest of \$19,320.
- (m) FOYB was paid a notional interest of \$2000
- (n) With no bank reconciliation for the GNOT, it is impossible to say what cheques are outstanding.

4. Legal Counsel Report

- a) Tournament Regulations are currently being vetted.
- b) Copies of the License agreements from TBA and BAWA have been received; BAWA needs schedule attached before it is signed. **Action: RG**
- c) The new Laws will come into effect on the 1st June 2008. **Action: RG**
- d) Response to correspondence from individual claiming right to direct to be composed by Legal Counsel and signed by the ABF Secretary. **Action: RG/EM**
- e) Correspondence re: recorder reports received from GNOT Convenor and Recorder at SF. A matter concerning a director at SF will be discussed by Legal Counsel with the CTD of the ABF. **Action: EM**

5. Secretariat Report

Tabled

6. Tournament Unit Report

7. Tournament Committee Report

- a) Playoffs going ahead. ER was to have provided report but not forthcoming.
- b) Sean M to visit Rydges on behalf of ER to finalise details for Playoffs.
- c) Following advice from secretary of TC, decided to agree to allow David Stern to set regulations and run Seniors Playoff under his control.

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

Martin Willcox joined the meeting to discuss this matter. Dianne gave a précis of the concerns of the Management Committee. After some discussion the following transpired:-

- a) Martin Willcox, as principal of Migration Path, terminated the contract with the ABF for the administration of the MasterPoint Centre. Document received from MW to this effect including waiver.
- b) MW resigned as Chair of TC.
- c) MW interested in continuing with Nationwide Pairs.
- d) MW resigned as a member of the Tournament Unit.

Other items considered and agreed.

- 1) RG to write to Pauline stating that the ABF MC arrangements for administration of PQPs has been reviewed. Would like her to consider taking on task for an annual remuneration of \$500. **Action RG**
- 2) RG to send a formal letter to MW accepting his offer to continue as administrator of Nationwide Pairs. **Action RG**
- 3) Send a note to ER as Chair of TU – please note MW has resigned as a member of the TU asking for a report on the implications of this decision. **Action RG**
- 4) Send note to ER – MC believes that with assistance from Executive Secretary, he will have sufficient resources to cover the running of the playoffs. **Action RG**
- 5) Send email to JB as secretary of the TC advising that MW has resigned as chairman of the TC and asking him to assume the chair until the AGM. Acknowledge that it is perhaps an imposition, but ask for his cooperation in preparing a report of TC activities in the past year for the AGM. **Action RG**
- 6) DM to send an email to RN and KCM regarding outcome of the meeting. **Action DM**
- 7) John Hansen to be advised of what has transpired at MC meeting regarding MCP.

9. Youth Committee Report

- a) Send note to Cathy Mill regarding subsidies for Youth Teams for Beijing. **Action RG**

10. ABF Events

- a) GNOT – report to come from John Brockwell for AGM – send a reminder. **Action RG**

11. Women's Committee Report

Nothing to report.

12. International Events

- a) Mind Sport Olympiad – subsidies to Youth only – free airfares, accommodation, food and entry fees – limited on number of teams that can be sent. GO and chess – self-funded.
- b) PABF 2008 – many responses from Zone 5 and 6. RG mentioned that Esther spoke to him regarding protocol/events etc. Charles Paige to respond.
- c) Wignall will discuss possibility of Australia hosting the Bermuda Bowl with Damiani.

13. Other Matters

- a) RG had a meeting with the Directors Accreditation Committee. 4 directors were being reviewed. J Free, P Gue and S Edler all upgraded to Level 1 National Director. Committee concerned about only one woman attending training. Need to promote as much as possible to encourage female trainees. The Accreditation Committee are concerned about the problem of lack of conformity in rulings. Eric Ramshaw now National Level 1 Director Emeritus. Richard further advised that he, Laurie Kelso, Sean Mullamphy and Matthew McManus are now International level directors.
- b) BBO – Nick Fahrer agreed to stay on as BBO Coordinator to the end of 2008. Originally expressions of interest were received from 3 parties. Michael Wilkinson has withdrawn his interest. Justin Brown's performance at GNOT was not good but it was much better at the SFOB. Justin will do the playoffs. Email to be sent to Nick advising that both parties should be accepted on the basis that they share the duties with an annual payment to each coordinator of \$2000. Head of TU to be asked to make a recommendation about the continuation of BBO as an ABF expense. **Action RG**
- c) New Laws – report will come from Laws Commission – Zonal from JB. The MC is awaiting recommendation from EM on assigning. **Action EM**

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Canberra – AGM March 15th

Canberra – 24th May Presidents Meeting

Sydney – 12th & 13th April

Sydney – 21st & 22nd June

Gold Coast – 9th & 10th August

Canberra – 13th September Mid Year Meeting & 14th MC Meeting

Sydney – 6th & 7th December