

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA, 162 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th April 2008

Present: Keith McDonald (President), Richard Grenside (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Dianne Marler, Keiran Crowe-Mai (Sat Only)

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

Matters outstanding from previous minutes.

JB	TC to review SNOT	Ongoing
JR	Duty Statements in Handbook	Pending
RN	Clause to be added to license agreement re: recorders	Pending
RG	PQPs "30 Days of Posting on Website, webmaster to be informed	Pending
RN	Investigate insurances	Pending
RN	Re-investigate Directors blanket cover	Pending
JR	Medallions at 2008 GCC	Pending
RG	BAWA to send schedule with license agreement	Pending
RG	New Laws to come into effect 1 st June 2008	Pending

1. President's Report

- (a) President to write to WBF re: late arrival of Open Captain **Action: KM**
- (b) Proposal from T Tully re: Yeh Bros Cup, MC did not reject the matter out of hand but would only contemplate committing to limited funding and seeks a specific proposal.
Action: RG

2. Secretary's Report

- (a) Secretary to write to GO Coordinator to make representation on behalf of Australia at the World Mind Sport Games. **Action: RG**
- (b) The Management Committee ratified the Open, Women's and Senior Teams for Beijing and the PABF. Margaret Bourke was ratified as NPC of the Women's Team for Beijing. George Bilski was ratified as NPC of the Open Team. The Youth Team members were not ratified due to lack of information. Secretary to send correspondence to all parties concerned. **Action: RG**
- (c) A proposal was received from Ron Klinger that the ABF appoint a Chief of Mission for the teams in Beijing (as there are likely to be 6 teams in total). David Stern will be approached to consider the role. Duties involved will include the purchase of all team uniforms. Secretary to write to Ron Klinger thanking him for his suggestion advising that it has merit provided that a suitably qualified candidate can be found to take up the post. **Action: RG**
- (d) Appointment of recorders for China to be part of the duties of the Chief of Mission. Subsidy allowed \$3,000.

- (e) ABF MC needs clarification of Youth representation soonest. Secretary will write to Cathy Mill so that this information can be posted to the ABF web page. **Action: RG**
- (d) Secretary to correspond with the NZCBA re: New Laws publication rights. **Action: RG**

3. Treasurer's Report

- (a) As ABF were notified that free accommodation is supplied to the Women's Team in Beijing, no accommodation subsidy will be offered for those not wishing to take up the free accommodation. Secretary to confirm with the World Mind Sports Organisation that suitable accommodation will be available. **Action: RG**
- (b) PABF Captains will not be subsidized but PABF Teams to notify Management Committee as a matter of courtesy who their Captains are. **Action: JR**
- (c) Laptop computer to be purchased for Legal Counsel. **Action: JR**
- (d) Treasurer to prepare letter to captains giving list of their duties. Send to Chief of Mission for review prior to distribution to captains. **Action: RN**
- (e) Following discussion regarding sponsorship of uniforms, it was agreed that the Chief of Mission be informed about issues with use of Australian Coat of Arms on sponsored garments. Same uniform to be worn for Beijing and PABF. If any breach then deemed a disciplinary matter. Keiran to write to Ebery. **Action: KCM**
- (f) The recommendation from the ABF Council that a marketing and advertising grant of up to \$8,000 per state be paid was endorsed by the ABF MC and actioned. **Action: JR**

4. Legal Counsel Report

- a) Prepared a response from the Secretary to L Bornecrantz.
- b) Tender process for Summer Festival of Bridge to be available by the end of April. Arrangements for the opening of the tender documents on the 11th May to be dealt with by Legal Counsel. **Action: EM**
- c) Secretary to inform all states that the ABF will be assigning the rights to State Associations for 5 years. **Action: RG**
- d) Convenor of Summer Festival has signed an agreement with the Convention Centre for one year.
- e) Legal Counsel will draw up a letter of contract with John Hansen. **Action: EM**
- f) Legal Counsel to write to ER advising that ANC 2008 brochure is in error with respect to qualification phrase. **Action: EM**

5. Secretariat Report

Tabled

6. Tournament Unit Report

- (a) Send invoice to WA for 20% of the masterpoints for the Butler in 2007. **Action: JR**
- (b) Recommendation from Tournament Unit Chairman as to increases in charges for ANC Butler, agreed that host state would agree charges in 2009.
- (c) Secretary to respond to Tournament Unit Chairman. **Action: RG**
- (d) VBA License agreement to be signed by President. **Action: KM**
- (e) BBO change of times at Playoffs, Secretary to correspond with ER, NF and R Wald. **Action: RG**

7. Tournament Committee Report

- (a) Recommendation from interim Chair for K Morrison to be appointed Chairman. K Morrison attended MC Meeting on Sunday 20th April and accepted the role. MC agreed to make KM a supplemental councillor at the next AGM.
- (b) Senior Playoff dates will be referred to the Tournament Committee. **Action: RG**
- (c) Bridge for Brains, MW to undertake scoring, \$500 payment. **Action: RG**

- (d) TC to look at what is happening with Zone 7 playoffs. Esther will be approached to invite other Zone 7 countries to the PABF. If PABF in March then other arrangements will need to be made for Zone 7 playoffs. KM to respond with recommendation in due course.
Action: Kim

8. Central Masterpoint Centre Project

- (a) MC agreed to a payment of \$5000 for programs created by JH and a consultant's fee of \$500 per month.
- (b) MCPC Coordinator liaising with David Smith and Margaret Bourke in an effort to get responses to various questions from Martin Willcox.
Action: DM
- (c) Margaret Bourke prepared a position paper outlining where we stand now and where we need to be. Good tool to use to raise issues with Martin Willcox.

9. Youth Committee Report

No report available.

10. ABF Events

- (a) Senior Playoff Report, secretary to write to D Stern re: non-contending pairs.
Action: RG
- (b) W Lazer would like the number of pairs in the NSWBA GNP to be reduced, Secretary to respond and copy response to RN.
Action: RG
- (c) Open/Womens Playoffs report received from Eric Ramshaw. Subsidies are to be paid to Last Train participants. Send letter of thanks to ER for report.
Action: RG
- (d) Report from Convenor of the 2008 PABF was received, Secretary to respond.
Action: RG

11. Women's Committee Report

Dianne reported on the successful completion of the first on-line international women's bridge competition and receipt of thank you email from Anna-Maria Torlentano.

12. International Events

Reported earlier in these minutes.

13. Other Matters

- (a) ABF MC 21/22 June to be held in Sydney but as NSWBA clubrooms will be in use for weekend, other venue to be found and booked. Vibe Hotel suggested. **Action: DM**
- (b) Mid year and President's meetings. Members will be polled to ascertain need, or not, to put these events on the calendar.
Action: DM

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Sydney – 21st & 22nd June
Gold Coast – 9th & 10th August
Canberra – 13th September Mid Year Meeting & 14th MC Meeting
Sydney – 6th & 7th December

April Action Items

1a	President to write to WBF re: late arrival	KM
1b	Yeh Bros Cup	RG
2a	Write to GO coordinator	RG
2b	Secretary to write to all concerned parties re: Captains	RG
2c	Appoint a Team Manager	RG
2e	Secretary to write to Youth coordinator	RG
2f	Write the NZCBA re: New Laws publication rights	RG
3a	Confirm accommodation available in Beijing	RG
3b	PABF captains – no subsidy	RG
3c	Laptop for Legal Counsel	JR
3d	Treasurer to prepare Captain's letter and send to DS	RN
3e	KCM to write to J Ebery re: uniforms	KCM
3f	Secretariat to pay Marketing and Advertising grants to states	JR
4b	SF Tender documents	EM
4c	Secretary to inform all States re: assigning the rights	RG
4e	Legal counsel to draft letter for JH	EM
4f	Legal counsel to advise ER of error in ANC 2008 brochure	EM
6a	Send invoice to WA for 20% of masterpoint fee for Butler 2007	JR
6c	Secretary to respond to TU Chair	RG
6d	VBA License agreement to be signed by President	KM
6e	BBO change of times at PO's Secretary to write to ER, NF & RW	RG
7b	Senior Playoff dates will be referred to TC	RG
7c	Bridge for Brains to be scored by MW	RG
7d	KIM to respond to re:Zone 7 Playoffs	KIM
8b	Liaise with MB and DS re: MNW	DM
10a	Secretary to write to D Stern	RG
10b	Secretary to write to W Lazer	RG
10c	Last Train recipients to be paid subsidy	RG
10d	Secretary to write to C Page	RG
13a	MC meeting 21/22 June	DM
13b	Poll members re: President's Meeting	DM