

# MINUTES

## ABF Management Committee Meeting

NSWBA Clubrooms, Goulburn Street, East Sydney

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009

### 1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer) Ellis Magner (Legal Counsel) Richard Grenside, Keiran Crowe-Mai

**In Attendance:** Jane Rasmussen (ABF Secretariat)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Secretary asked that item 8(d) from the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September be discussed. The salary and benefits of the Secretariat were subsequently discussed with agreement reached.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 20 September 2009

The amended minutes to be circulated for final approval and then to Ellis for review prior to being posted to the ABF Web Site.

### 3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

KM-PK	Write terms of reference for MP Review	Pending
EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
RN	Data for ranking scheme	Ongoing
KM	Tax Deduction Gift ATO	Pending
DM	Enquiries from Club to Legal Counsel	Pending
EM	Draft advice on membership rights	Pending
EM	Declaration for Playoffs	Pending
DM	TC to write questions to send to Player Liaison	Pending
DM	Ranking scheme	Pending
DM-EM	Clapham advice	Pending
RN	Coffs Harbour license fee to FC	Pending
KM	VBA via SH for confirmation of ANC 2010	Pending

### 4. MC REPORTS

#### (a) President's Report

(i) Marketing reports from all States to be received by Marketing Coordinator no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December for MC to undertake a review of the 2010 funding.

**Action: KCM**

(ii) PQP Coordinator to be sent a note re: payment.

**Action: JR**

(iii) National Tournament and Teaching Coordinator selection Committee will be KCM, KM and DM.

(iv) President asked that all MC members consider booking well in advance to take advantage of competitive rates both on the airlines and at the hotels.

#### (b) Secretary's Report

No Report. Matters for discussion raised in the agenda of the meeting.

**(c) Treasurer's Report**

- (i) Finance committee approved the expenditure to purchase 230 Bridgemates for the Summer Festival of Bridge. ABF to own Bridgemates and to hire them out at \$10 per unit per event with shipping costs borne by the hirer. The ABF will meet insurance costs. Treasurer to re-check insurance cover. Items will be included in the depreciable asset lists. **Action: RN**
- (ii) Masterpoint fees will increase by 5c plus GST on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. **Action: DCW**
- (iii) Finance committee approved \$10,000 for National Tournament Coordinator.
- (iv) DS to be asked for budget for the Youth for 2010 in the range of between \$65-\$70,000, incorporating a 25% of total expenditure to be spent in increasing the number of youth players. **Action: DM**
- (v) The Treasurer asked the Tournament Organiser for the SFOB to transfer surplus funds from the SFOB account to ABF general revenue.
- (vi) The FC endorsed the fee structure for the SFOB for 2010. FC asked that whilst they noted the possible changes to the format being proposed by the TC, they asked to be kept informed.
- (vii) The FC considered the question of the licence fee payable for events that offered a "celebratory dinner". After much discussion, it was agreed that where a dinner/lunch is optional and reflected on the entry form as such, then the ABF will not charge the licence fee of 5% on the income for the meal. This information to be conveyed to all licensees. **Action: DM**
- (viii) The FC recommended that ABF capitation fees for 2010 remain the same (ie \$12.00 per player).
- (ix) The ABF Remuneration Package to be reviewed. This takes form of the ABF Helpers Paper. Recommendations to be available for endorsement at the MC meeting in December. **Action: RN**
- (x) Subsidies for playoffs will be on the web site by 31<sup>st</sup> December. **Action: RN**
- (xi) The FC has reviewed and accounts receivable for the Masterpoint Centre and notes that there are items in the 90 day column requiring action.
- (xii) The FC asked that a report on the marketing grants paid to all states be sent to the Chairman of the Marketing Committee. This request will be reinforced to the Presidents on 14<sup>th</sup> November with a corollary that the ABF MC will consider the position of the continuation of the grants and advise states accordingly. **Action: JR**

**(d) Secretariat Report**

No report.

**(e) Legal Counsel**

- (i) MC has delegated the matter of the protest re augmentation for a team in the GNOT to Legal Counsel. **Action: EM**
- (ii) History of Australian Bridge II and D Weston's contracts have been done.
- (iii) Recommendation to ABF MC re "anti-doping" regulations to be circulated prior to sending to Pauline Gumby for posting to the ABF web site. **Action: DM**
- (iv) Matter of a complaint received by ABF President has been referred to the Ethics Committee.
- (v) Contract for History of Australian Bridge II to be sent to C Chua via the ABF Secretariat. **Action: DM**
- (vi) Contract for ABF Masterpoint Centre handed to D Weston for review/signing and return to Legal Counsel. **Action: DCW**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Tournament Committee Report**

(i) Secretary reported that there had been no response to the call from Councillors re: a position on the Tournament Committee. Will write to TC to wait their recommendation.

**(b) Tournament Unit Report**

The Chairman of the TU to be thanked for his report.

(i) Discussion of the National Tournament Coordinator role took place with a proforma job description defined. The Secretary to prepare, circulate and then table at the Presidents' meeting for consideration. **Action: DM**

(ii) There was some discussion about results going on to the Web. While it was felt that the board by board comparison was great for those not attending the event, concern was raised about the security. It was felt that the advantages outweigh the alleged technical concerns at this time. Secretary to relay the ABF MC views to Kim Morrison re Spring Nats. **Action: DM**

**(c) Central Masterpoint Centre Project**

The ABF MC is waiting on continued reports from DS and MB. **Action: EM**

**(d) Youth Committee Report**

(i) Targetted events for 2010 will be Philadelphia Under 26 and Under 21.

(ii) David Stern has agreed to Chair the Youth Committee for a period not greater than 2 years. The MC endorsed this offer. David to be asked for a budget for the December meeting. 25% of the Youth Budget to be spent on Youth Bridge Promotion with a view to increasing numbers. Youth Chairman to be asked to endeavour to gather an Under 26 girl's team for Philadelphia. DS to be invited to the President's meeting. **Action: DM**

(iii) KCM to remain as the ABF MC liaison with the Youth Committee.

(iv) Secretary to write to Griff Ware thanking him for his custodianship of the Youth Committee and confirming David Stern's appointment. **Action: DM**

(v) DS to be asked to chase Youth Report for the PABF from CM. **Action: DM**

(vi) DS to be asked to clean up paperwork surrounding parental releases for youth players. **Action: DM**

(v) DS to be asked to write an article for the AB Newsletter about the new Youth Committee. **Action: DM**

**(e) Women's Committee**

No Report

**(f) BBO**

No Report

## 6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

### (a) Playoffs 2010

Budget and Report received from EHR. The MC endorsed the arrangements put in place for 2010 and the accompanying budget. EHR to be advised of same.

**Action: DM**

### (b) GNOT

All arrangements are in place for the National Final. The MC considered a protest from a player about the augmentation of his team for the GNOT Final. The MC noted the protest but agreed to uphold the regulations of the NSWBA in this instance.

### (c) GNP

Wildcards are being accepted as they are received. Masterpointing and other activities continue to be handled in a timely manner.

### (d) Bridge For Brains

Correspondence received from the EBU identifying that they too want to carry out some fund raising activities along as similar vein and asking for paperwork from Australia.

**Action: KM**

### (e) Nationwide Pairs

All OK – results going into the AB Newsletter on a regular basis.

### (f) Licensed Events

Licenses up for renewal being handled.

### (g) Australian Bridge

MC members were brought up to speed about the history behind handing over the Novice, Autumn and Spring Pairs to Australian Bridge. There is no license agreement with Marston for these events.

## 7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### (a) 2009 – any outstanding reports

Send email to Ish, Cathy and Laurie re: outstanding NPC reports. **Action: DM**

### (b) World Youth Istanbul

Report required from attendees. DS to be asked to source. **Action: DM**

**This item on the agenda to refer to the World Youth Championships in Philadelphia in future.**

ABF will send teams to Philadelphia. ABF Youth Committee to advise how many.

### (c) Commonwealth Games 2010 – New Delhi

In the absence of information requested, the MC has decided that only one team will be fielded and that will be the Open team. **Action: DM**

### (d) Asian University Bridge is deleted – this item will be held on the agenda and called Other Youth Events

### (e) PABF 2010 – Hamilton, New Zealand

It was noted that Ari Geursen has been appointed as the CTD for this event.

**(f) Other World Events**

None at this time.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**(a) Masterpoint Centre Manager**

Dave Weston joined the meeting and gave a verbal report. His contract is now in his hands for finalization. The MC requested that the last day for Masterpoint submissions be the last day of the month at 12 midnight local time.

Dave to follow through with queries surrounding the amount of Masterpoints awarded for the GNP.

DW was asked to send a quarterly report to the Treasurer covering bad debts with the payment deadline recommended by the Finance Committee.

DW was asked to prepare a "trend" chart on membership numbers. **Action: DW**

- (b) The ABF MC noted from the published advice on the VBA web site that they will remain responsible for "representational bridge" and the running of the ANC in 2011.
- (c) Alister Stuck to be invited to February MC Meeting. **Action: DM**
- (d) Write to Kim Morrison and Peter Kahler for President's meeting re: ANC. **Action: DM**
- (e) Acknowledge Territory Gold report. **Action: DM**
- (f) Michael Whibley application to play in Youth Championships. Write to NZCBA re: application. ABF policy to be sourced and circulated again. **Action: DM**
- (g) Wiki to be placed on website. Secretary to send email to KO saying that we are interested in principle but emphasize that clearance must be sought from individuals and/or their successors prior to anything being posted to the web site. We rely on KO to vet information prior to publication. **Action: DM**
- (h) NSWBA Loan now stands at \$75,000.
- (i) Send reports received from all NPCs on to the chairman of the TC for review and consideration of recommendations made. **Action: DM/JR**
- (j) It was agreed that the WBF policy re psychic bidding be added to the ABF web site. **Action: DM**
- (k) Appointment of a National Teaching Coordinator was discussed. The President to prepare and to circulate to the ABF MC for review. **Action: KM**
- (l) MC has looked at correspondence from P Sherman again. We wish to reiterate that the activities to date are in line with our thinking. DM to speak to Paul personally. **Action: DM**
- (m) ABF system card advisor. Bona fides to be checked with Laurie Kelso. **Action: DM**
- (n) The Secretariat was asked to place the election of ABF delegates to Zone 6 and 7 on the agenda for the AGM in March 2020. **Action: JR**
- (o) ANC 2010 will be discussed at the Presidents meeting. **Action: DM**

## ACTION ITEMS NOVEMBER MEETING

<b>4a(i)</b>	Marketing Reports	KCM
<b>4a(ii)</b>	PQP Payment	JR
<b>4c(i)</b>	Bridgemates Insurance	RN
<b>4c(ii)</b>	Masterpoint increase	DCW
<b>4c(iv)</b>	Youth Budget	DM
<b>4c(vii)</b>	Income for meal Licensed events	DM
<b>4c(ix)</b>	Remuneration Package	RN
<b>4c(x)</b>	Subsidies website	RN
<b>4c(xii)</b>	Marketing Grants	JR
<b>4d(i)</b>	GNOT Problem	EM
<b>4d(iii)</b>	Anti-doping	DM
<b>4d(v)</b>	AB Contract	DM
<b>4d(vi)</b>	MPC contract	DCW
<b>5b(i)</b>	Tournament Coordinator	DM
<b>5b(ii)</b>	Results on web re: SNOT	DM
<b>5d(ii)</b>	David Stern	EM
<b>5d(iv)</b>	Thank Griff Ware	DM
<b>5d(v)</b>	Youth Reports from CM	DM
<b>5d(vi)</b>	Parental releases	DM
<b>5d(v)</b>	Youth Committee DS	DM
<b>6(a)</b>	Playoffs 2010	DM
<b>6(d)</b>	Bridge for Brains	KM
<b>7(a)</b>	Send email to IDM, CM and LK	DM
<b>7(b)</b>	Istanbul report	DM
<b>7(c)</b>	Commonwealth Games	DM
<b>8(a)</b>	Membership Chart	DCW
<b>8(c)</b>	Write to Alister Stuck	DM
<b>8(d)</b>	Write to KM and PK re: ANC for President's Meeting	DM
<b>8(e)</b>	Acknowledge Territory Gold report	DM
<b>8(f)</b>	Write to NZCBA re: Whibley	DM
<b>8(g)</b>	Wiki on web	DM
<b>8(i)</b>	NPC reports	DM/JR
<b>8(j)</b>	Psychic bidding on web	DM
<b>8(k)</b>	National Teaching Coordinator	KM
<b>8(l)</b>	Response to Paul Sherman	DM
<b>8(m)</b>	System Card Advisor	DM
<b>8(n)</b>	Election of Zone 6 and 7 delegates	JR
<b>8(o)</b>	ANC 2010 Agenda item President's meeting	DM