

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

ABF Headquarters, Unit 4/51 Tennant Street, Fyshwick

Saturday 23rd January and Sunday 24th January 2010

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)

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – December 12th /13th 2009

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

KM-PK	Write terms of reference for MP Review	Pending
EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
KM	Tax Deduction Gift ATO	Pending
DM-EM	Clapham advice	Pending
JR	Documentation for Hire of Bridgemates	Pending
KM/DM	Marketing and Promotions position	Pending
KM	National Teaching position	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

No Report

(b) Secretary's Report

No Report

(c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) ABDA requested funding for the training session conducted in Brisbane in late 2009. MC decision was that the ABDA would receive annual grant in line with the marketing allocation to a large State i.e. \$6000. There would be no limitations on how the grant was spent. The ABF has in recent years made an annual grant to the ABDA. Certain suggestions were made to the President of ABDA, Sean Mullamphy, when he attended the meeting on Sunday.
- (ii) Treasurer has received a list of all Public Liability Insurance claims from broker for the last 4 years. Treasurer to follow up with broker with a view to see if economies could not be achieved and asking for competitive quotes for 2011. The broker calls for quotes every two years.
- (iii) Recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Butler entry fees to be \$80 for Stage I and Stage II entry fees to be \$160 approved. Information to be promulgated to TU Chair and ANC Convenor. **Action: RN**
- (iv) Management Committee requested the Finance Committee and Treasurer prepare a budget for ABF expenditure on ANCS'.

- (v) Hiring of Bridgemates and administration to be the responsibility of the Secretariat.
- (vi) WBF Subscription Fees for 2010 will be 1.00 per player.
- (vii) Zone 7 have not invoiced for the year 2009. PABF fees are \$400US.

(d) Secretariat Report

No Report

(e) Legal Counsel

- (i) Legal Counsel to draft declaration of eligibility for playoffs participants. **Action: EM**
- (ii) SF contract finalized.
- (iii) Supplementary regulations have been vetted for all events in 2009.
- (iv) Ethics Committee meeting. MC ratified the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. **Action: EM**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee Report

- (i) Kim Morrison spoke to the MC re: SF Scoring problems. Paperwork needs to be put in place for scoring errors and recorder issues. KM indicated that the Tournament committee would review the ABF calendar with an implementation in 2011/2012.

(b) Tournament Unit Report

All players in Open and Women's Playoffs to submit WBF completed system cards. Extension of the time for system submissions due to the use of the WBF system card. WBF or ABF system cards could be used at Playoffs. Dr Ramshaw discussed a number of specific issues with the Management Committee. **Action: ER**

(c) Central Masterpoint Centre Project

Formal documentation will be presented for the AGM.

(d) Youth Committee Report

Meeting held during SF, no minutes as yet.

(e) Women's Committee

Numbers in Women's Teams event at SF are down on last year.

(f) Marketing

Reports have been received from all States, with the exception of Victoria. Funding will remain as for 2009. Victoria will need to submit requests for funding to the Treasurer on a project by project basis. Victorian interim committee to be sent documentation re: funding. All marketing reports are attached.

Action: KCM

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Playoffs 2010

Convenor to send a report for the AGM. If the CNBC fails to go ahead, there will only be one targeted event. A request for a second target event for Seniors was considered and the 2010 Seniors Playoffs will have only one targeted event.

(b) GNOT

Convenor finalizing accounts.

(c) GNP

Event ran very smoothly. There were some issues with subsidy cheques. Consideration will be given to encourage players to stay for Victory function. Request to be sent to Convenors to discuss with Convenor of Summer Festival possible incentives to GNP players to stay to play in the Summer Festival.

Action: DM

(d) Bridge For Brains

Booklet to be sent to all clubs. States and Territories to be reminded that non-affiliated clubs should be encouraged to participate in this event. **Action: KCM**

(e) Nationwide Pairs

Improvement in overall participation. Advertising in the ABF newsletter has helped but all States and Territories to be asked to assist promotion to clubs.

Action: DM

(f) Summer Festival 2010

(i) Convenor of the SF addressed the MC on Sunday morning. SF Contract signed by President and Convenor and extended for a further 3 years.

(ii) MC requested that a female recorder be appointed for all future SF's.

(iii) MC requested that the CTD be an Australian Director.

(iv) There was considerable discussion on attendance of players at the 2010 event. Comparisons 2008/2009/2010 to be compiled and data provided on numbers playing both weeks.

Action: JR

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Strategic Planning

Management Committee had a lengthy discussion on strategic planning. The Objects, as laid out in the Constitution were assessed (as it was only an initial discussion). As an adjunct an attempt was made to access principles to determine a successful ABF event:

Tournament integrity

Encourage participation in events

Foster a comfortable and welcoming playing environment

Run events with financial prudence.

Marketing

(b) BFACT

A request was received from BFACT for assistance for the 2009 ANC. This had been deferred from the last meeting. Given the support already provided to any ANC the request was denied. Treasurer to prepare paper on ANC funding.

Action: RN

(c) BFACT Gold Point Event

The arrangement between the ABF and BFACT to compensate BFACT for not having a Gold Point event will continue for 2 years. It is hoped that the matter will be resolved in that time frame.

Forthcoming Meetings

Saturday 6 March 2010 – MC, Broadbeach
Saturday 27 March 2010 – AGM, Canberra
Sunday 28 March 2010 – MC, Canberra
Saturday 15 May 2010 – MC, Sydney
Sunday 16 May 2010 – MC, Sydney

ACTION ITEMS JANUARY MEETING

4c (iii)	Butler Entry Fees	RN
4e (i)	Declaration of Eligibility	EM
4e (iv)	Letter of admonishment	EM
5f	Victorian interim committee advice	KCM
6c	Incentive with SF re: GNP	DM
6d	Bridge for Brains to all States re: non-affiliation play	KCM
6e	Nationwide pairs promotion to all States/Territories	DM
6f ((iv)	Comparisons of numbers SF and Butler	JR
7b	Prepare paper on ANC funding	RN