

MINUTES

ABF Management Committee Meeting

New South Wales Bridge Association

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October

1. ROLL CALL

Keith McDonald (President), Dianne Marler (Secretary), Roy Nixon (Treasurer), Allison Stralow, Simon Hinge

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

Observer: Bruce Neill

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –18/19 September 2010

Minutes confirmed.

3. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

EM	Pro-forma Club Constitution	Pending
JR	Comparisons of numbers SF and Butler	Pending
RN/RG	Information Kit for Australian Players	Pending
EM	Draft protocols from Ethics Meetings for web	Pending
DM/RG	License Agreement Reporting Proforma	Pending
EM	NTC Contract – has it been signed	Pending
EM	Issue of employee being NPC at ANC – regulations	Pending
	Issue of having access to hand records etc	
EM	Send anti-doping regulations to Laurie Kelso	Pending
EM	SF contract to be changed to 30th September for hiring	Pending
EM	Abusive behavior issue – players vs Directors/Officials	Pending
EM	Cross Gender policy	Pending
RN	Sharing of reports, form to be created	Ongoing
DM/JR	Masterpoint Centre specs and invitations, equipment	Pending
RN	Gold Coast License Fee	Pending
DM	WA Incidents	Pending
DM	Archival of events	Pending

4. MC REPORTS

(a) President's Report

- (i) The Management Committee acknowledged the passing of the Public Officer, George Jesner. The MC passed their condolences to Dorothy.
- (ii) Julia Hoffman to be approached to take on the role of Public Officer. This needs to be an agenda item at the next AGM for ratification by Council.
Action: DM
- (iii) Mr Yeh has confirmed there will be a spot for the ABF in the Yeh Cup 2011. The MC agreed that this would be offered to the winner of the National Open Teams at the Summer Festival in 2011. Further the Management Committee agreed to subsidise the winner with a grant of up to \$6,000 if they elected to take up the spot (see list of subsidiary considerations). If the winner is unable to take up the offer, it will be offered to the second placed team. If they are unable to take up the offer it will then be given to a Youth

team. This prize will be open to all NOT participants. Yeh Bros Cup will be from 18-22 April which may impinge upon the Senior Playoffs. Secretary to write to Patrick Huang, Sean and David Stern.

Action: DM

- (iv) President Gianarrigo Rona will be sent a formal invitation to attend the Gold Coast Congress in February. **Action: KM**
- (v) Applications for the positions of National Teaching Coordinator and National Marketing Coordinator received. Short list will be drawn up this weekend.
- (vi) Historian, Keith Ogborn has been quite active gathering biographical data and reports that he is working closely with Cathy Chua.
- (vii) Correspondence received from a club re: player collapse. Legal Counsel to set clearer guidelines for clubs. **Action: EM**
- (viii) (a) Correspondence from a club re: accusation of having access to hand records and files. MC awaiting final protocols from Victoria. **Action: SH**
(b) Write to states indicating that MC is attempting to set protocols and inquiring as to what states currently have in place. **Action: DM**
- (ix) Insurance Brokers would like a link to their website and would like to compensate the ABF for all activity this produces. **Action: KM**
- (x) Management Consultant to meet with Executive Secretary.

(b) Secretary's Report

Matters as listed in agenda.

(c) Treasurer's Report

- (i) B Williams to meet with the auditors and Bird Walker McDonald.
- (ii) Open Playoffs entry fees were set (see 6a). Subsidies set in 2011 will be the same as those for 2010.

(d) Secretariat Report

Business Cards have been purchased for the President, Treasurer, Secretary, NTC and Executive Secretary. Cards to be purchased for the MC members, NTD, Legal Counsel and Webmaster. **Action: JR**

(e) Legal Counsel

- (i) Legal Counsel requested the MC to vote on a split recommendation that a matter be referred to the Ethics Committee. MC discussed the matter and decided not to send the matter to the Ethics Committee. EM to respond. **Action: EM**
- (ii) Recorder reports are confidential. Legal counsel to discuss with National Recorder an issue brought before the MC. **Action: EM**
- (iii) Legal Counsel to pursue intellectual property issue re: Migration Path to the ABF. **Action: EM**
- (iv) ANC Manual to include that masterpointing be done at the conclusion of the event along with the ranking data. All convenors to consult the Masterpoint Centre manual for up-to-date information on masterpoints for the Butler and ANC Teams. **Action: JR**
- (v) Legal Counsel and Laurie Kelso are in the process of finalizing the Tournament Regulations.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Tournament Committee

No report available as no meeting held. Sec to put August minutes on web site.

Action: DM

(b) Tournament Unit

Remove Tournament Chair and announce disbandment on website. **Action: DM**

(c) National Tournament Coordinator Report

Timing of play behind screens to be sent to the Tournament Committee for an increase to 8.5 minutes in line with the WBF Regulations, and to be in the ABF Regulations. **Action: RG**

(d) Central Masterpoint Centre Project

Peter Busch and David Weston joined the meeting at 1.45pm. General discussion on the progress to date of the project and input from both was welcomed. PB to consider further action plan and report to MC. **Action: PB**

(e) Youth Committee Report

Report on Youth behaviour at ANC received. Responsibilities of representative players to be included in the player's kit at all Playoff events. **Action: RG**

(f) Women's Committee

Secretary has corresponded with A Torlontano re: Women's Jamboree and clash with SFOB. S Grenside to represent the ABF in Philadelphia.

(g) BBO

No Report.

(h) Player Liaison Committee

Secretary to send information to all states on the role of the player liaison committee. **Action: DM**

6. AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

(a) Playoffs 2011

(i) Entry fees are:

\$1560 for teams 1-4 with playoff points.

\$480 for teams with half the members on the PQP Panel.

\$600 for teams with less than half on the PQP Panel.

(ii) Webmaster to accept entries via website.

(iii) Three pairs (making up a team of 6) from each of the Senior and Women's last train to go to playoffs. Seniors closing date to be moved. Only teams of four or six will be accepted. Tournament Committee to be advised. **Action: DM**

(b) GNOT

Current entry fee is raised to \$840 with a discount of \$90 per team if paid before the 15/11. **Action: RN**

(c) GNP

Weighting in 2011 to be reduced. Secretary corresponded with QBA re: Nth Qld.

(d) Bridge for Brains

One application has been received. Secretary to respond. **Action: DM**

(e) Nationwide Pairs

Week 21 was the largest field ever with 409 pairs.

**(f) Licensed Events
Gold Coast**

License fee to go up \$200 in 2011 to \$3,800 and to \$4,000 in 2012 to have the target of \$5000 reached as soon as possible. **Action – RN**

NT

RN to go back to NTBA on NT Gold licence agreement. **Action – RN**

Wording within all licenses to be changed to reflect Regulating Authority and not Sponsoring Organisation. **Action – RN**

(g) SFOB

CTD for 2011 needs to be appointed. Sec to liaise with TO. **Action - DM**

(h) ANC 2010

Report received, but minus financials. Sec to chase. **Action: DM**

(i) ANC 2011

Format will be as in 2010 – ie Teams first with Butler Pairs to follow. Venue confirmed as the Power House in Albert Park.

7. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(a) APBF 2011

15-24th June, Genting Highlands, Malaysia – nothing to report.

(b) World Youth Philadelphia

No report available at this time.

(c) Commonwealth Games 2010

Nothing to report at this time.

(d) WBF Events

15-29 October 2011 - Bermuda Bowl – Eindhoven – nothing to report.

(e) Other Overseas Events

Posted to the ABF web site as advertised.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Ranking Scheme

National Tournament Coordinator to ensure that all National events send results to I McKinnon. Secretary to write to all States to ask that State results also be sent. A need for more specificity to all clubs. Grand Slam to have resolved the problem of re-affiliation by the 31st March 2011. Treasurer to inform PM that the above has been implemented. **Action: RN**

Treasurer to write to McKinnon asking for access to a meaningful web site so that players can view national ranking. **Action: RN**

(b) On-line entry for Open and Womens Playoffs

Pauline Gumby joined the meeting to discuss the protocol for this initiative. She advised the MC how she would handle - non-common PQPs; closing dates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 entries etc. Additional information to be available for players including advice that players cannot enter Seniors if they have already qualified for the Open or Womens. TOs to ensure they check all data on the web site. PQP entries will remain undisclosed in 2011. IF TC wish to change this in 2012, then the MC would listen to new recommendation.

(c) Group Personal Accident Insurance

All information received to go to the Treasurer.

(d) Board Dealing Protocol

SH to continue resolving. ABF MC attempting to draw together all information about experiences with respect to BBP, boards, dealing files, production of hand records and changes to results on Bridgemates. **Action: SH**

(e) Query re Scheduling of events on Jewish & Christian Holidays

Sec to circulate States for advice. **Action: DM**

(f) Mobile Phone Issue

Query from BN. Resolved. Suggested that regulations be changed so that "ringing" becomes "sounding".

Forthcoming Meetings

11/12 December 2010 -Canberra

ACTION ITEMS OCTOBER MEETING

4a	Julia Hoffman – Public Officer	DM
4a (iii)	Write to Patrick Huang, Sean and David Stern	DM
4a (iv)	Invite Gianarrigo Rona	KM
4a (vii)	Clearer guidelines for clubs re: player illness	EM
4a (viii) (a)	Board Security Protocols	SH
4a (viii) (b)	State Protocols – in place	DM
4a (ix)	Insurance Brokers – link to website	KM
4d	Business Cards, BN, SH, AS, SM, PG, EM	JR
4e (i)	Split Decision	EM
4e (ii)	Recorder issue from WA	EM
4e (iii)	Intellectual Property – MPPL	EM
4e (iv)	ANC Manual – scoring, ranking	JR
5a	TC Minutes – August	DM
5b	Tournament Unit disbandment – website	DM
5c	8.5 minutes behind screens for regulations	RG
5d	Central Masterpoint Project	PB
5e	Player responsibilities for information kit	RG
5h	Player Liaison role to states	DM
6a (iii)	Senior closing date to be moved – DS	DM
6b	GNOT entry fee	RN
6d	Bridge for Brains	DM
6f	Gold Coast License fee and NT	RN
6g	CTD for 2011	DM
6h	ANC 2010	DM
8a	Ranking Scheme and website	RN
8d	Board Dealing Protocol	SH
8e	Scheduling of Events	DM

YEH CUP – SUMMER FESTIVAL
NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS WINNER

Information about the Yeh Cup Offer

- The subsidy of \$6,000 is the total commitment by the ABF.
- The team may appoint a captain at its own expense.
- It would be expected that at least 4 members were part of the winning team in the NOT final and satisfied the board rule.
- A team may augment.
- Any team is eligible for this offer.
- Should the winning team not wish to take up this offer, it will fall to the next placed team.
- Should neither the winning team nor the runners up accept the offer, then the place in the Yeh Cup will revert to a Youth Team.