

**MINUTES
MID YEAR MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
Held at “Holiday Inn” Hotel, Adelaide
5 August 2006
Time 9.00am - 3.00pm**

1. Identification of Attendees

1.1. *Roll Call*

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| QLD | K McDonald (Chair), T Jackman |
| ACT | E Dudley, R Nixon |
| NSW | K Crowe-Mai |
| VIC | M Willcox, A Halmos |
| TAS | D Cooper, A Richman |
| SA | D Marler, F Wilson |
| WA | J Beddow |
| NT | S Fischer |
| Supplemental | L Kelso |
| Legal Counsel | E Magner |
| Minute Secretary | J Rasmussen |

1.2. *Apologies*

R Grenside (Secretary), T Haubrick and J Arkininstall.

2. Executive Reports

2.1. *Presidents Report (K McDonald)*

Liberal stance on Youth withdrawals and absences. All minutes to be on website in a more timely fashion. Councillors to receive minutes.

2.2. *General Counsel’s Report (E Magner)*

Currently working on Oz-One project.
National Authority Regulations, report available on website. Circulate recorder guidelines to all councillors.

3. Committee Reports

3.1. *Tournament Committee Report (M Willcox)*

Complaints re: System Disclosure forms. No BBO.

3.2. *Finance Committee Report (K Crowe-Mai)*

No Report

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- 3.3. *Tournament Unit Report (E Ramshaw)*
Convenors should consult with TC re: changes. Management Committee will give a subsidy to the top five restricted teams and pairs at the Summer Festival and Gold Coast Congresses as was done this year. Encourage all bridge players to attend major tournaments.
- 3.4. *Masterpoint Centre Report (J Hansen)*
31,406 members as of 31 July 2006.
- 3.5. *Systems Committee (L Kelso)*
New regulations on website. Regulations come into force in November.
- 3.6. *Ethics Committee Report (E Magner)*
No Report.
- 3.7. *National Authority Report (E Magner)*
No Report
- 3.8. *Regulations Committee (L Kelso)*
No Report.
- 3.9. *Technology Unit Report (M Willcox)*
No Report
- 3.10. *Masterpoint Committee Report (D Anderson)*
No Report
- 3.11. *Player Liaison Committee Report (D Marler)*
PQP changes, no adverse or supportive comments.
- 3.12. *Youth Committee Report*
D McDonald and J Williams, joint coordinators to be invited to next Management Committee Meeting in Sydney.
- 3.13. *Newsletter Committee Report (A Richman)*
S Lester has signed contract.
- 3.14. *National Directors Accreditation Committee (J Brockwell)*
J Brockwell has responded to J McIlrath's request for a guide to assessment of directors.
- 3.15. *State Directors Accreditation Committee (D Cooper)*
Check on current status of State Directors. More timely feedback.
- 3.16. *Library Committee Report*
Tim Bourke and Valmai Mitchell acknowledged for their hard work.

3.17. *Governance Report (J Beddow)*
Getting role and guidelines for Governance Committee in place. All councillors received a copy of audit report. Management letter to be circulated. A need for attachment of significant documents to the MC minutes of crucial decisions that are made.

3.18. *Marketing Committee Report (R Nixon)*
No Report

4. General Business

4.1. *Oz One*
President gave history of Oz-One. Legal Counsel gave a legal brief on Oz-One. Finance Committee to investigate a higher interest rate on funds. Dispute resolutions between Oz-One and ABF to be investigated. Contract with Kokish.

4.2. *GNOP*
Grand National Open Pairs. J Brockwell and R Grenside would like to run a new Gold Point Pairs event at the Summer Festival. Qualifying heats to be held in clubs throughout the year. Support for GNOP from VIC, NT, TAS, WA, SA, with reservations from QLD and ACT. NSW are not in support.

4.3. *Letter from D Beauchamp*
D Beauchamp recently attended Verona and was disappointed at the high cost of entry to this event. Out of reach of most bridge players. Could something be done?

4.4. *Disaffiliation*
VIC recently disaffiliated a number of clubs who chose not to pay the State capitation fee. Guidelines to be drawn up re: disaffiliation and contacting the ABF. **Action RG**

4.5. *Adelaide ANC*
Entries were disappointing for the Butler. A number of side events were cancelled. Excellent job done by S Lester on the bulletin. Increased numbers at Victory Dinner. Council appreciated the hard work done by the Convenor.

4.6. *Meeting Close*
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.25 pm.