

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION INC

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PRESIDENTS

HELD ON 29th July 2011

The meeting opened at 10.00am with Keith McDonald in the chair

1. Present:

QBA:	Mr Keith McDonald (also President of ABF)
SA:	Miss Di Marler (also Secretary of ABF)
NSW:	Mr Bruce Neill
Victoria:	Mrs Jeanette Collins
WA:	Mr Nigel Dutton
ACT:	Mr Roy Nixon (also Treasurer of ABF)
TAS:	Mrs Dallas Cooper for Mr Garry Hill
NT:	Mrs Betty Mill for Mrs Alison Maynard

Observers:	Mr Kim Morrison (ABF TC Chairman) Mr John Brockwell (TO GNOT/GNOT) Mr Andrew Richman
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Apologies:	Mrs Alison Maynard (NT) Mr Garry Hills (Tasmania)
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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No meeting held in 2010, so no minutes to endorse.

3. Matters for Discussion:

(a) ABF National Calendar

Kim Morrison spoke to this topic.

- Group of 4 from the ABF TC looking at revising the ABF calendar;
- 5 years to set in place;
- Propose separating the ANC Teams and the Butler (giving the Butler a permanent home);
- Butler to append the GNOT in Tweed Heads;
- Tabled 2 pages of presentations and asked that those present take it away for review.

The Chairman thanked Kim for his presentation and asked that all comments be sent direct to Kim.

(b) Return of GNOT and GNP regional qualifying to states

John Brockwell circulated a paper detailing the history behind this policy (attached).

- KM – MC want to curtail some of the costs to the ABF associated with both events plus reducing the reliance on the Secretariat;

- GNOT – happy for States to take back the responsibility for running of the regions that fall within their borders provided that the players' interested are taken into account;
- Could consideration be given to introducing a regional competition at the ANC?
- Presidents to table proposal and return of regional qualifying issue at their MC meetings.

(c) Increase of Masterpoint Fees

The Treasurer confirmed that MP fees would rise in 2012.

(d) Proxies at future Presidents' Meetings

The chair pointed out that proxies are not normally available for these meetings, however it would be looked at on a case by case basis.

(e) Management Professional Indemnity Insurance

RN (as Treasurer of the ABF) spoke to his pre-circulated proposal for this insurance.

- Quote is for \$46,000;
- ABF MC agreed that the ABF would cover \$20,000 of the premium;
- States to share the remainder on a per club or per member basis;
- Will cover all States/Territories and clubs affiliated to those bodies;
- Presidents to take back to their States for consideration;
- Write back to the Secretary agreeing (or not) as the case maybe;
- Treasurer to then send out agreed cost breakdown.

(f) Licence Agreements

Current term of agreements will expire as of 31.12.11. Agreements to be extended on a roll over basis from 2012. ABF General Counsel preparing clause for inclusion in documents. ABF Treasurer to send out before the end of the year.

(g) Bridge for Brains

Raised to alert Presidents to the action taken by ABF MC for representative of organising body to approach states and clubs direct. Looking to change target by asking clubs to consider other activities. Primarily aimed at those clubs who do not currently participate.

(h) Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup for 2017

Australia approached by WBF to hold this event in 2017. KM advised that the ABF not prepared to commit without the backing of an independent sponsor. Anticipated cost \$1,000,000. Will keep Presidents/Councillors appraised.

(i) Masterpoint Centre

- KM confirmed to meeting that MW who will repay a significant proportion of the original development costs to ABF;
- PB working to emulate current system;
- Will set up "beta testing" and send requests to interested parties/high end users for consideration;
- Seeking input from Presidents on any anomalies that they can detect.

(j) Marketing Grants

- RN reminded Presidents that all states/territories are required to provide a written report to the Chair of the Marketing Committee covering off on total spend. No report, no cheque.
- ABF MC concerned that ABF is not necessarily getting biggest bang for their buck in some instances.
- Chair of Marketing Committee taking a closer look at this.
- Approval for payment of grants raised at the ABF AGM each year.

(k) Electronic Table Top Scorers

- Some discussion about the benefit of having these units available to state bodies for use at their national events.
- Terms and conditions to be sourced and sent to all Presidents for consideration.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 3.10pm.

The next meeting of the Presidents to be called by the Secretary of the ABF at a date to be determined.