

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At ABC, 209 Glen Osmond Rd, Frewville

26th August, 2007

Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Treasurer: Ms Deb Wellman
Committee: Ms Jill Allanson
Mr Peter Chan
Ms Sue Phillips
Mr Wayne Holder
Mr Phil Gue,
Mr Obbie Reiziger,
Mr John Zollo (proxy for Mr David Anderson)

2. Apologies: Ms Barbara Travis

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 29th April, 2007 be accepted

Moved: Peter Chan
Seconded: Obbie Reiziger
Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

The Treasurer has decided to use the Quickbooks program for SABF accounting records. Deb will liaise with previous Treasurer, John Foreman, re the change over and ensure the system is more user friendly.

5. Reports:

President's Report:

With regard to the ANOT for 2008: When checking pricing, convenience and alternative accommodation with respect to the Lakes Hotel at West Lakes, there appeared no incentive to relocate the ANOT to this venue. The President therefore recommended that the ANOT events remain at the SABA Clubrooms and the Sporting Car Club in 2008, with the understanding that facilities available to the players be improved. The President will liaise with SABA and follow up the leasing/sponsorship of a coffee machine and availability of bar facilities during the lunch breaks.

Moved: Phil Gue
Seconded: Jill Allanson
Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

As Attached

Tournament Committee:

The Tournament Committee has recommended to the MC that ‘*consideration be given to a change of format for the 2008 Women’s and Seniors Selection Trials – subject to the result of consultation.*’

The change of format under consideration will enable advertised fixed dates & times to be adhered to, with a proviso for a possible requirement for a 2nd Sunday of 2 weekends. Final places to be determined with 1st place automatic entry, 2nd – 5th to play off with 2nd having a choice of teammates.

Jill And Peter to draw up a survey to give to players who have entered the last 3 years of these events. This is to be completed by the next TC/MC meeting.

If the new format goes ahead, consideration will be given to SABA by the SABF if there is any significant detrimental financial effect of the changes.

Moved: Sue Phillips
Seconded: Wayne Holder
Motion carried

Youth:

There were 2 reports dated May 17 & July 4
As attached

ANC Manager’s Report

As attached

In David’s absence, Di elaborated on the problem that the Youth Team did not have any seating rights during the competition. It was because each team had to draw a number for each round, and SA drew the same number both times. Fortunately the other Team Captains agreed that that was unfair and agreed to give SA seating rights in the second round. Following discussion of the matters raised in the report it was agreed that in future the Manager and Assistant Manager would be responsible for 2 teams each and that further clarification was needed for Appeals procedure.

ANC Assistant Manager’s Report

It was good logistically to have all SA players staying at the same venue. All players were easily contactable and a good rate was negotiated. It was agreed that a group booking for all SA teams would again be organised for 2008 – Di to organise.

Ethics/Disciplinary Committee:

The matter arising from the 2007 Women’s Trials is continuing and scheduled to be heard 16th September.

It was confirmed that clubs are responsible for internal disciplinary matters but that the SABF Ethics Committee members would be available to assist with advice if asked. If there are matters that can’t be resolved at that level, it can be referred to the Chair of the SABF disciplinary committee, but must be in writing.

Education & Training Committee:

There are Director’s examinations going on at the present
Some matters are outstanding from the previous Chair who is interstate. Phil to continue to liaise with Gordon Henderson to resolve.

It was moved that all reports be accepted

Moved: Sue Phillips
Seconded: Wayne Holder
Motion carried

6. Correspondence

As attached

In addition an email was received from the BAWA thanking States for their contribution of hands for the simultaneous pairs competition. Barbara Travis had contributed hands on SA's behalf. Di has hand records and can provide them to clubs on request.

7. Other Business

GNOT Restricted Qualifying

22 teams had entered. The winning Team was Sam Schultz & Shane Harrison, Nathan Webber & Paul Williamson. They chose not to augment their team with another pair. As Shane & Sam are underage, their parents/guardians will be given a disclaimer to sign to formalise their consent to their participation. Paul Williamson has undertaken to act as chaperone while they are away.

SABF 2008 Calendar

Further dates have been added to the circulated calendar including Sunday 21st September 2008 at the ABC for the GNOT Regional Final. Phil indicated that he was happy if another club wished to host 2008 instead.

Jill to confirm the venue & dates for the 2008 Gold Cup.

Di to finalise the calendar & circulate for checking.

Automatic entry to Stage 2 Butler

All states have agreed to keep automatic entry requirements to the Stage 2 Butlers as it is at present. This allows the smaller states to participate.

There was discussion about SA's method of allocation of places for Stage 2. It was suggested that places be offered to those placed in the top 5 of the Women's & Open Trials & if not taken up they be offered to the top 3 in the Open Trials Qualifying.

ANC Clothing

It was agreed the clothing options worked well this year and that the same system would be used in 2008. Players to once again have a choice of one piece of clothing, but as the event is being held on the Gold Coast, polo shirts are likely to be the preference. Players would again have an option to purchase another item of clothing.

It was also agreed to have the State Team jacket presentation at an event on Sunday 15th June with a requirement that all team members attend. Participation in the ANC would be dependent on meeting the requirements as laid down by the SABF including attendance at the jacket presentation. It was proposed that team members play with a non-team member at this event.

Novice Congresses

It was agreed that the Masterpoint limit for Novice Congresses be National Master or lower.

ABF 2008 System Cards

All states have agreed to use ABF full system cards for the 2008 ANC and that all cards will be on the web in time to avoid the fine (\$220.00/card) for late submission.

It was suggested and agreed that after the SA Teams are selected, all information including the completed system cards, acceptance form, agreement to attend jacket presentation, accommodation requirements etc be completed and handed to the SABF together to streamline arrangements and that issue of any subsidy be withheld until this information is in the hands of an SABF representative.

Sydney Director's Workshop 15/16 September

A joint seminar/workshop run by the ABTA and ABDA. It was agreed to subsidise to interested representatives. The amount of subsidy will be dependent on numbers. Because of the time frame, club reps to approach potentially interested parties directly as soon as possible.

Selection procedure for 2008 state teams

Dealt with in the TC Report

Regional Qualifying

In response to a query from the President, the Convenor of the GNOT clarified certain issues concerning the eligibility of players to participate in the regional finals in their states. It was noted that whilst there are no written ABF rules available at present restricting players participating in any qualifying round at any club, eligibility of a team to represent a club in the regional or national final is dependent on their being members of the club concerned. At present it is up to individual clubs to form a policy about entry to the Regional Final for non-club members. Di to clarify at the next ABF MC meeting and John Zollo to follow up with David Anderson re Gold Point distribution rules. The cost for this year's Regional Final is \$100/team.

The final to be held at the Gawler Bridge Club on 23rd September at 10.00am.

Phil has circulated details about the 2007 GNOT Regional Final. This email also includes a roster for hosting the regional final in future years.

Meeting closed at 12.05 pm

Next meeting: Sunday 14th October 2008
Venue to be decided

