

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At SABA, 243 Young St, Unley

Sunday 13th January, 2008

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 David Anderson
Mr Graham Quinn

2. Apologies: Ms Barbara Travis, Mr Paul Walker

The President foreshadowed that Committee members will be asked to sign a Confidentiality agreement/statement regarding the discussion of confidential matters before the committee and that Andrew Hill has been asked to draw up such a document. Confidential items will be flagged before their discussion. The Committee was informed that as the minutes are widely distributed, including on the SABF website, confidential matters will be referred to in the minutes as 'in camera'. Fully detailed minutes will be held by the executive.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 14th October, 2007 be accepted

Moved: Deb Wellman

Seconded: Wayne Holder

Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

- 1) The ABF has confirmed that all players who participate in the GNOT are eligible to receive gold master points and that it is up to individual clubs to make the decision whether to accept entries from non-club members.
- 2) The venue for the 2008 Gold Cup is still to be finalised. Jill to follow up.
- 3) The 2007 Gold Cup final was not held due to an over abundance of competing events at the end of the year.
- 4) Master Points for Novice & Restricted ABF events are as per the MasterPoint manual

- 5) A Directors Workshop will be coordinated by Phil Gue and held on Sunday 18th May. Details to be discussed in 'Other Business'.
- 6) The entry fee for the 2008 GNOT Regional final will be \$100 per team payable to the SABF to offset against the cost of entry for the team to the National Final. The ABF team levy for Club qualifying events will be \$12.00. It is then up to clubs as to what their additional charges will be to cover masterpoints and other costs. Alison to write to all clubs with details.

5. Reports:

1) Treasurer's report attached

Deb to negotiate with the ATO re the fines for late BAS returns. It appears notices and reminders from the ATO have been going to a previous treasurer and not passed on. As the ATO need a street address for contact, SABA's address is now being used.

There was discussion re the need for the SABF to be registered for GST. Both recent Auditors have recommended that the SABF deregister for GST. The reporting threshold is now \$150,000.

It was moved that the SABF deregister for GST

Moved: Deb Wellman

Seconded: Graham Quinn

Motion carried

The Treasurer clarified an item from the AGM where the GNOT costs appeared higher than previously. It was because both 2006 and 2007 costs were reported in the same set of accounts.

2) Tournament committee

The entry form for the Women's Trials is ready for distribution. Session times will be finalised when entry numbers are known. A new format for the final will be used if entry numbers are greater than 14 pairs. SABA will run a Congress alongside the Women's Trials again this year, but on the Sunday, hopefully reducing the overcrowding and noise issues.

3) Youth report attached

In addition, it was reported that SA players, Shane Harrison and Sam Schultz, have won the 2007 Hills Hurley Trophy, given to young bridge players who develop strong and successful partnerships. Congratulations to Shane and Sam.

There have been problems with the transition to the new Youth Coordinator. Di is liaising with Graham Terry at SABA and hopefully all issues will be resolved. Di to report back at the next MC meeting.

4) Education and Training

A Director's workshop will provisionally be held at SABA on May 18th 1.30pm to 4.00pm. (The originally proposed date of 11th May is Mother's Day).

It is proposed to hold 2 workshops annually, one in May and one in October/November.

Phil is organising Director's exams for aspiring Club, Congress and State directors.

Jill to prepare a letter notifying clubs of the seminar in consultation with Phil.

It was moved that all reports be accepted

Moved: David Anderson

Seconded: Jill Allanson

Motion carried

6. Correspondence

As listed in the agenda

7. Other Business

- 1) Affiliation of internet bridge clubs.
ABF tournament committee to draw up a position paper. Step Bridge want to hold red point events online. ABF have permitted a limited number of these events and will strictly monitor them.
There is a directive from the ABF that clubs can only affiliate players from within their State. Thus any Internet club cannot affiliate players.
- 2) SABA have been showing payments to the SABF under 'Expenditure' in their accounts. It has been agreed with SABA that the SABF is not an 'expenditure' but that the relationship is contained within a Memorandum of Agreement. If SABF costs are expressed as an expenditure, then SABA must also declare the income from the SABF. SABA to correct at their next AGM.
- 3) 2008 Calendar is ready for distribution and is already on the website.
- 4) Ron Klinger has requested information on costs associated with advertising his website on our website, flyers and newsletters.
Di to reply asking for more details, and to contact the ABF and other States to determine their position in these matters.
- 5) Masterpoint Centre Project
Di is the new coordinator of the project on behalf of the ABF. The ABF will change nothing in the short term re use of software for MasterPoints. The ABF will pick up any costs associated with the proposed new software in the future. Any questions/problems to be referred to Di.

The committee thanked SABA for the use of their clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Next meeting Sunday 16th March, 2008 at SABA, subject to confirmation