

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At SABA, 243 Young St, Unley

10.30am 16th March, 2008

Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Treasurer: Ms Deb Wellman
Committee: Mr Peter Chan
Ms Sue Phillips
Ms Barbara Travis
Mr Phil Gue
Mr Graham Quinn
Mr David Anderson
Mr Paul Walker

2. Apologies: Ms Jill Allanson, Mr Wayne Holder

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 13th January, 2008 be accepted

Moved: Graham Quinn

Seconded: Phil Gue

Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

- 1) Andrew Hill is still working on the confidentiality agreement/statement for MC members.
- 2) Phil Gue continues to work on the Directors' exam and will have it ready by the new date of the Directors' Seminar on Sunday 20th April. (Not 18th May as in the minutes of 13th January).
- 3) Lines of communication with the new Youth Coordinator, Phil Sellars, have been established.
- 4) Ron Klinger has suggested a quid pro quo arrangement in return for including a link to his website on the SABF website. He will reciprocate with hands for newsletters etc. This arrangement has been accepted. It was also agreed that we would put up any other links appropriate to bridge on the website with approval from the Management Committee.

- 5) Jill is to finalise entry forms and flyers for the PABF/Gold Cup to be held as a 1 day event on Sunday May 18th. David to confirm the Masterpoint distribution for this event.
- 6) Alison to liaise with Di regarding distribution of information to clubs about the GNOT qualifying costs and Regional Final date/venue and cost.

5. Reports:

Youth report as attached

There was discussion on the lack of youth players at present and potential problems for SA in fielding a Youth Team to the ANC. It was suggested that SA may send players to play in the Colts instead. The Committee will decide after the SA Youth Trials in April.

President's Report

The President gave a verbal report.

- 1) Several incidents have been referred to the Ethics Committee. Recommendations will be directed to the MC prior to any action being taken.
- 2) It was confirmed that appeals to the Management Committee of the SABF can only be made on the basis that the procedure of an appeal was not followed correctly - not on the appeal result.
- 3) There was discussion about whether some appeals should be directed to the ABF. The committee was informed that the ABF would automatically pass them back to the relevant state body anyway.
- 4) There was also discussion about timing of hearing appeals – late at night following State events. It was suggested that appeals should be held at a more appropriate and convenient time and agreed that they would be held at 7pm the following week prior to the competition that night (specific to State events held Thursday nights at SABA). It was also agreed that the Appeals Chair would be available and have panel members available on the last night of a competition.
- 5) There was further discussion as to whether all parties to the appeal should be present at the same time and not interviewed separately as is the current practice.
- 6) Phil to look at the current appeals procedure and report back to the MC by email. The MC will then ratify any changes by email.
- 7) The procedure will then be forwarded to the Appeals Chair (Rex Whitford), put on notice boards and a summary put on the appeals form.
- 8) Di to liaise with the ABF as to the suitability of the paragraph on appeals in the SABF Constitution.
- 9) The ABF has made available at no charge copies of Cathy Chua's 'The History of Australian Bridge'. Affiliated clubs have been notified and offered a copy/s. The ABF have asked Cathy if she would be willing to bring the book up to date.
- 10) The SABF now has official SABF certificates for accreditation of Directors at all levels. The first two have been sent out.
- 11) Phil has confirmed the procedure for marking Director's exams. He will mark the paper and David Anderson will review it.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) The Treasurer gave a verbal report

- 2) The balances in the SABF bank accounts as at 19th February, 2008 are \$5160.83 and \$13,262.52.
- 3) The ATO has confirmed that the SABF will complete this financial year as registered for the GST but will not be registered for the GST after that. It has also waived any fines.
- 4) There was discussion on the ramifications of this on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SABA. David to give financial details to Deb. The MOA is due to be renegotiated and this will need to be taken into account.

It was moved that all reports be accepted

Moved: Paul Walker

Seconded: Barbara Travis

Motion carried

6. Correspondence
As listed in the Agenda

7. Other Business

- 1) There was discussion on the necessity for State Directors to direct at least 1 State event /year to maintain accreditation and whether they should be required to also direct other events throughout the year.
- 2) Di gave a reminder that all appeals in State events should be copied to the MC so that a spreadsheet record could be kept. David to follow up.
- 3) It was decided that a roster of directors for State events would be drawn up and all State Level and above directors be asked to do a share of Thursday night events. It was decided that it was not necessary for them to direct a whole event if a suitable replacement could be found.
- 4) There was discussion on matters raised in correspondence by Ken Hocking relevant to the MC. The matters were discussed and Phil is to follow up on the first matter raised. Di to write to Ken Hocking on the second matter. Other matters raised had already been referred to the Ethics committee.
- 5) It was confirmed that the SABF Councillors to the ABF for 2008 are Carolyn Leach (continuing) and Di Marler.
- 6) David reported that Phil Sellars will direct the GNOT qualifying event and is on his way towards gaining State Director status. David to report back.
- 7) Advertising in the Yellow pages and Advertiser was not considered to be appropriate. Alison to investigate the costs of an advert and advertorial in Messenger Newspapers.
- 8) It was agreed that it was not necessary for players entering the GNP Regional final to commit to playing in the final.
- 9) Phil Gue was congratulated in attaining National Level 1 unrestricted Director status.
- 10) Letters of congratulations and offers to participate in the ANC as SA representatives to go to the following:-

Open:

Paul Hudson & Jo Haffer

Justin Williams & Philip Markey

Luke Matthews and John Zollo

Women's

Ann Clarke & Linda Babiszewski

Heather Motteram & Wendy Andrews

Barbara & Lauren Travis

- 11) Di advised that she has block booked apartment style accommodation for the SA Teams at a good rate. This will ease organisation and communication issues when the teams are away.
- 12) Applications for Team Manager and Assistant Manager will be invited after the Seniors Trials in April.

Meeting closed at 12.20pm

Next meeting: To be advised