

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At 4 Martin Ave, Fitzroy

Tuesday 6th October, 2009

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Treasurer: Ms Deb Wellman
Committee: Mr Peter Chan
Mr Paul Walker
Ms Jill Allanson
Mr David Anderson
Mr Obbie Reizeger

Apologies: Ms Barbara Travis, Ms Sue Phillips

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 9th August, 2009 be accepted

Moved: Paul Walker

Seconded: Peter Chan

Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

- 1) The SABF endorsed payment of a subsidy to both Sue Phillips and Eric Stacey who will be attending the Directors Seminar in Brisbane in October. The ABDA will provide a subsidy of \$400.00 with a further \$200 per attendee being paid by the SABF.
- 2) There was discussion regarding an anomaly in the SABF Constitution, which currently states that a club must have a minimum of 16 members to vote at the AGM but is silent on the issue of voting at Management Committee meetings. It was agreed that to maintain consistency, a club must also have a minimum of 16 members to vote at the MC. The matter will be raised at the AGM. The President to speak to Bridge in the Hills re the issue. The Secretary will foreshadow this change to the Constitution when sending out the paperwork regarding the AGM.
- 3) As the ABF now has a large quantity of BridgeMates available for use by the licensees of their event, they have suggested that the Tournament Organisers of the ANOT may like to consider their use in 2010. The cost for rental, postage, insurance etc to be provided by Sean Mullamphy prior

to any decision regarding their use made by the SABF MC. There may be a technical problem if the ANOT is run again in 2 venues – David Anderson to follow up.

- 4) The date of the Women's Trials Final for 2010 has been changed from the proposed date of 20/21 Feb to March 26, 27, 28th.

5. Reports:

Directors' Seminar Report was circulated

The Report was taken as read

President's Report was circulated

- 1) Following a recent problem with the appeals process, multiple copies of the Appeals Procedure and Appeals Form are to be made available for the Appeals chairman (Rex Whitford) to hand out as/when required.
- 2) The MC to check the 2010 SABF calendar and confirm dates to the President by 16th October so it can be published and a number of copies made available to clubs in printed format.
- 3) SA is due to host the ANC in 2014. There was discussion on whether SA may consider withdrawing from the rotation. Logistical support and funding were the prime considerations for this possibility. Further discussion to take place prior to notification to the ABF being made.

Treasurer's Report was circulated

- 1) It was suggested that the Treasurer investigate alternative banking arrangements. Interest paid and fees charged at current bank seemed to be above those offered elsewhere. The Treasurer to follow up and liaise with David Anderson.

Tournament Committee Report

David gave a verbal report.

- 1) Confirmed that the playoff points awarded to any successful ANC team would be 40 per player (based on a 6 person team). This decision will be included in the SABF Tournament Regulations immediately.
- 2) It was further decided that the Tournament Regulations also be altered to state that play off points may be carried over from 1st Stage to 2nd Stage of the State Teams if a majority of players in a team play in both stages.

Youth Report was circulated

The Report was taken as read.

- 1) It was noted that unfortunately only one player turned up for the 1st Friday night Youth evening.

It was moved that all reports be accepted

Moved: Jill Allanson
Seconded: Obbie Reiziger
Motion carried

6. Correspondence

- 1) The ABF confirmed that issues of bridge ethics and disciplinary action are the responsibility of the States.
- 2) It was agreed that the SABF would recommend to affiliated clubs that they adopt the SABA rule as stated in the SABA October newsletter in dealing with psyches and light openings. It was further agreed that

players should be encouraged to call the Director should such a situation arise.

- 3) The ABF stated that there should be no alteration to the dealing program for all masterpointed events.
- 4) The Secretary will respond to the parties to both letters received regarding the issues surrounding an incident during the Open Trials Qualifying on 11 September 2009.
- 5) The MC agreed to provide funding for the further education of a director. This training to take the form of enhanced management skills. The Treasurer offered to follow up and action this matter.

7. Other Business

- 1) MC members to check the proposed advert for an ANC Coaching coordinator and report to The Secretary prior to it being posted and circulated.
- 2) The Treasurer volunteered to check the SABF website and keep it up to date.
- 3) There was discussion on ways to improve the SABF mixed pairs currently being run on Monday nights. Entries have been disappointingly low and there have been complaints about the seating protocol. There was discussion on the feasibility of running the event as a Swiss Pairs. The TC to follow up
- 4) ABDA has published information on Code of Ethics and Procedural Principles for Tournament Directors. It was agreed to include this in the Directors folder to be given to Directors employed by the SABF. The Directors folder will contain the ABDA Procedures, SABF TC regulations, Appeals Procedures and Form and Computing Manual. DA to coordinate.
- 5) The format for the 2010 Women's and Seniors' Trials is now ratified and ready for distribution.
- 6) There was discussion on the position of Masterpoint Secretary should the current incumbent not continue as Manager at SABA next year. It was agreed to continue to pay SABA \$3000 (if the "new" manager is a suitable candidate to carry out the role) and that the SABF will need to advertise the position. The President will follow up on this.
- 7) There was discussion on the need for the SABF to establish a clear line of accountability for SABF Directors in dealing with bridge matters. It was agreed that the Chair of the TC will be the person to liaise between the Directors, MC and the SABF. This is to be clearly stated in the Directors folder.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: AGM Tuesday 8/12/09, 7.30pm at SABA