

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At SABA, 243 Young St, Unley

9th August, 2009

Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Committee: Mr Peter Chan
Mr Paul Walker
Mr Graham Quinn
Ms Sue Phillips
Ms Barbara Travis

2. Apologies: Mr James Staiff, Ms Jill Allanson, Ms Deb Wellman,
Mr David Anderson

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 30th May, 2009 be accepted

Moved: Graham Quinn
Seconded: Peter Chan
Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

- 1) The ABF have advised that there are no minimum numbers per se necessary for a club to become affiliated. Rather the issue concerned the running of masterpointed sessions of bridge. Following a discussion between the President and the proprietor of the club, it was agreed that Bridge in the Hills remain affiliated this year and the matter be reviewed in the future.
- 2) Committee members were reminded about the ABF review into the ANC and asked to pass on comments to the Secretary who would collate/summarise them in time to be presented to the ABF by 19th September 2009.

5. Reports:

- 1) The President's Report was contained in the ANC Manager's Report and other matters were addressed in the body of these minutes.
- 2) The Treasurer reported verbally via the President that the Melbourne account holds \$24,827.00 and the Adelaide account \$2,100.00 after payment of ANC costs. The only major future cost is likely to be around \$2,400.00 for the entry fee for teams for the GNP Regional Final. A more detailed report will be provided to the next meeting. It was noted that the Treasurer has recently had her computer stolen and therefore had difficulty in providing a detailed report at this time.
- 3) All 4 ANC Captains' Reports and the combined ANC Manager and Assistant Manager's Report were tabled and accepted as read.

6. Correspondence

- 1) As listed in the agenda
- 2) A 'thank you' card was received from Angela Norris for the free lessons recently funded by the SABF for schoolchildren and held at SABA.
- 3) Approval was given to Sue Phillips to subsidise her attendance at the Directors' Course at the QCBC at the end of October. There was further discussion re providing funding for more attendees from SA. The President will follow up on the exact amount of subsidy available from ABDA.
It was moved that the SABF approve Sue Phillip's application and also offer up to \$200 per person for up to 3 other suitably experienced candidates (total of 4) to attend the Directors' course at the QCBC at the end of October.

Moved **Graham Quinn**
Seconded **Paul Walker**
Motion carried

Details to be circulated to all affiliated clubs.

- 4) There was discussion on the issues raised in the undated letter from Judy Hocking, copies of which had been hand-delivered to some committee members in June. It was agreed that the Secretary respond in line with the instructions given by those members of the committee present at the meeting.
- 5) There was discussion on the possible use of BridgeMates at the ANOT as proposed by the ABF. David Anderson will follow up on the efficacy and liaise with Di.
- 6) It was pleasing to note that 27 entries were received to date for the SABF Directors' Seminar being held on 13th September. It was noted that the maximum numbers would have to be set at 35 for logistical reasons. The Committee thanked Sue Phillips for her efforts in coordinating this Seminar.

It was moved that the correspondence be accepted

Moved: **Graham Quinn**
Seconded: **Paul Walker**
Motion carried

7. Other Business

- 1) There was discussion about running more youth workshops on a regular basis and on regular preset days to allow for forward planning eg monthly/3 monthly. It was suggested that youth players be canvassed re their interest and time/day preference. It was agreed that there would be no charge but that enough players need to commit to a session before it would be run. The President will follow up with the SABF Youth Coordinator.
- 2) There was discussion on the SABF funding an ANC Coaching Coordinator to improve the quality of bridge representation from mainly the women and youth players at the ANC. It was agreed an ongoing program was needed and that the Coordinator should be a respected bridge player. The Committee agreed to allocate an honorarium of \$2000 per annum to try and attract a suitable candidate. The President to formulate an advertisement and pre circulate it to the committee prior to distribution.
So moved:
Moved: **Barbara Travis**
Seconded: **Peter Chan**
Motion carried
- 3) There was again discussion on the format of a non disclosure document.
It was moved that the President prepare a statement along the lines agreed to be read out at the beginning of every MC meeting and recorded in the minute.

Moved: Barbara Travis
Seconded: Sue Phillips

Motion carried

- 4) The proposal by the TC for the format of the Women's and Seniors State selection trials for 2010 was discussed.

It was moved that to be eligible to go straight into the Final of either event, either

- (a) both members of the partnership should have Open Playoff points for the previous year, or*
- (b) both members of the partnership should have played in the previous year's State Team.*

All other pairs in the respective finals can only get there through qualification via the Butler Swiss Pairs event, to be held on Saturday February 13th 2010 (Women) and a date to be decided for the Seniors.

The top 3 placegetters in the Butler Swiss Pairs event will be guaranteed a place in the Final and offered a 50% reduction in the entry fee for the Final. Other places in the final will be taken up by those placed from 4th up to the number of places required to complete the field.

Should a pair with automatic entry to the final wish to enter the Butler Swiss Pairs, their position in the final will not be jeopardised if they do not place high enough to earn a position in the Final. If they place in the top 3 however, they will be offered the discounted fee for the Final but will not be considered for a place in the Final from the Butler Swiss Pairs.

Each Final shall take the form of a round robin for 10 pairs, with 16 board matches, played over Friday night, Saturday and then Sunday.

The Women's Final will be on March 26th to 28th, the Seniors' April 16th – 18th

Moved: Barbara Travis
Seconded: Peter Chan

Motion carried

- 5) It was agreed to refer the issue of Play Off Points for any winning team at the ANC to the TC for further consideration and discussion and recommendation back to the MC.
- 6) There was discussion on the difficulty some MC members have with weekend meetings. It was agreed to trial alternating meeting days between Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Therefore please note the next meeting date.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm

Next meeting: **Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 7.30pm 4 Martin Ave, Fitzroy SA**

