

# SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

## MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

At SABA, 243 Young St, Unley

10 30am Sunday 15th March, 2009

Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler  
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon  
Committee: Mr Peter Chan  
Ms Sue Phillips  
Mr Paul Walker  
Mr Evan Allanson  
Mr David Anderson  
Mr Graham Quinn

Observer: Ms Carolyn Leach

Apologies: Ms Deb Wellman

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

*It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2009 be accepted*

**Moved: Paul Walker**

**Seconded: Peter Chan**

**Motion carried**

3. Matters Arising:

1) Bidding Boxes

4 sets of bidding boxes have been purchased at a price of \$45 per set.

1 set of left handed boxes are still to be purchased

The boxes will be available for practice matches and it was suggested that the State Teams practice with them prior to the ANC.

2) Sub Committees

It was confirmed that David Lusk will run the new Directors' course in May but that we still need a presenter for the director's seminar scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> April.

It was agreed to send a notification to all clubs re the new Director's course in May.

Barbara Travis, Graham Quinn, Paul Walker and David Anderson have offered to serve on the Tournament Committee (TC). It was agreed that all relevant matters would be referred to the TC for discussion and they would forward a recommendation to the MC. Hopefully, this will reduce

the time needed to be spent on such matters at MC meetings.

It has already been agreed to establish a Disciplinary Sub Committee on a case by case basis.

3) Bridge coaching sessions

Only 4 clubs replied to the email re the offer of coaching sessions – 3 were in favour of the idea. In view of the limited response, it was decided to hold over the proposal till next year.

It was suggested that Ron Klinger might be the appropriate person to run these sessions since he already has a couple of bridge trips to SA each year.

It was also suggested that exhibition matches on BBO may be a good idea.

4) Open Trials Final

There was an alteration to that recorded in the last set of minutes re the selection of pairs playing in the Open State Teams Final. The pairs qualified to play in the Open State Teams Final were selected according to PQP's and it was agreed to run a 14 pairs final. It has been agreed by email that in future, all qualified participants would be encouraged to nominate. Nomination would not guarantee acceptance but failure to nominate would indicate disinterest in participation in the Final.

4. Reports:

No written reports were received

Youth

Di reported that Joel Gue was now Chair of the Youth Committee and Barbara Travis confirmed that she and Phil Markey had agreed to mentor the youth. Joel has confirmed to Di that the Youth would run a trial alongside the Seniors' for the State Team selection, and they would use the Seniors' averages. The first 3 places past the post would make up the Youth State Team.

Di to follow up with Joel re liaising with David Anderson re the running of this event.

Seniors

There was concern expressed and discussion re the lack of entries to date for the Seniors' Trials. It was hoped that this would improve after the completion of the Open Trials Final.

5. Correspondence

As listed in the agenda.

- 1) Discussions with SABA re the wording of the proposed Non Disclosure document are continuing.
- 2) The letter re the women's trial selection procedure has been forwarded to the new TC
- 3) Deb will follow up on the paperwork regarding the alteration of payment method for Masterpoints etc.
- 4) There has been a request for 6 bridge books so far in response to the offer from the Bridge Shop.
- 5) A letter was received after the agenda was prepared from Eric Stacey re the Director's Exam. David Anderson agreed to mark the exam. Di to follow up with Eric.

- 6) The Unley Council has not yet formally responded re the relaxation of parking restrictions for the ANOT. Di to follow up.

*It was moved that all correspondence be accepted*

**Moved:** **Graham Quinn**

**Seconded:** **Barbara Travis**

**Motion carried**

6. Other Business

1) FABCV complaint re situation in Victoria

Di gave a brief summary of the situation.

Extensive paperwork re this situation has already been circulated to the MC. Carolyn Leach is the other SA rep on the ABF Council due to meet 28<sup>th</sup> March where this issue will be discussed and attended this MC meeting in that capacity. Nick Beaumont (FABCV) and Jeanette Collins (VBA) have been invited to the ABF meeting 28 March.

Di summarised the situation as there being 3 options for SA at the ABF AGM:

- 1) Abstain
- 2) Ask the ABF to listen to both sides
- 3) Ask the ABF to take action to remove the VBA as the body controlling State Bridge in Vic. Legal advice obtained by the ABF has advised that that was not possible.

There was much discussion on the issue and it was agreed that the model used for state bridge here in SA has worked. It was also agreed that State Bridge needs a 'home' and as such, the MOA between SABA and the SABF has provided that.

It was agreed our council reps would vote 'no' for Option 3.

It was agreed that Victoria be encouraged to look at other structures similar to that in SA with a view to implementing such a structure in Victoria.

It was Di's feeling that the ABF affiliates (the States) want the 2 parties in Victoria to mediate and sort out this long running problem in Victoria.

*It was moved that it was the feeling of the MC that the SA reps vote against direct intervention by the ABF and that both parties be strongly encouraged to participate in mediation.*

**Moved:** **Paul Walker**

**Seconded:** **Peter Chan**

**Motion carried**

2) Disciplinary By Laws

Phil Markey is assisting with preparing Disciplinary By Laws for the SABF. He has looked at those used by other State Bridge Bodies and will draw up structures & procedures. These will be sent to all affiliated clubs for comment prior to presentation at the SABF AGM. They will form part of the SABF Constitution.

3) SABF Image

There was discussion about the perceived image of the SABF and that

there had been some misinformation regarding the origin of decisions reached by the SABF. It was agreed that David Smyth be approached for help with improving the profile of the SABF and its members and communication of the decision making process etc.

4) Women's State Team

The Women's State Team for 2009 is:

Jill Allanson & Jill Lawson

Alison Fallon & Barbara Marrett

Ann Clarke and Linda Babiszewski

**Meeting closed at 12.30pm**

**Next meeting: Proposed date Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**To be confirmed**