

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 30th November, 2010 at 7.30pm

At – Fullarton Park Centre, 411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton SA

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Treasurer: Ms Deb Wellman
Affiliates: Mr Peter Chan (SABA)
Ms Carolyn Leach (SABA)
Mr Colin Norton (Bridge in the City)
Mr Paul Walker (Gawler)
Ms Jill Allanson (Bridge in the Barossa)
Mr David Anderson (Reynella)
Mr Peter Teubner (Glenelg)

Observers: Mr Phil Markey (SABF legal advisor), Mr John Zollo,
Mr Graham Terry, Ms Sue Phillips, Mr David Lusk

Apologies: Mr Phil Gue (Adelaide Bridge Centre)

The President confirmed that all Observers would be given speaking rights at this meeting.

Peter Chan confirmed he carried all SABA votes for the purpose of this meeting

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 9th December, 2009 be accepted

Moved: Deb Wellman

Seconded: Paul Walker

Motion carried

4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

5. Reports:

Reports were received and pre circulated from the President, Treasurer, Auditor, Youth Coordinator, Director Education Coordinator and the President in the capacity of ABF Councillor. The President of the Tournament Committee gave a verbal report.

All reports were taken as read.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Peter Chan asked about the items included in 'marketing funds'. The Treasurer reported that costs associated with Youth initiatives, Director's courses, ANC coaching and website coordination were all included in the marketing expenditure.
The President confirmed that no club had been refused funds for marketing or advertising and that funds were distributed according to application from the club concerned, following ratification by the management committee.
Amounts were usually up to \$500 per club.
It was agreed that in future, those items and any others would be identified under sub-headings within marketing expenditure in Quickbooks.
The President informed the meeting that ABF funding for marketing was contingent on them receiving an annual report detailing the use of the funds. The ABF Treasurer has commended the SABF on their reports.
- 2) Peter Chan questioned the amounts the President and Secretary have available for their use under Petty Cash.
The Treasurer reported that she had records of all expenditure and the President asked that the figure for petty cash be reduced substantially in the future.
- 3) Peter Chan questioned whether the SABF needed to re register for GST. The Treasurer reported that she was in contact with the ATO regarding this issue since the SABF occasionally records an annual income slightly over the \$100,000 threshold. She confirmed (following advice) that if the SABF's income regularly increases, potentially due to an increase in ANOT revenue, it will re register. The ATO allows leeway for a couple of years as they understand the variable nature of income in such organisations.
- 4) Peter Chan suggested that the SABF should have an Asset Register. The Treasurer reported that she has a list of assets which is limited to card tables & cloths, cards, dealing machine & a printer. All are in storage and available to be loaned/hired to affiliated clubs for congresses etc.
Peter Chan asked that an 'asset register' be included in future reports from the Treasurer to the AGM.

Tournament Committee

It was agreed to discuss items raised in this report which concerned the seniors' & women's selection trials and the GNOT restricted category be addressed in the following Management Committee meeting and at future TC meetings.

Youth Report

- 1) The Treasurer asked that more accurate figures be made available in the receipts from the 2 fundraising events as there was a discrepancy in the reported takings and money banked after the issuing of further subsidies to Youth players. The Treasurer to follow up.
- 2) There was discussion on whether the existing youth management structure was working. Phil Markey spoke in favour of continuing with the concept as he is in personal contact with several aspiring youth players and feels things will improve. It was agreed to continue with the arrangement for the time being.
- 3) Bridge in the Barossa reported that they have a couple of aspiring youth players and that they would be happy to hold youth events there.

ABF Councillors' Report

- 1) Peter Teubner requested, and was given clarification, on the Victorian Bridge administration issue.
- 2) There was discussion on whether the SABF would follow the lead of the ABF and waive their affiliation fees for 2011. David Anderson reported that there would be administrative difficulties with this as the SABF does not have access to the ABF records of individual players' affiliation, just total numbers per club.

It was moved that capitation fees remain at \$5.50 per head and that billing of clubs remains at March and September

Moved: Deb Wellman
Seconded: Peter Teubner
Motion carried

Auditor's Report

It was moved that Peter Hodgetts (FPNA) be re elected as Auditor

Moved: Deb Wellman
Seconded: Jill Allanson
Motion carried

It was moved that all reports be accepted

Moved Jill Allanson
Seconded Colin Norton
Motion carried

6. Other Business

Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee

- 1) The President declared all positions vacant.
- 2) Graham Terry and Peter Chan informed the meeting that proper procedure had not been followed in that a list of nominees for the executive positions should have been circulated 28 days before the AGM and they were only circulated 7- 14 days prior to the meeting.
- 3) Jill Allanson informed the meeting that in organisations such as the SABF, the meeting was usually more than happy to accept nominations from the floor at the meeting itself. The meeting agreed to accept the nominations.
- 4) The President advised that there was only one nomination for each of the Executive positions. All nominees were therefore re elected.

Executive:

Dianne Marler President
Alison Fallon Secretary
Deb Wellman Treasurer

Club Representatives on the Management Committee:

Peter Chan (SABA)
Carolyn Leach (SABA)

Paul Walker (Gawler)
Jill Allanson (Bridge in Barossa)
Sue Phillips (Bridge in the City)
Graham Quinn (Glenelg)
David Anderson (Reynella)

Discussion of the Constitution

- 1) A copy of the Constitution has finally been obtained from the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs and copies were circulated. It was confirmed that the copy held by the OCA was the one lodged in 2000 and out of date. Phil Markey confirmed that any motions or changes passed since then are therefore unconstitutional.
- 2) The President gave an overview of the issues leading to the need for a review of the Constitution, including but not limited to voting issues, and called for all affiliated clubs to make themselves aware of the issues and the Constitution.
- 3) It was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to look at all aspects of the Constitution.
- 4) SABA submitted a pre circulated motion:
That the SABF establish a Constitutional Review Working Party consisting of one member of the SABF Executive (Convenor), one member appointed by SABA and at least two members from other Associates. The Working Party may seek advice from other SABF members and shall report to the SABF Management Committee by July 1st, 2011.

Moved: Peter Chan
Seconded: Peter Teubner
Motion carried

- 5) The Secretary is to contact all affiliated clubs and call for members interested in serving on the Working Party.
- 6) Phil Markey agreed to act as legal advisor to the Working Party.
- 7) The President asked that all clubs look at the Constitution and formulate those changes that they would like considered by the Working Party.
- 9) Peter Chan asked that Terms of Reference for the Working Party be established.

It was agreed that it was not necessary to have formal Terms of Reference as the whole Constitution needed reviewing.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm