

SA BRIDGE FEDERATION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At Adelaide Bridge Centre, 209 Glen Osmond Rd, Frewville

7TH February, 2006

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

1.. Present:

President: Ms Dianne Marler
Secretary: Ms Alison Fallon
Treasurer: Mr John Foreman
Committee: Ms Jill Allanson
Mr Phil Gue
Mr David Anderson
Mr Obbie Reiziger
Mr Peter Chan
Ms Sue Phillips
Ms Barbara Travis
Mr Wayne Holder

2. Apologies: There were no apologies

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 22nd November, 2005 be accepted

Moved: Phil Gue
Seconded: Obbie Reiziger
Motion carried

4. Matters Arising:

- 1) The MOA has now been agreed between the SABF and the SABA. The President, Dianne Marler, informed the meeting that David Smythe and Andrew Hill had been party to all negotiations between the SABF and SABA and that the other tenderers had agreed to withdraw their respective tenders and had been informed of the outcome of the negotiations with the newly elected SABA Management Committee.
- 2) Agreement has been reached between the SABF and SABA re the hosting of the ANOT. SABA will host the ANOT this year (2006) and in 2008. David Anderson (SABA) and Dianne Marler (SABF) are co convenors of the 2006 ANOT. It was reported that after negotiating with the Sporting Car Club a very good daily hire rate of \$150.00 had been reached with the only additional costs being for the hire of their barman and purchase of a liquor licence so that players could purchase a drink at the end of play and enjoy some nibbles

A new event, the Womens' Swiss Pairs, is planned to run alongside the Seniors' Swiss Pairs prior to the ANOT and will offer Playoff Qualifying Points.

The SABF does not at present have the ability to accept credit card payments, so it was agreed that SABA would accept all entries and put the associated credit card charges into the ANOT budget.

John Foreman is to investigate setting up credit card facilities for the SABF in time for the ANC this year.

Phil Gue is to investigate the possibility of putting direct debit details on the entry forms.

- 3) The 2006 SABF program has been distributed to all clubs. The SABF is happy to distribute separately details of club's sessions if required.
- 4) An ANC organising committee meeting is planned for Sunday 26th Feb. The winner of the ANC logo competition is Judith Durbridge from Adelaide with a stylised drawing of St Peters cathedral. It was noted that master points from the 2005 ANC were not yet out. Dianne Marler is to raise the issue at the ABF AGM. Clubs are to be invited to sponsor a 2-session event and to assist on the hospitality desk. There was discussion about the nature of the side events at the ANC and that clubs may like to sponsor restricted events. It was clarified that non affiliated clubs will also be invited to participate in the ANC. Dianne Marler to liaise with David Anderson and anyone else interested about the ANC program and any changes/ improvements that can be made.

5. Reports:

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers report was tabled for information, comment and discussion. It is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer noted that the report was an interim report since some documentation was yet to be included.

It was suggested that ANC expenses should be removed from the running account and a separate ANC expense account be established

It was moved that an independent account for the 2006 ANC be established and a float of \$10,000.00 be deposited.

Moved: Jill Allanson

Seconded: Barbara Travis

Motion carried

It was moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted

Moved: Obbie Reiziger

Seconded: Barbara Travis

Motion carried

6. Correspondence

- a) The new club at Mt Gambier (Blue Lake Contract Bridge Club) has incorporated and applied for affiliation with the SABF and ABF, which has been accepted.

An email of welcome from Keith McDonald, President of the ABF was sent to the new club.

Gordon Henderson will be visiting them to train Directors and provide help with scoring, software and Master Points.

- b) Letters inviting all clubs to participate in the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge have been sent. St Vincent's have offered a donation of \$200.00 and the new Blue Lake Club are interested in running an event.
- c) The Open and Women's Playoffs will be held at the Hakoah club, Bondi on March 23-27, 2006.
- d) The SABF has supported in principle an initiative from StepBridge Australia to establish a bridge competition on the internet between all clubs.

7. Other Business

- a) Phil Gue's tenure as ABF councillor representing SA expires in March 2006. Phil indicated that he was unwilling to continue. Nick Croft's tenure expires March 2007. SABA has notified the SABF that Freya Wilson will replace Nick from 2006 to the end of tenure in March 2007.

It was moved that Dianne Marler be the ABF Councillor representing SA With Barbara Travis to ask as alternate

Moved: Obbie Reiziger

Seconded: John Foreman

Motion carried

- b) The following members were ratified as Chairpersons of the SABF sub-committees:

Tournament	Jill Allanson
Education/training	Gordon Henderson
Youth	David Lusk is happy to continue for the present but will step down when a replacement can be found
National events	Dianne Marler
Auditor	Milford Management Services
Legal	Andrew Hill
Ethics	Andrew Hill
Appeals	Dianne Marler to liaise with Greg argent to see if he is willing to continue
Recorders	Steve Geddes, Ann Clarke, Linda Alexander

- c) The new web page editor is Ann Brennan. It was suggested that the SABF fund her conversion to Broadband (approx \$29.95/month) since the SABF will get great use of the web page, particularly this year.

Committee members are able to send Ann any item that they wish to have displayed on the SABF web page. Ann will liaise with Dianne re any questions about suitability.

- d) Dianne to check with the ABF re their charges to the SABF to place items on the ABF web page.
- e) It was noted that the psyche register is not generally available to Directors at events run away from the SABA club rooms. There was discussion about the issue of psyching, the psyche register and the definition of protected pairs. There was concern that psyching may deter less experienced players from entering Congresses and the like. The matter was referred to the Tournament Committee.
- f) Jill Allanson to circulate the dates for the Director's Course.
- g) There was a suggestion for an interclub competition, pairs or teams, to be rotated through different clubs' rooms. Peter Chan and Sue Phillips to develop the idea and forward a proposal to Alison Fallon.
- h) A proposal was foreshadowed that the Tournament Committee be ratified to make administrative decisions without the need to refer to the Management Committee.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Next meeting:

Tournament Committee 9.30am
Management Committee 11.00am

Sunday, 2nd April
Adelaide Bridge Centre
209 Glen Osmond Rd, Frewville
Prior to the running of the Sunday session of the Gold Cup Teams