

# **SA BRIDGE FEDERATION**

## **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday 23 May 2015**

### **South Australian Bridge Association**

Meeting opened at 9.30 am

#### **1. Present:**

President: Tim O'Loughlin  
Treasurer: Paul Walker  
Committee: David Parrott  
Bob Clarke  
Maureen Wilson  
David Anderson  
Jinny Fuss  
Lauren Travis  
Sue Phillips

**2. Apologies:** Margaret Walters, Jill Allanson, Phil Gue

**3. Observers:** None

#### **4. Statement of Non-Disclosure**

The meeting confirmed that discussions at the meeting were not to be disclosed.

#### **5. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 15 April were accepted with the addition of the decision made at the 15 April meeting to provide \$300 and \$700 in marketing grants to the Gawler and Barossa bridge clubs respectively.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

Sue Phillips asked for consideration to be given to changing the date for the State-Wide Pairs to avoid a clash with the Spring Nationals. The Committee agreed to consider this at its next meeting as Phil Gue is expected to be there.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the committee prior to the meeting. Paul Walker advised that there was a healthy surplus in place but this would reduce as a consequence of ANC expenses and some payments left over from the ANOT. The overall position is that the SABF is travelling on budget or better.

#### **8. Tournament Committee's report**

There was no report from the Committee but David Anderson tabled a paper headed "Tournament Matters".

The first item concerned the impact on the current Swiss pairs Championship of at least 14 of the competing players also playing in the VCC and the lack of available substitutes.

The Committee resolved to accept David's proposal that:

- On June 4th, hold the first night of the ANC Swiss Pairs

- On June 11th have the final night of the current event (the Swiss Pairs).
- State Teams Phase I to commence a week later than scheduled, on 18/6, other dates to be 25/6, 2/7, 9/7 & 30/7
- The ANC Swiss Pairs will now be held on 4/6, 16/7 & 23/7.

The Committee also resolved that:

- Next year's SABF program would be prepared on the assumption that the VCC would continue to attract SA players in sufficient numbers to warrant avoiding a clash between the VCC and one of the SABF's multi-week events
- The Committee would consider making ad hoc changes to the Program in the event of any interstate tournament attracting 10 or more of the regular Thursday night players. This does not include tournaments for which such allowance is made already – Summer Festival, Gold Coast, ANC.

On item 2, the Committee decided that:

- R. Pringle's failure to turn up for the current Swiss Pairs Championship was a serious disruption which warranted suspension from the next event.
- This suspension would be suspended for 12 months subject to the player engaging in no more unacceptable conduct of any kind.
- The Chair excluded himself from this discussion that concerned a team mate.
- The Chair of the TC would advise the player of this decision in writing.
- The secretary would be asked to include an advice from the Committee in the next newsletter to the effect that:
  - The Committee would address all instances of reported unacceptable behaviour at SABF events and, after hearing from the subject player and any other relevant witnesses, the Committee would take whatever action it sees fit. This action could include suspension from SABF events for a period to be determined by the Committee.
  - Any penalties so determined would be set at a level required to firmly discourage such behaviour
  - The SABF Tournament Regulations would be amended to make it clear that failure to attend an event after registering and without providing adequate notice is an offence attracting the same kind of disciplinary action as other instances of unacceptable behaviour.
- A decision on the Chan/Kikkert matter re the Senior Trials would be made at the July meeting.

## **9. ANC State Teams**

The Committee ratified the teams selection and for the 2015 ANC and the appointments of P. Markey, J. Zollo, F. Smyth and L. Travis as captains of their respective teams.

## **10. ANC State Teams Manager.**

The Chair was asked to write to Adel Abdelhamid to thank him for his approach and offer to manage the ANC teams and to advise that the SABF had resolved to make the same subsidy available to him as that being provided to the players. The Committee also asked Adel to liaise with Paul Walker on payment of ANC fees and completing the entry form. In addition, Adel would be advised that the captains needed to provide Pauline Gumby with their system cards or uploaded them themselves by 5 June. They also need to liaise with Adel about uniforms. The Committee had no view on what type of uniforms should be used and agreed to leave this to the teams subject to there being a degree of consistency in embroidery; and the costs being no more than \$40 per uniform plus the cost of embroidery. The Committee also decided that it is up to

each player to decide if they want to go to the dinner and to buy their own ticket. The SABF will re-imburse the costs of attending the dinner for players making the final.

### **11. ANOT 2015**

The meeting commended Jinny Fuss and David Anderson on an excellent ANOT. It resolved to appoint Jinny as Convenor and David as Tournament Director for the 2016 ANOT.

It was also agreed to stay with the Showgrounds as the venue and to store the ANOT materials at Kennards. Jinny is to explore the possibility of a discount for a 12 month advance payment.

### **12. Youth Bridge**

Lauren Travis reported on recent activities. There appears to be good prospects of assembling a reasonable number of players in the short-term. Beyond that, Lauren presented a proposal to market bridge in the universities. This was well-received by the Committee. Lauren was asked to give the next meeting a costing for the proposal for consideration.

### **13. Other Business**

Tim O'Loughlin advised the Committee of the outcomes of the ABF AGM. The principal issue was the response to the proposals to change the ABF Constitution to reflect more contemporary standards of governance. While all but one of the proposals was accepted, Tim expressed his dissatisfaction that a State representative seemed to be able to make unilateral decisions on a matter that had been the subject of a formal consultation process involving each of the State Associations.

### **14. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 9.30am on Saturday 4 July at the Adelaide Bridge Centre.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.