

# **SA BRIDGE FEDERATION**

## **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday 24 September 2016**

**Adelaide Bridge Centre**

Meeting opened at 9.30am

### **1. Present:**

President: John Zollo

Secretary: Margaret Walters

Committee: Jill Allanson; David Anderson; Bob Clarke; David Parrott; Jeanette Lunnie; Jinny Fuss; Moira Smith (Gawler); Phil Gue; Adel Abdelhamid (Bridge in the City)

**Apologies:** Paul Walker

**2. Observers:** Nil

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

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

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting held 20 August were accepted with the following correction: remove Phil Gue from those present.

### **5. Matters Arising**

- (i) In 2017 the Seniors Pairs will be held in November.
- (ii) David Anderson has met with the SABA Manager who is considering our request for a change in the fees for the 2017 ANC Swiss Pairs, to make this event financially viable.
- (iii) The newly drafted and approved “Disciplinary Procedures” will be changed to include the ABF Policy regarding player suspensions.
- (iv) TBIB sponsorship for the 2017 and 2018 ANOT – John Zollo reported that the value of the sponsorship will be \$750 per year. John Zollo will write to the TBIB to thank them and confirm that they will be sponsors for the ANOT.

### **6. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Currently, the balance of the SABF accounts is \$95,341 after commitments. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

### **7. Tournament Committee’s report**

The chair of the Tournament Committee proposed that we hold a “Teams of Three” event, similar to that run last year as a fund-raiser for Youth Bridge. It was agreed that David Anderson and Jinny Fuss will organise an SABF Restricted Teams of Three to be held at SABA on Sunday 13 November. The event will be restricted to players with fewer than 300 masterpoints plus an “expert”.

Prior to the meeting the minutes of the Tournament Committee meeting held on 10 September were circulated. After considering the proposals it was agreed that:

- (i) The ANC Team Trials in 2017 – the teams will be comprised of the pairs finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the trials.
- (ii) ANC Team Captains – after much discussion it was agreed that teams will select a captain but there will also be a Team Manager and an Assistant Manager who will have the authority to act as the non-playing captain if the need arises. One of the Managers will be the non-playing captain for the Youth Team and other teams if required.
- (iii) Regional and Under Grand Master GNOT Qualifying events – It was agreed that the SABF will appoint a convenor for each of these events for 2017. The Regulations proposed by the Tournament Committee were accepted. Accordingly, non-contending teams should notify the convenor prior to the start of the competition. The Regulations will also include – “In exceptional circumstances, a pair can be replaced at the request of the team if approved by the SABF Management Committee.”
- (iv) 2017 SABF Calendar – this has been posted to the website and club secretaries are asked to peruse the events and dates to ensure there are neither inaccuracies nor conflicts. Phil Gue will write to Glenelg to confirm that they are able to host the 2017 Regional GNOT final on 13 August. The Under Grand GNOT final will be held on 27 August.

## **8. Youth Bridge Report**

The Youth Co-ordinator, Phil Gue reported that we now have eight new players and three of the ANC Youth Team playing regularly. Phil Gue advised that there is no reason to request funds from the ABF Youth Committee for teaching programmes and events until we increase the number of youth players in S.A.

## **9. SABF Manager/Administrator**

Prior to the meeting the Secretary circulated the list of tasks that are currently being done and how much the SABF is paying for these tasks along with a list of tasks/roles that could be also be paid. It was agreed that it was preferable to have several individuals undertaking the tasks rather than one person as this created a “single point of failure” situation. Considering the tasks and the payments proposed the following was agreed to:

- i. ANOT Convenor: Remuneration: \$2,370
- ii. ANC Team Manager and Assistant Manager: The ANC Team Manager and Assistant Manager will be paid return economy airfares to the ANC and shared accommodation at the venue (or recommended accommodation) plus \$50 per day.
- iii. Webmaster: Remuneration \$1,000 p.a.
- iv. Masterpoints Secretary: Remuneration: \$2,000 p.a.
- v. Newsletter Formatting: Remuneration: \$50 per issue
- vi. Youth Co-ordinator: Remuneration: \$5,000 p.a.
- vii. Newsletter Editor: \$250 per issue
- viii. Tournament Organiser/Promotions Officer: Remuneration: \$3,000 p.a.
- ix. ANOT Assistant Convenor: Remuneration: \$500

David Anderson was asked to draft procedures for the tasks for which he is currently responsible and Jinny Fuss to draft procedures for the ANOT Convenor and the ANOT Assistant Convenor.

Margaret Walters is to include an advertisement in the next SABF Newsletter calling for expressions of interest for the roles/tasks that currently do not have to someone responsible for them.

## **10. ABF Marketing Grant**

The Secretary has written to all clubs asking for submissions for the next round of the ABF Marketing Grants to be sent in by the end of October. Gawler resubmitted their request for funds and this was approved subject to the Treasurer confirming the availability of funds.

## **11. ABF Correspondence**

The Communique covering decisions made at the ABF Management Committee on 10-11 September was sent out to all SABF clubs.

## **12. Preparations for the AGM**

The Secretary advised that the AGM is scheduled to be held on Saturday 19 November and that papers and calls for nominations have to be sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting (i.e. by 5 November). Nominations for sub-committees such as the Tournament Committee and the Youth Committee will be included.

## **Other Business**

- Board dealing – John Zollo reported that he had received correspondence from Phil Gue re board dealing for SABF events. John explained that the SABF agreement with SABA includes board dealing.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between SABA and the SABF is due for renewal at the end of this year. John Zollo and Paul Walker will represent the SABF at this meeting.

## **13. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at SABA at 9.30am on Saturday 29 October.

The meeting closed at 12:15pm.

### **ACTIONS:**

1. John Zollo will amend the “Disciplinary Procedures” to include the ABF Policy regarding player suspensions.
2. John Zollo will write to the TBIB to thank them and confirm that they will be sponsors for the ANOT.
3. David Anderson and Jinny Fuss will organise an SABF Restricted Teams of Three to be held at SABA on Sunday 13 November.
4. David Anderson will amend the Regulations covering the GNOT Regional Finals to include ... “In exceptional circumstances, a pair can be replaced at the request of the team if approved by the SABF Management Committee.”
5. Margaret Walters will write to club secretaries reminding them to check the 2017 Calendar to ensure there are neither inaccuracies nor conflicts in the events and dates.
6. Phil Gue will write to Glenelg to confirm that they are able to host the 2017 Regional GNOT final on 13 August.
7. David Anderson was asked to draft procedures for the tasks for which he is currently responsible.
8. Jinny Fuss to draft procedures for the ANOT Convenor and the ANOT Assistant Convenor.
9. Margaret Walters is to include an advertisement in the next SABF Newsletter calling for expressions of interest for the roles/tasks that currently do not have to someone responsible for them.

10. John Zollo and Paul Walker will discuss with SABA management the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding re the SABF use of the SABA club rooms for the next three years.