

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ZONE CLUB DELEGATES

15 November 2009 at Arana Bridge Club, Tramway Parklands Ferny Grove

Opening

Meeting opened at 4:40 pm

Attendance

Arana	David Lehmann, Richard McLauchlan
Northern Suburbs	Margaret Dyer, Gary Mitchell
QCBC	Marion Cooke, Jan Peach, Monica Pritchard
Toowong	Lee Rogers, Geoff Slack-Smith

Apologies

Ipswich	Jim Evans
BBC	Trevor Stickland
Redcliffe	Gaylene Masters
Redlands	Kay Justice

Absentees

Cards, Eastern Suburbs, Sunnybank, Western Suburbs

Minutes

Minutes, as distributed, were taken as read and accepted.

Election of office bearers

No nominations were received for chair/secretary. The current incumbent, Marion Cooke, agreed to continue as Secretary.

Financial statement

The financial statement to the beginning of November 2008 was presented and accepted. The zone recorded a profit for the year of \$523.61. Net reserves \$5,421.64.

The GNOT remained well patronised but ran at a small profit.

The GNP also ran at a small profit.

GNOT club heats and zone final

Club heats: 110 teams participated in the Brisbane Zone which was up on last year with Western Suburbs entering teams in the qualifying. 31 teams were scheduled at the finals but 3 dropped out prior to the event and 1 team did not put in an appearance, leaving the director with no choice but to find a house team at the last minute. It was agreed that this is not acceptable and club officials must take responsibility to ensure that teams turn up at the event.

Zone final: The Zone final was played over Sat-Sun 3/4 October 2009 as a 4 session x 2 matches x 14 boards (8 round Swiss) event at Redlands. The meeting decided to retain this format with the zone final to be played on Sat-Sun 2-3 October 2010 at Brisbane Bridge Centre. (Date approved by Qld Masterpoint Secretary) A triangle movement should be used should the finals end up with an odd number.

The ABF levy is currently \$10 per team (club heats) and the zone final levy remains at \$660 per team (Brisbane Zone has 3 teams in the national final). The committee decided to retain the current entry fee of \$200 per 4 teams or part thereof (ie per qualifying team) entering club heats.

Grand National Pairs

Club heats: 441 pairs participated in 2009. 84 pairs won their way to the finals. Of these, 4 pairs dropped out prior to the event and 1 pair did not turn up causing the director to

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manufacture a house pair to make the event an even 40 tables. Again, it was agreed that a tighter rein must be kept on entries and clubs must take responsibility to ensure pairs attend the finals.

Finals: The venue was Northern Suburbs and the event was played on Sunday 20 September as a Swiss pairs with eleven 5-board rounds. The committee decided to retain this format and in 2010, the finals will be played on Sunday 19 September at Queensland Contract Bridge Club. (Date approved by QBA Masterpoint Secretary)

The ABF levy is currently \$400 per pair (6 pairs for the Brisbane Zone) and so long as the popularity of the event continues, the initial fee to the club will remain at \$30 per pair who enters the finals. The table fees to each pair will remain at \$20.

The ABF have confirmed that conditions of entry will remain the same – Under Life. QBA have muted that they will bring in a condition that all finalists MUST be prepared to go to Canberra should they qualify in the first 6 pairs (same as GNOT).

InterClub teams

Seven clubs (Arana, BBC, Northern Suburbs, QCBC, Redlands, Redcliffe, and Toowong) fielded teams in each of the 3 divisions (open, restricted, novice). Arana were able to provide an extra team in each grade. It was played as a complete round robin of 7 x 8 board matches.

Toowong was the overall winner of the InterClub trophy. BBC won the open, with NSBC winning the restricted and Toowong the Novice section.

Being such a friendly day it is hoped that all these clubs will continue to attend and that some of the absent clubs will also join the event.

Redcliffe, in their absence have agreed to host the teams in 2010. This will be held on Sunday 31 October reverting back to our original weekend which was changed for 2009 due to QBA commitments. (Date approved by QBA Masterpoint Secretary). The meeting agreed to increasing the entry fee to \$75 per team.

Entry conditions: Format and scoring to remain with a +30/-30 cut off.

General Business

Club assistance to finalists. It was agreed that this must be up to individual clubs. Northern Suburbs have assisted both their GNOT and GNP finalists for some time.

Secretary to investigate the investment of \$5,000 of Zone funds to obtain better interest. – ING?

Next meeting

The next meeting was set for Sunday 31 October 2010 at Redcliffe Bridge Club (about 4.30 pm, after close of Interclub Teams play). There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.20 pm.
