
BRISBANE ZONE * QBA

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ZONE CLUB DELEGATES

30 October 2011 at Redlands Bridge Club

Opening

Meeting opened at 4:30 pm welcoming Kenmore Club to the Brisbane Zone.

Attendance

BBC	Richard Wallis
Kenmore	Tim Runting
QCBC	Marion Cooke, Julie Jeffries, Toni Bardon
Redlands	Pat Back Val Rolands
Toowong	Lee Rogers

Apologies

QCBC	Monica Pritchard
NSBC	Paul Roberts
Toowong	Barry O'Donahue
Redcliffe	

Absentees

Arana, 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 October 2011 was presented and accepted. The zone recorded a profit for the year of \$168.21. Net reserves \$6,226.43.

The GNOT ran at a small profit despite the rise in the zone's contribution to the ABF.

The GNP ran at a small loss due to the large drop in participating players.

As the Secretary had had problems investing any of the Zone's capital an authority was signed by all those present and it was agreed that \$5,000 should be placed in a term or interest bearing deposit to allow accumulation of funds until such time as clubs could agree to its best use.

GNOT club heats and zone final

Club heats: 98 teams participated in the Brisbane Zone which was 3 down on last year. 28 teams were entered in the finals including 2 private entries but one team from Redcliffe withdrew prior to the event leaving an uneven number which involved the use of a triangle.

Zone final: The Zone final was played over Sat-Sun 1/2 October 2011 as a 4 session x 2 matches x 14 boards (8 round Swiss) event at Sunnybank. The meeting decided to retain this format with the zone final to be played on Sat-Sun 6-7 October 2012 at Arana Bridge Club. It was agreed after discussion that 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 \$750 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: 295 pairs participated in 2011(150 pairs less than last year. It was felt that in part the popularity of the event may be declining but also the floods affecting Toowong's inability to hold all their qualifying events and Redlands being unable to participate, must be taken into account). Hopefully numbers will improve again in 2012. 72 pairs participated in the finals.

Finals: The venue was Northern Suburbs and the event was played on Sunday 18 September as a Swiss pairs with eleven 5-board rounds. The committee decided to retain this format and in 2012, the finals will be played on Sunday 9 September at Toowong Bridge Club.

The ABF levy is currently \$400 per pair (6 pairs for the Brisbane Zone). In 2011 the Zone ran at a loss of \$197 which cannot continue. It was agreed that collecting table fees from each individual pair was causing some angst and that the total of \$50 per pair should be paid by the Club who can budget this into their initial entry fees, and so long as the popularity of the event increases again, this amount should cover costs (Some clubs were already paying their representatives' table fees). The meeting agreed with the Secretary that no action would be taken to enforce payment from clubs of the maximum number of pairs that could qualify, but this to remain in the regulations.

The Secretary was concerned at the withdrawals of pairs from the final six to go to Canberra. This was causing problems persuading 7th 8th 9th or 10th to take up the positions. This year 2 pairs have withdrawn. It was agreed that the following paragraph should be inserted into the regulations: "Only in exceptional circumstances will a pair qualifying for the National Final be permitted to withdraw. The prior consent of the Manager QBA (in consultation with the Chairman, QBA Tournament Committee) is required. In principle, the pairs that qualify shall be the pairs that travel to the National Final".

No alterations to the ABF regulations have been forecast.

InterClub teams

Hosted by Redlands Bridge Club

Eight clubs (Arana, BBC, Kenmore, Northern Suburbs, QCBC, Redlands, Redcliffe, and Toowong) fielded teams in each of the 3 divisions (open, restricted, novice). This was played as a round robin with 7 x 8 board rounds against each club.

Toowong was the overall winner of the InterClub trophy. QCBC won the open section, Toowong the restricted section and BBC 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.

QCBC has agreed to host the teams in 2012. This will be held on Sunday 28 October. The meeting agreed to maintain the entry fee of \$75 per team.

Entry conditions: It was unanimously agreed that the scoring method should change to Victory Points rather than imps using the appropriate scale.

General Business

Nil

Next meeting

The next meeting was set for Sunday 28 October 2012 at QCBC (about 4.30 pm, after close of Interclub Teams play). There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.10 pm.
