

**Minutes VCC Meetings
Saturday, June 10, 9:00 am
Day 1 - Administration Issues**

Present David Stern (Chairman)
 Peter Gill
 Dorothy Jesner
 David Lusk
 Kylie Robb

Apologies Nil

Minutes of Previous Meetings and matters arising not covered in the following agenda

No items arising not covered below

Identification of Members

Welcome to Dorothy Jesner to first 'official' meeting

Reconstitution of Committee for ensuing 12 months to 30th June 2001

The committee is expected to consist of David Stern (Chairman), Peter Gill (Joint National Junior Coordinator subject to ABF ratification), David Lusk (Joint National Junior Coordinator), Dorothy Jesner and Kylie Robb.

Photo taken and DL organise a short description of each member of committee to be put with photo on the website and in newsletter to enhance "approachability" of the committee to juniors or interested parties

Invitation to Andrew Mill to attend meetings

DS has invited Mill to attend all future meetings

Committee Finances and Likely Budgets for 2000-2001

DL and PG to put together expected budget including airfares, mailouts, junior tournaments (PABF, WJC, Trans-Tasman – see elsewhere) + coordinator fees

2nd Youth Coordinator Position ABF Approval

Expect confirmation of PG as 2nd co-ordinator at next ABF meeting

Division of States

DL - SA, WA, Vic, NT,

PG - NSW, Tas, Qld, ACT

Division of Labour

DL to email committee with finalised (amended) version of distribution of tasks between co-ordinators. DS to forward document to ABF

Youth resources and their location

DL responsible for resources. Non-electronic resources to be stored with AM provided a catalogue of items is made available. Electronic resources to be kept with DL

Flying Agenda - Future Use of Flying Agenda

Order of agenda Jesner, Robb, Lusk, Stern and Gill then present to all for further comments. Format will be: each member sent an original form of the agenda with a list of order of comments and dates by which the document must be sent on. Onus is placed on the NEXT receiver to chase up the agenda by the date they should have received it. Aim for fast turn around

Definition Youth & Junior WBF Australian bridge scene

Decision to change terminology to be in line with WBF and ACBL. Categories will be Under 30, Junior (under 26), Youth (under 20) All event names will need to be changed accordingly. As well as the committee name, website features, bulletin name etc. PG to contact ABF with new terminology

Friends of Junior Bridge Sources of funding (cf USA Friends of Bridge)

To be a source of general junior funds, independent of ABF money - not to be used for coordinator fees or representation in PABF or WJC. To be basically used to extend the youth program beyond the current and existing ABF capabilities.

Funds to be held by the ABF for tax purposes but to be administered by the Junior Committee. In the event that the Junior Committee is disbanded then any funds at that time are to continue for youth bridge under the administration of one ABF representative and two representatives not then on the ABF.

DL to draft email KMcD with concept – DS to approved draft

DL to write letter to ABF for organisation of account – ABFJC to approved draft

DL to write letter to potential sponsors – ABFJC to approved draft

PG to identify potential sponsors

Location Friends of Junior Bridge - Sydney logical

To be a national initiative however envisaged that a number of potential sponsors are based in Sydney so many thrusts may be through this region

ABF Junior Bridge Club

Change club name to Junior. For under 19yr old players

ABF Junior Bridge Club Membership

Currently stands at 22 from ACT and SA

ABF Junior Bridge Club Publicity

DL press release for Junior Bridge Club - ABTA and ABF Newsletters, AB, ABF and State Websites, and interested individuals (eg Christine Hadaway)

International Events Identify events for which we will be sending teams and formulate approximate budget for ABF purposes

*Aim to send teams to HERO in even years with low international commitments.
7 people to WJC (Europe or Sth America), 7 people to PABF, Trans-Tasman Test Match (TTM)*

DL ask ABF to underwrite a team to play in NZ nationals but plan to fundraise subsidies

DL/PG to formulate an approximate budget for ABF purposes

Will NZ NOT test match be repeated?

Yes - probably with a similar format to 2000

PG to organise free entry to NOT for NZ team from TTM with J Scudder

KR to ask Robin Young about possibility of 2 NZ teams for TTM

Establish criteria for team selection to each TTM event

2001 selection method for Aust. team for PABF and WJC selected as 2000 format (teams event of 4, third pair nominated by team desirable to be from second team)

PG and DL to nominate a team for TTM with a preference given to pairs rather than individual top players and aimed at giving experience to potential 2nd, 3rd Australian teams rather than likely representatives for 2001. ABFJC to approve

ANC General ANC Issues

*All states and territories participating except NT
DL to prepare recommendation from committee to states on eligibility to bring uniformity
- request states adopt policy, if not provide details of existing policies*

Include a proof of age form with entries of ANC junior teams in future years

AJC 2001 Inclusion of under 30's; lessons and proposals for 2001

Confirm convenor Peter Gill

Confirmed

AJC 2001 Review of progress to date

*Probably run TTM 13-14, AJC 15-19 Jan
Schedule as per 2000 unless PG provides details for changes*

AJC 2001 Pre-tournament brochure to be available at ANC?

Flyer for event to be ready by ANC - PG details, DS format, DL to print

AJC 2001 Timeline for brochures

Brochure to be ready by August. 30/9 latest date for all brochures with a mailout during September.

Other AJC Issues

PG to ask AM if interested in helping with running of U16

PG to contact Terry Brown about outdoor insurance

DJ to help PG with U16 organisation

PG to investigate MMcM director requirements with J Scudder

PG to give email progress reports periodically

E-Bridge

3 Junior accounts exist under the names of DS, DL, PG (DL has details of each account)

Free accounts; use of accounts; mechanics; advertising of availability

DL to contact state youth co-ordinators about availability of accounts with requests for application

DL to put a note in bulletin and on website about availability of accounts

World University Championships Players identified as interested

PG to contact Nic Croft and others about event

WUC Finance

Assistance with some part of the costs may be possible through junior fundraising organised by them with committee's help

Online Bridge – Intersvarsity event

*PG to look into details and prepare action plan for event
Investigate OKbridge (expect assistance from Matthew Clegg), maybe E-bridge?*

2005 World Junior Championships

DS to seek concept support and commitment from ABF for the event

Is this the one and if so where from here?

KR to gather details on costs of event - when possible

NSW Youth Summit 29-30 July

PG and DL to organise details and inform committee of plans

Specific 2000/2001 targets

Request made for entire committee to review goals from the previous year for next meeting in order to establish important targets for 2000/2001

BridgeOn Sponsorship of Junior Team

DL to go ahead with BridgeOn sponsorship through junior team NZ representation with \$200 to go to Australian Team

AOB

KR to communicate with Panos when necessary

KR to discuss NZ plans for juniors in 2001

DS to organise payment for Nic Croft website work from ABF (\$120?)

Noted that Denise Dodd is no longer Qld junior co-ordinator - Joan Butts has a paid position in teaching and Cheryl Simpson deals with sponsorship

*DL to go ahead with BridgeOn sponsorship through junior team NZ representation
PG wants a copy of Yobo*

PG to sort out double version of Junior Website with Cathy Cummings

PG to look at NSW Interschools event with Christine Ingate

DJ to apply to BFACT for reimbursement money - if no response then copy to ABF

KR comment on terminology of second part of H-K award, prefers a simple "most masterpoints earned" or equivalent.

Wider promotion of inter collegiate and other online events

Website links

ABF Youth Bulletin – Kokish and E-Bridge

Use of OKB as a resource

Next Meeting

*Aim for Saturday meal during ANC weekend of pairs
Otherwise Flying Agenda in early September*