

Minutes – ABF Youth Committee Meeting July 19 1999

Monday, July 19, 8:00 pm EST

Committee Present (using phone conference): DS, PG (Sydney), AM (Melbourne), DL, KR (Perth)

Actions from June meeting minutes checked:

A draught for the mission statement of the committee has been published in ABF newsletter. This will be used as a basis for the final statement after some reworking. DL

Note: Agenda to be done in future by DL.

Note: Database is underway. Information received from three states so far, still waiting for more feedback. Realised that it is particularly difficult to gain data from states without youth coordinators (eg WA, ACT, Tas). DL to contact DS for assistance with details for automatic mailout
Long term objective for database seen as a mailout to all people on database information about the role of the Youth Committee and the questionnaire.

ABF approved AM as convenor of Junior week in Canberra, Jan 2000. Agreed that draft of competition to be completed by 9th August and final details finished by end of August. AM

Advertisement of Junior week in Canberra to be put in Sept edition of ABF newsletter, including an advanced entry form. Also at that time, flyers of the competition to be sent to state associations and important clubs. DL/AM
Commented that an under 16 competition will (hopefully) be included in the program. AM to contact PG about possibilities for Canberra

John Hansen/Terry Brown to be contacted about getting ABF numbers for youth players which either do not attach them to any club or suggest setting up a “Junior club” for the purpose of giving Junior players an ANF number without ties to any particular club. DL
Contact Dorothy Jesner about joining her junior players to a club. AM

Contact Nic Croft about Junior website and position of webmaster. DL/KR

Carry forward: more details about bridge publications and journals required. DS

Carry forward: more details about school distributions and general publications required. ?

Noted: Up-to-date information on ABF junior discounts for ABF tournaments should be in next ABF Newsletter.

Masterpoints for intercity challenge to be applied for. DS
Dorothy Jesner keen to help with intercity challenge success.

Noted: Australia and NZ keen for test match in February. Fran Jenkins contacting NZ players about timing. Tony Jackman been positive about making facilities available for this purpose.

Find out details of Sean Mullumphy's discussions with Panos about WJC age discrepancy and 1st World University Championships. PG?
Contact Wignall about WJC age limits. DL

Carry forward: Copying of Tim Bourke teaching materials. PG

University holidays appear to be coincidental – final checks being made, in order to request that ANC Junior Teams be placed during uni holidays. DL/DS

Comment: Perhaps request for Butler and teams to swap weeks in order to bring the Juniors into holiday period while not changing the dates of the championship (thereby avoiding NZ national etc.).

Noted: 2001 WJC too close for the amount of work required. Decided that an Australian application for 2001 WJC would not be made by inquiries for 2003 application to be made.

Write to ABF about applying for hosting the WJC in Australia in 2003. DL

Begin enquiries for a sponsor for 2003 WJC. Contact Michael Kent about this. AM

Email Wignall about Zonal championships, ask for information about inviting zone 6 participants. DL

Noted: Helman award to be given out this year. ABF will contact DS about possibilities for award.

Email Keith McDonald about details. DS

Noted: Bridge in Schools is setting up a website (not currently available for viewing).

Minutes of Youth Committee meeting to be sent to Catherine Cummings to be put on ABF website. DS

Aim for the next youth bulletins to be ready by mid Sept and end of year. Future years aim for three bulletins a year – April, August and Nov-Dec. DL

With entry form for Canberra Juniors, include an offer of financial assistance. AM

More work to be done on youth questionnaire. Currently too long? DS to send DL
Aim to send questionnaire out with Sept mailout. edited version
for comments

Comment: By using terminology carefully age limits of events can

be manipulated. “Junior” events must be in line with WBF definition of junior (under 26) and “youth” events can be generally young people ie people ineligible for WJ events.

Noted: DL been in touch with Betty Mill about Darwin, Geoff Pocock and Les Cawlecraft(???) about WA youth situation.

Noted: AM is Youth Committee representative for Tournament Committee.

Noted: Youth Committee would like to be responsible for disciplinary action of junior players where necessary unless told otherwise by ABF.

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday night of GNOT in Sydney.