

## ABF Youth Committee. Minutes. Summer Festival, 2004

Proposed Meeting

5:30 – 7:30 and adjournments if required

Tuesday Jan 20th,

Babar Café Canberra

1. DL to invite Brad Coles, Matthew McManus, Peter Gill, Griff Ware and any other interested parties
  - 1.1. Identification of members and invited guests.  
David Lusk (Chair), David Stern, Keiran Crowe-Mai, Mark Abraham, Gabby Feiler, Leigh Gold, Brad Coles, Matthew McManus, Griffith Ware, Peter Gill, Larry Moses (Qld).
  - 1.2. Accept resignation of Michael Wilkinson  
Appreciation of contributions by MW expressed.
  - 1.3. Welcome Gabby Feiler
2. Matters arising from all minutes during 2003: DL to check and bring to the attention of the meeting.  
DL has prepared letters to Directors General of Education in each state and territory. Further action pending amendments by DS.
3. New website storing all Youth documents: [www.youth.dbbc.net](http://www.youth.dbbc.net)
4. Budget 2004 as submitted to ABF (attached)  
Budget approved. \$3000 for World Youth Individual may be split more than two ways. 4 of the selected team expected to attend Hamilton Test. Thus travel subsidies will be held to the amounts shown.
5. AYW in retrospect
  - 5.1. General evaluation of the week: what went right, what went wrong.
    - Numbers down, Under 16s collapsed despite better publicity.
    - 11T of pairs (cf 13 in 2003)
    - 9 tables of teams (cf 12 in 2004)
    - Lower numbers due to poorer support from SA and some players turning 26 in 2003.
    - Fewer overseas players.
    - Less attractive event for selected team.
  - 5.2. Venue, 2005. Stick with Fenner Hall – rebook now.
    - Price increase is unwelcome (\$178 per room p/w) but other options unattractive.
    - Determined that Fenner is the best available venue and should be booked by BC again for 2005. FoYB will subsidise in cases of genuine hardship (\$40 difference).
  - 5.3. Player feedback
    - Players generally Ok with format, venue and quality of event.
  - 5.4. Consideration of penalties for late withdrawal. In particular, the late withdrawal of Alexander Lockwood.
  - 5.5. Check on player declarations
    - Player declarations were not event specific.
  - 5.6. Ratify international team
    - Selected team was Croft-Feiler, Geromboux-Ware, Krochmalik-Lasocki. It is expected that 4 of these will compete against NZ. Not necessarily expected that the team will play in selected partnerships

### Further Resolutions for 2005

- Consider a more attractive event such as an U30 Individual for Thursday and Friday whilst Butler is in progress.
- Examine irresponsible play in Butler (one pair in particular in 2004).
- Promote more thoroughly overseas.
- Rescheduling Teams to Thursday/Friday to make programme more attractive to 26-30 year-olds.
- Make under 16 free.
- Examine merit of first three past the post in Butler, eliminating the play-off.
- Greater coverage of school advertising in ACT
- Mini-bridge promotion

Sub-committee of DL, MMcM, BC, GF, GW to examine merits of any proposed changes and address issues above. By email, to be concluded by May 31/04.

### 6. 2004 World Youth International

#### 6.1. Conflict with ANC/Butler etc – check dates

The WYI and Camp conclude on 20/7. This precedes any ANC events but would be tight for players wishing to participate in the Butler

#### 6.2. Support for event

DL has posted expressions of interest on web and advertised at AYW.

#### 6.3. Subsidies

\$3000 available for up to 4 players

#### 6.4. Drum up support

Some discussion from players but no formal expression of interest so far. Deadline is Feb 14.

### 7. New Zealand Test

DL to contact all 6 players to determine intentions via GF as spokesperson.

#### 7.1. Set level of subsidies – see attached 2004 budget

Total subsidy of \$700 per player and \$150 for captain.

#### 7.2. Captaincy

A captain should be selected from players attending the NZC.

#### 7.3. Ensure NZ have a team

DL to contact Fran Jenkins(Secretary/Arleen Schwartz(co-coordinator)).

DL to check whether there will be a Youth Event at the PABF Congress. If so, ask for expressions of interest for an unsubsidised team.

### 8. ANC 2004 – Early reports

#### 8.1. Identify states which will have a youth team for sure

- SA, NSW, Qld, ACT, Vic should all be OK. Some doubt about WA but later information suggests that this will be alright. Tas in some doubt (but venue is good for them). NT will not have a team.
- Vic, through Andrew Mill, have requested a roster of up to 8 young players to provide experience and to cover those doing year 11. Agreed that the team should be nominated as 6, as usual but two substitutes will be permitted. DL will need to clear this with ANC convenor.

#### 8.2. Identify states which may need dispensation to field one or two players over 26.

- WA may benefit from having one 26+ player. DL to negotiate.

- 8.3. Identify states which will struggle to produce a team – definitely look at Qld, Tas, NT – composite Qld/NT?
- If necessary, a composite WA/Tas team may be a possibility.

9. Youth Triathlon 2004

- 9.1. Confirm Adelaide as venue and DL as convenor and director.

Agreed that Adelaide remain as host for 2004 (final week-end in Sept) but look at Alphington in 2005.

- 9.2. Consider whether other venues would be better

SABA is fine for up to about 10 teams.

10. 2005 WJC Update

- 10.1. ABF and WBF positions

All OK, WBF has approved venue. Finance is in order. Richard Grenside and Dutch director will be appointed.

- 10.2. Outline of input required of ABF Youth Committee

- 10.3. Results of Site WBF inspection

Homebush approved as appropriate.

- 10.4. Financial considerations FofYB fund

Finances appear to be on target.

- 10.5. Helpers

- 10.6. Will NZ be able to field a team?

Not yet clear but a team from FP or NC would also get an opportunity.

Also agreed that there will be no Australian team for Hamilton in 2005. DL to advise NZCBA.

11. 2005 Events

- 11.1. Will we send a team to the PABF given that we are holding the WJC – perhaps subject to WJC budget result

- 11.2. Are there any other events [DL check with PG]

- 11.3. Should we consider abandoning NZ test for this year – only 5 weeks before WJC

12. State people and Issues

- 12.1. Coordinators in states

Qld: Joan Butts/Larry Moses

Some evidence of productive activity. Larry Moses, Richard Touton and others generating activity and taking lessons. DL to negotiate a conference (Youth Summit) later in 04.

NSW: Leigh Gold

New regime. Peter Gill looks to be interested in assisting. Usually when Peter is involved, good things happen in NSW. Regular Friday night youth activities are productive.

ACT: Beverly Carmichael

Beverly is only quasi coordinator. It looks as though the future of ACT Junior bridge is probably in the hands of people such as GW and DG.

VIC: vacant but Michael Phillips has expressed interest.

Michael may get some help from Corey Haugh and Haken Lyngsjø.

NT: Betty Mill Inactive until June 04.

SA: David Lusk

Not a big year in SA but the levels of administrative activity are unchanged.

WA: Bob Johnson

Reports of Bob's involvement are encouraging. Regular Saturdays are still on with new players being introduced (at least two anyway) Assisted by Paul Brayshaw and Chris Mully.

TAS: Adam G-Watson

Very little communication from Tas.

12.2. Low activity levels in some states – discuss

12.3. No state/territory has taken up an offer of inviting DL to conduct/participate in a conference in 2004.

12.4. Action plan needs to be developed to get more action in some states/territories (perhaps all?)

12.5. Can a meeting of all co-ordinators be scheduled during say the VCC?

ANC meeting in 03 appeared to have little impact. DL prepared to try again in 04.

### 13. Awards Matters

HK Achievement: Nic Croft

HK Masterpoints Jillian Hay

Hills/Hurley Daniel Geromboux-Griffith Ware

### 14. AOB

- Gold Coast Youth Individual to be organised through QBA, Larry Moses and the GCC convening committee.
  - Event to be free, Saturday, Feb 21 10 am and 2 pm. Hoping for participation from players in Brisbane, Gympie and interstate. Recommended that a mini-bus be used to get players to and from Gympie (about 2 hrs from GC).
  - DL to promote amongst interstate youth. A list of participants in the GCC to streamline this process.
  - DL to discuss with Laurie Kelso. Also seek usual cooperation with convenor (Tony Jackman).
  - DL to liaise with LM and support where possible.
  - Flyers were distributed during AYW.
  - Online entry form LM to prepare, send to DL to be posted on site.
  - LM to confirm venue.
  
- DL to nominate Dorothy Jesner for ABF Roll of Honour.

