

AGM GBU Agenda 1 February 2025

Venue: The Links

Time: 12h00

Present:

Board Members:

Sheila Francis, Bernard Donde, Duncan Craggs, Tor Meyer, Betty Ravenscroft

Clubs:

Links: Peta Feinstein Robert Stephens

Orchards Not represented

Blairgowrie/ Ferndale Betty Ravenscroft

Northern Benoni: Deirdre Ingersent

Ian London Jannette Curtis Sharon Lang Lotte Sorensen

Apologies: None

1. Welcome
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
 - a. New cards – Sheila and Betty will investigate cards and check if boards ok. May hold over the purchase of new cards for 1 year. To consider sharing cards with the Links. **Action: Betty Ravenscroft Sheila**
 - b. TD courses – technical
Tournament director courses: Western Cape were going to do a course. There are some videos from the EBU dealing with the laws.
 - c. Letter was sent to SABF members regarding subscriptions. Need to chase up members who have not paid. Clubs are advised to charge additional fees for non-members and that money should be used to pay GBU and SABF fees.
3. Chairman's report – **Full report to be added here.** Year of transition for GBU. We lost Deirdre and James. Val Bloom resigned for personal reasons. Devan Chetty resigned in October. Betty Ravenscroft was coopted. Thanks for support of the committee. Ran several tournaments in 2024 which went off without a hitch. Live bridge Wednesdays, Benoni northerns, Blairgowrie face to face going well. Friday morning not doing well. Transition from supervised to tournaments needs to be encouraged. There will be several red point events but we will not be holding a mini-congress. GBU is hosting the congress that will require considerable organisation. 20 GBU team entrants and 20 pairs entrants will be sponsored by the GBU for 1000 and R500 respectively
Proposed by Deirdre Ingersent and seconded by Robert Stephens
4. Voting for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates – No nominations were received for delegates or executive positions. Current Chairman, secretary and treasurer agreed to continue and were elected. Betty Ravenscroft will continue as a board member.
5. Vote for vice-chairman: Duncan appointed a vice char

6. Website maintenance Devan Chetty has resigned. Sheila Francis had agreed to maintain the website.
 - a. Calendar update – GBU calendar has been taken down. GBU events will be publicised on the SABF calendar
 - b. Constitution – needs to be updated Mike Saloman
 - c. Masterpoints for GBU events – GBU teams 2024 masterpoints need to be uploaded. Sheila has sent a letter to James Grant requesting instruction on how to upload these results. Robert will do the masterpoints. **Action: Robert.** Tournament directors for an event should upload the masterpoints for their events. RealBridge events are not being uploaded – mainly done by Lorna Speller and Lilly Arkin. Letter to be sent regarding uploading of masterpoints and instruction regarding banning of players who have been sanctioned by the SABF. Membership fees must be paid by the end of April – If clubs do not pay for all their members, they will be sent invoices for GBU subs **Action Bernard Sheila**
7. Financial report – Tor Mayer tabled the financial report. Mail servers discussed. Pay Afrihost monthly fee. This is a debit order which must be cancelled. To contact James Grant to see who is responsible for this account **Action Sheila** Subscriptions for R2064 for Bridgemates queried. Tor to email copy of the invoice to Sheila. Robert will investigate this cost. **Action Robert**
Surplus of R25905 for 2025 was reported
Proposed Betty seconded by Duncan
8. Monitors for Open, women’s (23/02-1/03) and mixed team’s trials (16/03-22/03) at the Links. Payment of R300 per session has been offered. Recommend that SABF sets up cameras at every centre to view the room and ensure that monitoring is done adequately.
Action Deirdre and Bernard.
9. GBU Red point events for 2025
 - a. GBU teams
 - b. GBU end year event
 - c. Gill Brown pairs
 - d. GBU pairs – no date has been set
 - e. Online event
10. Congress 2025 – Advised to send letter to Jeff Sapire, Martin Green, Dainfern club, Benoni clubs to invite them to attend the no fear pairs. **Betty** will contact Martin green and Angie Adams. **Ian London** will contact the Benoni clubs who are unaffiliated. To encourage members to enter congress 2025. **Action Whole board**
11. General
 - a. GBU bulletins. These were produced monthly in 2023 and last bulletin was produced in January 2024. Delegates were approached to try to organise more bulletins but the overall feeling was that SABF members are receiving regular newsletters and match reports

Meeting closed at 13h20