



August 2nd, 2006

Re: Notification 90853 – lodged by Australian Baseball Federation

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Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Attn Ms Nadia Cooke, Project Officer

Dear Nadia,

As requested in your phone call earlier this week, I can advise that at the Hills Juniors meeting on July 11th, the issue of our policy on the BALME structure and Licensing generally as it is being administered by the ABF was discussed.

The new facts which had emerged since our initial submission to the ACCC in late March were tabled, viz:-

- I have been advised by Baseball NSW that they received a substantial cheque on or about April 4th (over \$30,000) from the National Royalty Pool.
- Furthermore, I now also have advice from the ABF that they will not charge any administration costs against the gross revenue generated by BALME, until it starts generating significant revenue.

Our members voted to leave the position of the Hills Junior Baseball Association on this matter unchanged. However, the meeting also affirmed my decision not to attend the July 24 conference, and therefore not to engage in any further public action to challenge the ABF.

Essentially, Hills Juniors believe that we have said everything that we needed to say already, and that the process must now take its course.

My apologies for not advising you of this earlier, but my reading of the communication protocols led me to believe that we had no formal avenue to do so after the deadline for pre-conference submissions had expired.

Regards,

Peter Schmidt

President, HJBA.

cc:- Hills Secretariat.