

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2005**

Present: Alex Yezerksi, Kim Morrison, Peter Gill, Ben Chosid, Julian Foster, Ross Stuart, Ken Storr (FABC)

Apologies: Mike Hughes, Simon Stancu (FABC), Elizabeth Fanos

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**1 Opening**

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.10pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes**

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2005 be confirmed, subject to the deletion of the words "5 - 10 year" from the motion to review the role and charter of the NSWBA.

Moved: Alex Yezerksi

Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried.

**3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Julian Foster	Arrange for David W. to send ecatsbridge email to NSW bridge clubs for Tsunami relief fund. Speak to Tuesday director about holding Simultaneous pairs event on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Done
Peter Gill	To investigate table numbers and their decline on Thursdays	Outstanding
Peter Gill	To Talk to Mary Ann Brifman regarding getting the data base which she compiled of prospective sponsors	Outstanding
Liz Fanos	To send off form for Bridge for Brains Research	Done
Ben Chosid	Advise the committee at next meeting the House requirements (budget etc) for the coming year.	Outstanding

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Ben Chosid	Get quote for upgrading NSWBA Ltd Directors indemnity	Outstanding
Ben Chosid	Get quote for putting a hand rail in one cubicle in the ladies toilet	Outstanding
Liz Fanos & Alex Yezerski	Set up interview times for Office manager applicants.	Done

#### **4 Special Business**

##### **a. Club Masterpoints Secretary**

Motion: *That George Segal be appointed the NSWBA Club Masterpoints Secretary.*

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Ben Chosid

The motion was passed.

##### **b. State Masterpoints Secretary**

Motion: *That David Weston be appointed the NSWBA State Masterpoints Secretary on the terms he negotiated with Alex Yezerski.*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Julian Foster

The motion was passed.

##### **c. Office Staff**

Motion: *That the decision to appoint David Watford and Carrie Foster to the position of Office Manager on a 2-day/3-day job share basis be ratified.*

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Peter Gill

The motion was passed with the observation that in future Councillors should be informed promptly when major decisions are taken between Council meetings.

##### **c. Tsunami Appeal**

An ecatsbridge Tsunami Appeal event was held on Tues 18 January 2005 raising \$959.75 which has been remitted by Julian Foster to the organisers in the UK.

d. Publication of Minutes

Motion: *That sanitised Minutes of Council Meetings be posted on our web site.*

Moved: Peter Gill

Seconded: Ben Chosid

After noting that the NSWBA's insurance cover for defamation should be extended to include the web site, the motion was passed.

e. Library

Motion: *That Arthur Ramer be appointed head librarian.*

Moved: Peter Gill

Seconded: Ben Chosid

The motion was passed. Arthur to prepare a proposed budget for the purchase of new books and periodicals. Julian Foster will liaise with Pauline Gumby to determine feasibility of posting a library catalogue on the web site.

**5 Correspondence**

The Secretary's Report was tabled and discussed. See Action Items at the bottom of these Minutes for details.

**6 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was tabled and discussed.

Motion: *That Michael Phillips offer to overhaul our accounts free of charge be accepted.*

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Ben Chosid

The motion was passed. Julian Foster indicated his willingness to assist in the effort.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Motion: *That a decision on the disposition of the Bobby Evans bequest be deferred until after the full impact of staging the ANC on NSWBA's finances is known.*

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Ross Stuart

The motion was passed.

## 8 Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports tabled. The following were discussed.

### FABC –

- Nothing to report.

### Promotions –

- Ben Chosid to follow up Dave Weston re DeBortoli.

### House Report -

- Interest has been expressed in operating the canteen as a franchise. Ben Chosid to follow-up.
- Office staff need to be reminded that it is their responsibility to regularly re-stock food and supplies
- Need to organise a sub committee to take care of routine jobs such as ensuring there are paper cups, tea, coffee etc available at every session.

### Tournament –

- Julian Foster to send an apology to Keiran Crowe-Mai, Dave Weston and their team mates re incident at last year's GNOT and offer them free entry to this year's event.

### Youth:

- Ross Stuart is working on consolidating a data base on youth bridge with a view to starting up a schools competition.
- Youth game to resume on Friday nights at the association. Ross Stuart to keep an eye on things.

### Directors Liaison & Teaching

- There were 22 enrolments in Tina's beginners classes.
- Kim Morrison to approach Ted Chadwick to ascertain interest in taking over Charles Klassen's sessions.

## **9 General Business**

### a. NSWBA representation at ABF AGM on March 19-20

Julian Foster will attend in place of John Arkinstall who is indisposed. Keiran Crowe-May will carry the 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW vote.

### b. Sydney University Bridge Club request to use NSWBA premises

A request from Warren Laser to use our premises on March 5-6 was approved.

### c. Director Accreditation Course for Dave Watford

Council agreed that it would benefit the NSWBA to have David Watford acquire basic Directing skills and will consequently pick up the \$80 fee for his attendance at the Directors' Course on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### d. ANC

Julian Foster has been authorised to place a deposit of up to \$5000 to book the Sydney Masonic Centre for the event.

### e. World Youth Championship

The Council agreed to host the opening ceremony for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Youth Teams Championships at NSWBA's premises on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and to contribute \$3000 towards the cost of the event.

## **10 Next meeting**

Scheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005 @ 6.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 12:05AM.

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 11-FEB-2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Alex Yezerski	Respond to invitation to attend ABF Presidents meeting
Alex Yezerski	Advise David Stern re World Youth Championship decision
Alex Yezerski	To get Michael Phillips to overhaul NSWBA accounts
Julian Foster	Circulate State Open Pairs letter to clubs
Julian Foster	Respond to correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complaint re non-availability of results on ECATS site</li> <li>• format of women's ITS</li> </ul>
Julian Foster	Post library catalogue on web site
Liz Fanos	To follow-up the ABF re our 25 October 2004 request to roll over the loan
Liz Fanos	Reply to Ballina & Goulburn B/Cs re fees
Peter Gill	To contact Pennant Hills & Parramatta bridge clubs re Veterans leisure expo
Ben Chosid	To arrange a review of insurance cover for defamation on web site
Kim Morrison	Follow up Brisbane Waters Bridge Club complaint
Kim Morrison	Respond to correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suggested improvements to Rover movement</li> </ul>
Ross Stuart	Monitor Friday night youth bridge