

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

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

Apologies: Peter Gill (will arrive late), Mike Hughes, Elizabeth Fanos

1 Opening

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.15pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Ben Chosid apologised for not having completed the minutes of the previous meeting. Handwritten ones were reviewed to identify action items.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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
Ben Chosid	Advise the committee at next meeting the House requirements (budget etc) for the coming year.	Outstanding
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
Alex Yezerksi	Respond to invitation to attend ABF Presidents meeting	Done
Alex Yezerksi	Advise David Stern re World Youth Championship decision	Done
Alex Yezerksi	Ask Michael Phillips to review NSWBA accounts & procedures	Done
Julian Foster	Circulate State Open Pairs letter to clubs	Done
Julian Foster	Respond to correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complaint re non-availability of results on ECATS site• format of women's ITS	Outstanding

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Julian Foster	Investigate feasibility of posting library catalogue on web site	Outstanding
Liz Fanos	To follow-up the ABF re our 25 October 2004 request to roll over the loan	ABF have agreed to request, still awaiting a formal response.
Liz Fanos	Reply to Ballina & Goulburn B/Cs re fees	Outstanding
Peter Gill	To contact Pennant Hills & Parramatta bridge clubs re Veterans leisure expo	Done
Ben Chosid	To arrange a review of insurance cover for defamation on web site	Outstanding
Kim Morrison	Follow up Brisbane Waters Bridge Club complaint	Ongoing
Kim Morrison	Respond to correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggested improvements to Rover movement 	Done
Ross Stuart	Monitor Friday night youth bridge	Ongoing
Ben Chosid	Talk to Arthur Ramer regarding library	Done – a meeting to follow
Kim Morrison	Find replacement for Charles Klassen who is going o/seas	Preliminary discussions held with Ted Chadwick
Julian Foster	To issue formal NSWBA apology to Sebesfi team re 2004 GNOT	Done
Julian Foster	Circulate tournament spreadsheet to Councillors who had not received it the first time.	Done

4 Special Business

None

5 Correspondence

The Secretary's Report was tabled. The following items were discussed:

Chess club use of NSWBA premises.

To be encouraged but have to resolve date clashes. Alex to discuss with them. Also, need to check insurance position re hiring of premises.

ABF Licence fees for Sydney Festival.

JF has responded. Will be an increased cost but prepared to go along with it provided there is consistency applied Nationally.

ASIC letter about not lodging financial reports

JF to follow up with what has/has not been lodged.

There was a general discussion about insurance issues. BC to discuss insurance with his company and arrange a meeting (call AY first).

Concern was expressed that some items are coming in but are not always getting circulated to Councillors and are not being seen before these meetings. Need to provide Carrie Foster/David Watford with clear guidelines. AY/Liz Fanos to progress.

[NOTE: New action items are listed at the bottom of these Minutes.]

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. The following items were discussed.

ANC

The latest revision of the budget is looking less healthy mostly because ABF Tournament Unit costs have risen substantially. AY to approach ABF to explore alternatives.

Dissection of accounts

Michael Phillips has begun looking at whether the NSWBA accounts can be dissected into Club and State.

Motion: To acquire the latest version of the QuickBooks software and send letter to accountants to obtain balance sheet breakdowns.

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Julian Foster

The motion was carried.

Council Sub-Committees

With most Councillors still in the workforce, more bodies are needed on the various subcommittees to get through the workload. A general call for volunteers should be issued.

Ageing IT/telephone infrastructure

This needs urgent attention. AY can prepare the technical brief but the work itself will need to be done by someone else. There are also some policy issues that need to be decided by Council, such as whether it's advisable to network our three computers.

KM has someone in mind. AY to prepare the brief.

[Peter Gill joined the meeting at 8pm]

7 Treasurer's Report

There was no report in the absence of the Treasurer

8 Committee Reports

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

- a. FABC
 - i. Secretary position declared vacant. Sandra DeSilva is defacto acting secretary.
 - ii. Ken Storr needs to provide details to David Watford about becoming a director of the NSWBA.
 - iii. FABC country reps meeting will be the day before the Teams of Three. They will be inviting Alex, David Watford, Carrie Foster and maybe David Weston.
- b. Promotion and services
 - i. Parramatta leisure expo happened today.
- c. House
 - i. David Watford is sorting out what is needed for the playoffs.
 - ii. Carrie Foster will become a cheque signatory instead of David
- d. Rules and Ethics
 - i. A complaint submitted by a weekend director has been dealt with.
 - ii. Various appeals have been dealt with
- e. Teaching
 - i. Teaching going well. Some advanced lessons would be a good idea. Ted Chadwick would be ideal.
 - ii. WEA is great. Maybe there are some other community colleges that we should be advertising through? KM to consider.
- f. Juniors
 - i. University junior sessions cancelled in the short term. Was done in-house instead. Will potentially reschedule to the NSWBA in future.
 - ii. Youth game on Friday evenings has not yet started. Will start on 31 March, the week after Easter.
 - iii. One school contacted Ross after the SMH article. A couple of schools are interested in bringing players to the NSWBA. RS has contacted 30 schools offering support etc. Getting an inter-university comp started may be difficult – but individual universities have expressed interest.
- g. Tournament
 - i. There was a minor issue re stage II places now resolved.
 - ii. Discussion re GNOT/SNOT/Sydney Festival – see general business below.
 - iii.

9 General Business

- a. Open/Women's Playoffs
 - i. A working bee has been arranged for Saturday, March 12th at 10am to tidy the premises before the play offs.

- b. Displaced events – waiving table money as an enticement
 - i. It was discussed whether free table money should be offered to compensate players whose sessions have been cancelled due to the Play Offs.

Motion: Propose that Monday, April 4th daytime be declared a free session for all comers.

Moved: Kim Morrison
Seconded: Alex Yezerski

The motion was carried.

AY to talk to Peter Jamieson.

[Ross Stuart left the meeting at 9.15pm]

- c. ANC update
 - i. Report will be submitted to the ABF AGM in late March.
- d. World Youth Championships
 - i. WBF reps coming to Sydney to review preparations.
- e. GNOT (location) / SPNOT/ Sydney Festival
 - i. GNOT finals location moved to Tweed Heads. Ron Klinger has suggested that the SNOT be expanded to incorporate Sydney Festival. This is quite an interesting idea but involves complications as the ABF run the SNOT and the NSWBA run the Sydney Festival. Need to explore with the ABF the possibility of them ceding the SNOT to us.
 - ii. Movement of GNOT to Tweed Heads. Will be trialled this year and reviewed before becoming a permanent fixture.
- f. Peter Jamieson's recommendation to dispense with the bulletin Home page

Motion: To accept this recommendation.

Moved: Peter Gill
Seconded: Ben Chosid

The motion was carried.

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday 13th April 2005 @ 6.15pm

The meeting was declared closed at 10.20pm

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 11-MAR-2005 COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item
Alex Yezerksi	To discuss chess club rental with them.
Julian Foster	To follow up ASIC financial report lodgement
Ben Chosid	To establish current insurance information and arrange a meeting with a representative from his company
Alex Yezerksi	To discuss with Liz Fanos about office procedures for dealing with correspondence
Kim Morrison	Sound out XXX re possibly helping out with IT infrastructure advice
Alex Yezerksi	To draft specifications for IT and telephone infrastructure upgrade
Ken Storr	To provide details to David Watford about becoming a NSBWA director
Kim Morrison	To investigate other community colleges with regard to teaching etc.