

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2005

Present: Alex Yezerki, Mike Hughes Kim Morrison, Elizabeth Fanos,
Julian Foster, Peter Gill, Ken Storr (FABC)

Apologies: Ben Chosid, Ross Stuart, Matt Blackham, Neville
Farrell(FABC),

1 Opening

Alex Yezerki opened the meeting at 6.15pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 11 March 2004

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 11 March 2005 be confirmed.*

Moved: Alex Yezerki

Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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
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	Write to Eilis Magner General Council.
Liz Fanos	Reply to Ballina & Goulburn B/Cs re fees	Outstanding. Follow up.
Ross Stuart	Monitor Friday night youth bridge	Ongoing
Ken Storr	To provide details to David Watford about becoming a NSBWA director	Outstanding

4 Special Business

None.

5 Correspondence

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

1. Contact Noella if required for Worker's Comp audit
2. John O'Brien letter to be followed up by Kim Morrison

Instruction to Carrie/David to forward emails to Liz and advise on letters which require an immediate response.

6 Chairman's Report

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

a. NSWBA Accounting procedures.

Following a review by Michael Phillips, a decision has been taken to completely overhaul the NSWBA accounts. New accounting software has been installed and training on QuickBooks will be provided for Carrie, David, Mike Hughes, Julian, and Alex. Julian to organise this week for early May.

b. Technology Refresh.

Motion: *That Council authorise the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$4000 to purchase the items listed below and to engage the services of Paola Matarazzo for a maximum of 25hrs at a net hourly rate of \$40 to install and set up the equipment.*

Qty	Description
2	Dell Dimension 3000, 3GHz Pentium, 512Mb, 80Gb HD, 16X DVD R/W, 17" LCD, Windows XP
1	LinkSys Wireless Router
2	Wireless NIC PCI card
1	Nero BackItUp utility
1	Brother MFC-410CN flatbad scanner, fax, printer
1	ADSL modem
1	ASE8 upgrade licence to WinXP

Moved: Alex Yezerski

Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried.

Julian raised the question of phone & microphone upgrade. This will need to be done prior to the ANC. Alex to enlist Gary Lane who is particularly well qualified to assist in this area.

7 Treasurer's Report

There was no report from the Treasurer

Motion: *That as soon as practicable \$25,000, being half of the Bobby Evan's bequest, be paid towards the ABF loan with the balance of the bequest to be held back until after the ANC, once the NSWBA's financial position is known.*

Moved: Mike Hughes

Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried

8 Committee Reports

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

FABC

- Nothing to report

Promotion and services

- Boards provision under control
- Thursday & Fridays –numbers still declining. Experienced players scare off beginners & improvers. Friday's table numbers are declining at all clubs. The sheer number of private clubs also contributes to the declining numbers.
- Impossible to run a supervised & normal session together with one director.
- What to do to make club more profitable – 1st decide what is the aim of the NSWBA
- Resolved to restart supervised games ASAP once beginners' lessons have finished

House

- Julian to take over planning/budgeting for House. Julian also to take over Library.

Rules and Ethics

- Appointed two new directors- John Pike & Ted Chadwick. Ted to submit proposal for advanced classes.

Teaching

- Nothing to report

Juniors

- Friday night abandoned. Planning for Tuesday nights in future.

Tournament

- ANC progress report tabled

- Women's ITS – complaints regarding the selection process referred to Tournament Committee
- Kim Morrison to take over Tournament

9 General Business

Dick Cummings books donated by Val. They are to be used for prizes.

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for 18th May 2005 @ 6.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 20 APRIL-2005 COUNCIL MEETING

Liz Fanos	Write to Val C. thanking her for donation
Julian Foster	Organise training for account system
Kim Morrison	To restart supervised lessons
Ben Chosid	Organise for boards to be tidied up

