

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2005**

Present: Alex Yezerksi, Mike Hughes Kim Morrison, Elizabeth Fanos,  
Ross Stuart

Apologies: Ken Storr, Julian Foster, Peter Gill, Ben Chosid

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**1 Opening**

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of 18 May 2005**

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2005 be confirmed.*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Mike Hughes

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>
Ben Chosid	Advise the committee at next meeting the House requirements (budget etc) for the coming year.	Julian Foster to undertake
Ben Chosid	Organise for boards to be tidied up	Outstanding
Julian Foster	Investigate feasibility of posting library catalogue on web site	Arthur Ramer to be asked to bring the catalogue up to date so that it can be posted on the web site.

**4 Special Business**

None

**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. In summary:

- Review of NSWBA's insurance cover has been completed with competing quotes obtained from two insurance brokers, AON and IBA.
- The procurement of new computer equipment and the setting up of the WiFi network went smoothly and came in within budget as shown below.

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Capital expenditure	\$4000	\$3892
Professional services (ex-tax)	\$1000	\$720

The new Directors machine is not yet in service because of problems experienced in transferring the player file from ASE7 to ASE8, i.e. from the DOS to the WinXP version of the scoring program. There has also been a hitch with the new Dealing computer. The version of WinDup that runs under WinXP will only work with 5-bar cards, not the obsolescent 3-bar cards that we still use extensively. The medium term solution is to phase out the old decks but in the interim the existing Dealing machine can be retained and hopefully added to the network

- Work has progressed to the point where the payroll will be handled in QuickBooks as from July 1. The new chart of accounts will also be introduced at that time.

Motion: *That NSWBA Councillors Indemnity cover be increased to \$5M, that the Business Insurance policy with IBA be renewed, and that a Voluntary Workers Personal Accident policy be taken out with AON .*

Moved: Alex Yezerksi

Seconded: Mike Hughes

The motion was carried.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was tabled. It indicated that there was little real change in the financial position from the previous month.

## 8 Committee Reports

Only Rules & Ethics, and Tournament Committee reports were tabled.

### Juniors

- Junior's evenings have been suspended.

### FABC

- No Report

### Promotion and services

- No report.

### House

- No Report

### Rules & Ethics

- Three matters were dealt with and resolved

### Teaching

- Tina's next classes start July 18/19, day and evening respectively.
- Improver's course will be run on Sun Aug 7.

### Tournament

Motion: *That the following teams be ratified to represent NSW at the ANC .*

*Women's Team- Nazife Bashar-Rasma Liepins  
Carolyn Molloy-Nevena Djurovic  
Marlene Watts-Berri Folkard  
Captain : Marcia Scudder*

*Senior's Team- Steven Bock-Neville Moses  
Peter & Ruth Jamieson  
Mike Hughes-Ted Griffin  
Captain : Tina Zines*

*Youth Team- Daniel Krochmalik-Nick Rodwell  
John & Ken Hornibrook  
Andrew Brady-Michael Hanaghan  
Captain : Nick Hughes  
Coach : Peter Gill*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Alex Yezerski

The motion was carried.

### **General Business**

- Resolved that the membership fee for new members is to be reduced on a pro-rata basis depending on the month they join. Thus someone joining in December will be charged 1/12<sup>th</sup>, while someone joining in January will be charged 12/12<sup>th</sup>, of the annual membership fee. Existing members will be charged the full amount if they renew their membership in January to June, and half that amount if they renew it in July to December.
- Resolved that Doroty Cser be paid same dealer's rate as Trica.

- Some concerns have been raised with Council as to the way the office is functioning at present. Resolved that Alex Yezerki discuss these with the office staff with a view to achieving greater efficiency.

### **ANC Update**

- The ANC teams will be played at the NSWBA. The evening session of the final on Thursday night 28 July will be played at the Fitz-Gerald's apartment in the city and screened to a Vugraph audience at the NSWBA.
- Side events during the ANC teams will be offered on all days, at selected clubs.
- ANC Pairs, Victory dinner, Butler and congress events will be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre (SMC) at 279 Castlereagh St (on the corner of Goulburn St).
- Promotion/advertising: One thousand brochures, and a large number of flyers and posters have been issued. All interstate bridge associations have been contacted, all NSW affiliated clubs mailed, and the event advertised at congresses. An advertorial will appear shortly in Australian Bridge. Local newspapers are now being approached.
- Entries to the Butler may be enhanced by the decision that the first two Aussie pairs in the Open Butler will be members of the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Melbourne in March 2006.
- Directors/Boards: Sean Mullamphy will be the CTD as part of the ABF Tournament Unit. A director for side events is being sought.
- Sponsorship: A number of organisations, including local restaurants, have been approached for sponsorship. De Bortoli has promised 10 cases of wine.

### **10 Next meeting**

Scheduled for 13 July 2005 @ 6.00pm. The meeting was declared closed at 8:15 pm

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM APRIL-2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
Liz Fanos	Write to Kings & Queens re Interclub teams. NSWBA will advertise on notice board & web site for interested members but will not directly organise teams.	Done
Liz Fanos	Let Peter Jamieson to OK Mr Factor to have chair in exchange for book for library	Done
Liz Fanos	Does the ABF cover volunteer workers eg people rearranging furniture under their Public Liability	Done
Alex Yezerski	To follow up with KCM re why we have Public Liability Insurance given that we are covered under the ABF umbrella policy	Done
Mike Hughes	To follow up with Eric Ramshaw that the ABF has paid for use of the premises for Open & Women's Playoffs	Outstanding
Alex Yezerski	Solicit contributions from Councillors to help compile a list of services provided to affiliated clubs	Outstanding
Ross Stuart	Confirm that ANC have a viable dealing plan	Done

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 18 MAY-2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Mike Hughes	To investigate the impact of the \$790K lift upgrade on next year's budget.
Kim Morrison	To advise Directors to be at premises 1 hour before session start and to advise the office and players that for security reasons lift access will not be available prior to that time.
Kim Morrison	To discuss at next Tournament committee meeting proposal to play on every Monday possible (other than public holidays)
Mike Hughes	To email Eilis Magner re rolling over mortgage
Liz Fanos	To email Wagga Wagga club re request for subsidy
Ross Stuart	To follow up National Youth Triathlon in August re use of premises.