

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2005

Present: Alex Yezerksi, Mike Hughes, Kim Morrison, Ross Stuart
Julian Foster, Peter Gill, Ben Chosid, Matt Blackham
In Attendance Elizabeth Fanos
Apologies: Ken Storr

1 Opening

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 15 June 2005

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2005 be confirmed subject to an amendment noting that Tina Zines has been nominated as Captain of the NSW Seniors ANC team.*

Moved: Mike Hughes
Seconded: Alex Yezerksi

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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

Elizabeth Fanos resigned as Secretary.

Motion: *That Ben Chosid be appointed as Secretary.*

Moved: Julian Foster
Seconded: Ross Stuart

The motion was carried

5 Correspondence

The Secretary's Report was tabled and discussed. No items requiring Council attention.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In summary:

Telephones

An order has been placed with Commander Systems for a new PABX. It will be installed on Monday, 18 July 2005.

Accounting Overhaul

This process is now largely complete. Some fine tuning is likely to be required over the coming months. Michael Phillips has set up the accounts system in QuickBooks. Day to day use is going well. Julian and Mike to ensure that a proper set of accounts can be produced by September 1.

Public Address System

A quote has been obtained from Coda Audio Services Pty Ltd to replace our antiquated PA system. A wireless mike is recommended to allow a Director free movement. A four speaker system is proposed in place of the current single speaker so as to avoid the situation where players near a speaker find the volume uncomfortably loud while those further away can barely hear what is said. The system will be installed prior to the commencement of the ANC.

Motion: *That NSWBA purchase Public Address system at a cost of \$2435.62*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Mike Hughes

The motion was carried.

Portfolio Reshuffle

Rules & Ethics	Alex Yezerski
Sponsorship	Ben Chosid
Finance and Teaching	Julian Foster
Library	Ross Stuart

Office Staff

Commencing 25 July 2005, Liz Fanos will take on the Office Manager role on a full-time basis. Carrie Foster will be retained with her hours scaled back to 15 per week.

Motion: *That Liz Fanos be appointed Office Manager commencing 25 July 2005 on the salary package negotiated with the NSWBA Chairman.*

Moved: Ben Chosid
Seconded: Ross Stuart

The motion was carried.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Tabled. In summary:

Table numbers were down again this month. Forty fewer non-championship tables and 15 fewer Monday night tables, reflecting a drop in state teams entry from 30 tables last year to 25 tables this year. Presumably we can expect the ANC to cause a further reduction in numbers in July. Overall this is a matter of considerable concern, and should be given a high priority once the ANC is out of the way.

8 Committee Reports

Juniors

- No Report

FABC

- Country reps meeting held on June 4th was very pleased to have such a strong representation by the NSWBA. Matters arising from meeting discussed under General Business

Promotion and services

- No report.

House

- Report tabled
- Working Bee has been organised Saturday 16 July.

Rules & Ethics

- No complaints have been received in the past month.

Teaching

- Only six people have enrolled in the daytime class and 13 in the evening class commencing next week. Resolved that the classes be conducted nevertheless.

Tournament

- A decision on whether NSW should send a team to compete at the Commonwealth Nations Championship in March 2006 in Melbourne was deferred to the August Council meeting to allow the Treasurer and the Tournament Committee to assess the financial and scheduling implications.
- All state representatives and captains for the ANC have been ratified and entered by the due date and their systems registered. Rep jackets have been presented.

- Tournament regulations are progressing slowly. It is anticipated currently that they will be ready to present to Council for ratification at the Sept/Oct meeting.
- A proposed 2006 ITS format was posted on the Web and club notice boards and comments/suggestions were sought. There were numerous emails that ensued mainly from the women players. Many were accepting of it and very complimentary but some were unclear and unsure. A meeting was held on Monday 11 July to explain it all and the rationale behind it. Approximately 20 attended. Whilst there was some debate there was a unanimous endorsement of the proposal. With Council approval this will go ahead next year.
- Other work in progress:
 - A) An event checklist outlining all duties, procedures, budget, timeframe etc is being drawn up. On completion this should ensure the smooth running of all events. A subcommittee will draft it then all relevant parties will do a final check before approval from TC.
 - B) Rules and regs and qualification procedures for the 2006 ITS.
 - C) 2006 events calendar.

General Business

- Julian Foster to represent the NSWBA at the ABF meeting on July 28th in place of John Arkinstall. Keiran Crowe-Mai to carry the 3rd NSW vote. Council agreed to have the FABC hold their AGM at the NSWBA premises September 16
- Peter Gill to follow up Bridge Baron request for permission to use our event data.
- Various issues raised at the FABC meeting and forwarded by Sandra Da Silva were discussed. Some need further clarification which Matt Blackham will request from Sandra. Resolved that consideration be given to holding a one day seminar where various subject matter experts such as Dave Weston, John McIllrath, and Matt McManus could deliver presentations on topics of interest to club administrators.

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for 10 August 2005 @ 6.00pm. The meeting was declared closed at 8:20 pm

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 15 June-2005 COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item	Resolution
Mike Hughes	To investigate the impact of the \$790K lift upgrade on next year's budget.	Outstanding
Kim Morrison	To discuss at next Tournament committee meeting proposal to play on every Monday possible (other than public holidays)	Ongoing
Mike Hughes	To email Eilis Magner re rolling over mortgage	Done. waiting to hear back

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Councillor	Action Item	Resolution
Peter Gill	Check whether board from Youth will come back with boards	
Alex Yezerski	Circulate the memo from ABF regarding the C'weath Nations C'ship proposed for March 2006	
Ben Chosid	To advise Val Brockwell prior to July 21 that Julian Foster will attend the ABF meeting in Sydney on July 28 in place of John Arkininstall.	
Matt Blackham	To seek further clarification from Sandra De Silva regarding items from the FABC meeting held in June.	