

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2005

Present: Alex Yezerksi, Mike Hughes, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster,
Ken Storr, Ross Stuart, Peter Gill

In Attendance

Apologies: Ben Chosid, Matt Blackham

1 Opening

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 10 August 2005

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2005 be confirmed.*

Moved: Peter Gill

Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 13 July-2005 COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor	Action Item	Resolution
Peter Gill	Check whether board from Youth will come back with cards	Boards returned without cards
Matt Blackham	To seek further clarification from Sandra De Silva regarding items from the FABC meeting held in June.	Chairman to attend FABC meeting on Fri 16 August

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Councillor	Action Item	Resolution
Julian Foster	Prepare and distribute ANC financial report.	Draft has been circulated.
Ben Chosid	Set objectives, plans & method of execution to increase table numbers. 1. State Teams target 30 tables 2. Thursday day time target 10 tables	Outstanding. Peter Gill to assist with promotion
Ben Chosid	Ben to call Susan Bristow regarding assistance with design of ex-smoking room refit.	Sub committee has been formed (see Chairman's report)

4 Special Business

No Special Business

5 Correspondence

The Secretary's Report was tabled and 2 items discussed.

- David Stern wrote advising of savings (for his club) on Worker's Compensation Insurance as a result of re-rating following re-classification of bridge clubs. The impact on NSWBA is minimal, but Liz Fanos is following up
- The Yates Security report following a break-in last Thursday was discussed. No losses have been identified. The Chairman reported that the office computers had been backed up and any data losses, had computers been stolen, would have been minimal. Police and building managers have been notified.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In summary:

Hakoah Joint Venture

- We have been approached by Hakoah concerning a re-location to their premises and merging the bridge clubs, as was considered some years ago. Following discussion the following motion was passed.

Motion: *That the Chairman write to Hakoah thanking them for the offer, but declining it.*

Moved: Mike Hughes

Seconded: Peter Gill

Refurbishment

- One of our members, Sue Bristow, an interior designer, has offered to help us plan the refurbishment of the area spanning the dealing room, board storage area, ex-smoking room and storage room.
- Two meetings have been held with her. Once plans have been prepared and costed a proposal will be submitted to Council.

Feedback

- We have received a complaint from Michael Phillips that the State Open Teams Metropolitan Final was a bit of a shambles, partly caused by the clash with the Sydney Marathon, and partly noting that the standard was poor. On behalf of the Tournament Committee Kim Morrison advised that next year the event would be held later and would not clash with the Marathon. The standard of teams entering is however not in our hands, it's really an issue for

the clubs who send teams. It was resolved that Council would thank Mike for the feed back (Liz Fanos to e-mail Mike).

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Tabled. In summary:

- The P&L shows a healthy position relative to last year (even after deducting the Bobby Evans bequest from income.
- The result arises from a profitable ANC and reduced ANC travel expenses this year. The Council again warmly thanked Bruce Neill and Chris Nettle for their work as convenors. They will be presented a gift as a small token of our appreciation for all the hard work they have put in .
- Table numbers remain of great concern. August represented the largest comparative shortfall for over 12 months (excluding last month, which was ANC affected). With the ANC and World Youth over, attracting members back to weekly duplicates and state events becomes of the highest priority.
- With the sound financial position, the following motion was passed :
Motion: *That following the success of the ANC, and reflecting the intention of Council to apply the Bobby Evans bequest to meet the premises mortgage, a further \$25,000 be repaid to the ABF shortly, the timing to be subject to cash flow requirements.*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Mike Hughes

8 Committee Reports

Juniors

- It was agreed that Ross Stuart approach Ron Klinger to see if he would be willing to run classes for high school children in the week before Christmas.

Library

- Arthur Ramer has provided a report that was discussed briefly by Council. A subcommittee consisting of Ross Stuart, Arthur Ramer and Julian Foster (if available - or if not, Peter Gill) was authorised to sort out how best to run the library. It was agreed that the priority was to get the library up and running quickly, rather than delay opening it pending the introduction of a sophisticated library system. When first mooted, it was thought the office would not get involved with the library. The Council thought that now that we have extra staff in the office that restriction is unnecessary.
- Borrowing is to be free, with a penalty for late returns.

FABC

- No Report

Promotion and services

- With the World Youth finished, Peter Gill undertook to ramp up promotion for NSWBA events, and to seek ways to increase table numbers. The next major state event is the State Teams, commencing 10 October.

House

- No Report.

Rules & Ethics

- The Chairman advised Council of a complaint against a member for rudeness at the table. He has discussed the complaint with the member concerned, and believes the matter has been adequately dealt with.

Teaching

- No report

Tournament

- A draft calendar for next year is near completion. There remain issues with Monday night clashes with other events. The TC was asked to consider relaxing substitution (or byes with appropriate score adjustments) for pairs or teams unable to attend a night because of authorised bridge commitments such as interstate or international representation. Peter Gill advised that he knew of a method that worked well for running events over several nights, not all of which were attended. He will present it to the TC for consideration..
- Regulations etc. remain a work in progress, but are nearing completion.

9 General Business

There was no general business.

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for 12 October 2005 @ 6.00pm. The meeting was declared closed at 7:25pm.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 14 September 2005 Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Alex Yezerski	Write to Hakoah re offer to merge clubs	
Alex Yezerski	Arrange for Liz Fanos to write to Michael Phillips re complaint regarding the State Open Pairs Events	
Ross Stuart	Speak to Ron Klinger re youth classes during school holidays	