

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2005

Present: Alex Yezerksi, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Ross Stuart, Peter Gill, Neville Farrell (FABC), Ken Storr (FABC)
In Attendance Elizabeth Fanos
Apologies: Ben Chosid, Mike Hughes

1 Opening

Alex Yezerksi opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 14 September 2005

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2005 be confirmed.*

Moved: Ross Stuart
Seconded: Kim Morrison

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 10 August-2005 COUNCIL MEETING

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.	Outstanding

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Councillor	Action Item	Resolution
Alex Yezerski	Write to Hakoah re offer to merge clubs	Done
Alex Yezerski	Arrange for Liz Fanos to write to Michael Phillips re feedback from State Open Pairs Events	Done
Ross Stuart	Speak to Ron Klinger re bridge classes for children during school holidays	Done. Ron will participate for 1 day 22 nd December

4 Special Business

No Special Business

5 Correspondence

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

- Request from NSW Chess Assoc for use of premises in 2006
Agreed in principal. See action items.
- Request from FABC for teaching subsidy 2004-2005 for \$172.75
Agreed subject to Treasurer's input.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In summary:

FABC AGM

- Attended the FABC Annual General Meeting held at the NSWBA premises on September 16.
- The FABC Committee is well disposed to the idea that there be a single governing body for Bridge in NSW.

Masterpoints

- Dave Weston, the State Masterpoints Secretary, has advised that despite the NSWBA having 37 B4c events scheduled for 2005, he is not aware of any results having been sent to the ABF this year. He also pointed out that if green masterpoints are not being submitted either, this will greatly impact on the number of red point sessions the NSWBA is entitled to hold next year. Warren Lazer has since confirmed that our 2006 allocation has dropped to 30 B4c events.
- Dave, at the time of writing, was also awaiting the following from Matthew McManus:

- ⇒ Masters Singles from Dec 2004 - B4s event
- ⇒ NSW Singles Championship from Jun 2005 - B event
- ⇒ Metropolitan Pairs from Aug 2005 - B4s event
- ⇒ NSW Masters Pairs from Sep 2005 - B event
- ⇒ Swiss Pairs from Jun 2005 - B4s event

Peter Gill advised the meeting that all these were lodged by the end of September.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was tabled. In summary:

- The accounts are currently with the auditor.
- A further \$25,000 has been paid off the mortgage as agreed at the last meeting, so the Bobby Evans bequest has been fully applied.
- On the negative side, table numbers were again way down last month.

8 Committee Reports

Juniors

- School holiday bridge teaching will be held on the week beginning 19th December at the NSWBA. Peter Gill and Ross Stuart to co-ordinate.

Library

- Will be up and running from next week with the directors being asked to assist in the evenings and the office during the day.

FABC

- No Report

Promotion and services

- No Report

House

- No Report.

Rules & Ethics

- No new matters to report

Teaching

- No report

Tournament

- Checklist for last tournament worked well with the satisfactory staging of the State Open Pairs Final & Swiss Pairs on the weekend of 8th & 9th October.

9 General Business

- Proposed change to the NSWBA's Rules & Regulations – the introduction of a “no teaching at the table” policy.
Referred to Rules Committee
- Directors & Quickbooks courses for Liz Fanos to be paid for by NSWBA.
Approved
- Credit Card Payments - Stratapay –
will continue with surcharge being applied to all transactions
- Board Dealing for the Spring Nationals
NSWBA will supply
- Special Resolution to change Constitution to allow Councillors to be paid for arms-length work done at or on behalf of the Association be presented at the AGM.
Agreed to proceed with certain qualifications.
- Membership fees for 2006 –
To be kept at 2005 level

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for 9 November 2005 @ 6.00pm. The meeting was declared closed at 8pm.

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Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Alex Yezerksi	Arrange for Liz Fanos to write to Thomas Accola, Secretary of NSW Chess Association to offer use of NSWBA premises on 9 (to be agreed) Sundays between 26 th Feb to 30 April from 6pm-12.00am @ \$80/\$100 per night but noting that the premises cannot be made available on 9 th April.	
Alex Yezerksi	To arrange for Liz Fanos to draft a resolution for change to NSWBA constitution to allow no more than two Councillors to receive some remuneration for work performed at or on behalf of the Association in a capacity other than that of a Councillor.	
Ben Chosid	To organise clean up day @ NSWBA for 29 th October	
Kim Morrison	Respond to complaint from Mike Phillips re Sydney Bridge Festival entry fees	
Kim Morrison	To email Mat McManus re marking of Ted Chadwick's director's exam	
Kim Morrison	The tournament committee to review the quality of directing at each session and following the review, complete an assessment of current pay rates for directors and make recommendations to try and improve the standard of directing at the NSWBA.	
Peter Gill	To do analysis on the accuracy and consistency of Masterpoint allocation at regular sessions.	