

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2005

Present: Mike Hughes, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Ben Chosid, Ken Storr, Ross Stuart, Peter Gill
In Attendance Liz Fanos
Apologies: Alex Yezerski

1 Opening

Kim Morrison opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 12 October 2005

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2005 be confirmed.*

Moved: Ross Stuart
Seconded: Julian Foster

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 12 October 2005 Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Alex Yezerski	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.	Done
Ben Chosid	To organise clean up day @ NSWBA for 29 th October	Deferred to next year
Kim Morrison	Respond to complaint from Mike Phillips re Sydney Bridge Festival entry fees	Done
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 on how to maintain a high standard of directing at the NSWBA.	Done

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Peter Gill	To do analysis on the accuracy and consistency of Masterpoint allocation at regular sessions.	Held over to next meeting

5 Correspondence

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

- The Goulburn St car park is to be closed over the weekend of 26-27 November. This coincides with the State Teams final. Liz Fanos to be asked to put up a notice in the clubrooms advising of the closure, to advise the weekend directors of the closure and ask them to advise their regular players, and to contact the captains of the teams in the State Teams final and advise them of the closure.

6 Chairman's Report

None, due to the Chairman's absence abroad.

7 Treasurer's Report

A draft of the proposed Treasurers report for inclusion in the Annual Report was circulated. Members of Council were requested to provide any comments on the draft to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

- No Report

House & Sponsorship

- No Report.

Finance & Teaching

- Liz Fanos attended a Quickbooks course today to assist in improving the use of the accounting system in the future.

Library

- It was agreed that the existing database should be put up on the web, and that a note about the library availability should be put up on the website, included in the newsletter, and included in the next e-mail to members.
- It was further agreed that if an existing bookshelf is freed up in the refit of the smoking room, it should be used for the non-bridge book informal library. If there is no suitable bookcase, an inexpensive one is to be purchased for that purpose.

Youth

- It was noted that the annual youth championships are scheduled for early December, and the provision of bridge lessons for school-age youth (including a day with Ron Klinger) is scheduled for the week before Christmas.

Tournament

- A draft of the tournament regulations was presented to Council, and Kim Morrison ran through the proposed changes. As a consequence of the discussion, a few further amendments are required, and the document was referred back to the Tournament Committee. In particular, it was felt that some regulations applied to all events under the auspices of the NSWBA, while others such as fines for slow play or mobile phones only applied to events run directly by the NSWBA, and affiliated clubs might choose to modify them. These latter regulations would be better placed in a separate section of the document.
- An analysis of table numbers was presented. They continue to dwindle.
- In an attempt to improve table numbers there has been an increase in the remuneration of directors, but with a consequential increase in the promotional duties of directors. The changes apply in the week commencing 21st November. Kim Morrison tabled a proposed scale of fees and duties, and also advised that there are some changes in the directors for some sessions. There are some inconsistencies in the treatment of Superannuation for current directors, and this will be tidied up as part of the process.

9 General business

- (a) The annual accounts have been circulated. The following motion was passed

Motion: That the Accounts as presented be agreed to, and that Alex Yezerski and Mike Hughes be authorised to sign the accounts as presented.

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Julian Foster

- (b) It was agreed that the Christmas Party pairs on 17th December be open entry, with table fees of \$5. The usual prizes and refreshments will be provided. Directors will be authorised some increased expenditure on soft drinks, wine and nibbles at their sessions in that week.

10 Next meeting

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14.

The meeting was closed at 10:02 pm.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 9 November 2005 Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
Kim Morrison	To arrange for Liz to advise players and State Teams players that Goulburn St car park will be closed 26 th & 27 th November	
Ross Stuart	Arrange for the library facility information and library database to be put onto the NSWBA web page, included in the next newsletter, and in the next e-mail to members.	
Mike Hughes	To determine what the current practices are for remuneration to directors and liaise with Kim Morrison to finalise the arrangements.	
Mike Hughes	Liz Fanos to ensure members are informed about Christmas Party and relevant promotion material distributed	
All Councillors	Members of council renominating for the 2005/2006 year are reminded to complete nomination forms within specified time periods.	