

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2006**

Present: Alex Yezerki, , Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Ben Chosid,  
Peter Gill, Kim Neale, Ken Storr, Matt Blackham

Apologies: Keiran Crowe-Mai, Nick Horne, Neville Farrell

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**1 Opening**

AY opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of Jan 13,2006**

Motion: *That the minutes of the January 13 meeting be accepted as true and accurate records of that meeting subject to one change to the Action Items, to wit, KCM rather than KM is to advise Revesby re congress decision.*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Ben Chosid

The motion was carried.

**3 Matters arising**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Peter Gill	To do analysis on the accuracy/ consistency of Masterpoints allocation at regular sessions.	Done
Nick Horne	Library details to be put on Web page	Outstanding
Kim Morrison	Current practices for directors' remuneration	Reassigned to JF
KCM & JF	Board hiring & dealing policy	Outstanding
AY	Advise Val re commissions for advertising	Done
JF	Analysis on how NSWBA finances work	Ongoing
PG & JF	Cost road show	Outstanding
KCM	Have LF advise ABF of delegate and 3 <sup>rd</sup> vote	Done
KCM	Look at possibility of quick lessons before sessions	Outstanding
BC	Organise steam cleaning of carpets	Done
KM	Look at monthly competitions for regular duplicates	Done
KCM	Liaise with LF re distribution of correspondence.	Done
KCM	Liaise with LF re all entries to events on web page	Done
KCM	Liaise with LF re setting up 'matchmaker'	Done

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
KCM	To procure wine with DW (max \$1000)	Outstanding
NH	To investigate setting up online library system	Outstanding
BC	Signs for the library	Done
AY	Letter of thanks for donated bookcase	Done
NH	Organise plaque (if donor accepts) for donated case	Done
KM	Amend Regs and promulgate	Done
KM	Provide summary of Reg changes for attachment to minutes	Will instead arrange to include a copy of the regulations in full in the next mail-out to affiliated clubs
KCM	Advise Revesby re congress decision	Outstanding
AY	Organise committee to look at NSWBA restructure.	Done

#### **4 Correspondence**

No correspondence was tabled.

#### **5 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief:

- The NSWBA restructure subcommittee, whose members are AY (chair), KN, KS, Peter Jamieson, Neville Moses and John Scudder, held its inaugural meeting on Feb 14.
- Per Jannersten demonstrated his latest range of duplicating equipment and dealing software to LF and AY. The key point he made was that given the limited life of Win98, the NSWBA must be prepared to migrate to 5-bar barcoded cards in the short to medium term.

#### **6 Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief:

- Financial year to date results suggest we are \$5K better off than at this point last year.
- The cash position is very healthy, as it always is at this time of the year.
- The main revenue sources for last year have been quantified.

In subsequent discussion it was agreed that the bulk of the surplus cash is to be transferred to the high-interest bearing account and that only a small float, to be managed on a weekly basis by LF, should be kept in the current account.

## 7 Committee Reports

### FABC

- Report tabled.
- Proceedings at the FABC meeting held on 3 February, 2006 were discussed.

### Rules & Ethics, Appeals, Teaching

- Report tabled.
- The suggestion that we continue the existing reciprocal arrangement with the QBA in relation to a prize entry to a major event was strongly endorsed.
- The suggestion that a standard set of NSWBA teaching notes be prepared and made available to affiliated clubs was held over for discussion at the next meeting. It was felt that this responsibility properly rests with the ABF and/or ABTA. KCM to contact same to discover what, if anything, is being done on a national level.
- JF advised that the two appeals from ITS Stage 1 were orchestrated by KM rather than himself.
- Two R&E complaints have been received in the past month. Action pending. KCM to advise.

### Promotion and services

- No report.
- The promotional effort aimed at enticing players back by running supervised sessions will commence in earnest next month.
- BC and PG will be the principal callers.

### House

- Report tabled.
- A list of jobs to be tackled on the 5 March working bee has been prepared. It was agreed that people wishing to volunteer for specific jobs do so by email to BC. A facility for members at large to do so will be provided via our web site. BC to organise.
- Shelving for the storage room & dealing (ex-smoking) room is a priority. Liz Fanos (LF) to be authorised to purchase suitable shelving up to an amount approved in advance by JF and AY.
- KM emphasised the need to clear up an area on the notice board for posting items of current interest. PG suggested Council minutes should be posted there.
- Jennifer Cufar will open the canteen on Monday nights and Tuesday daytime on a three month trial basis. BC recommended that the existing cappuccino machine be replaced. Decision deferred till next meeting. BC to research cost of new and second hand machines.
- Tablecloths not yet ordered. BC to get quote.

### Tournament

- Report tabled.
- Average table numbers for the weekly duplicate sessions over the past 3 years have revealed the extent to which John Pikes sessions plummeted. Peter Jamieson's sessions are showing a distinct improvement, Tony Hutton's are

up a little, Ted Chadwick's are holding their own, and the others are struggling.

- John Gurevich has developed a program for masterpointing the monthly competitions which will make life for directors a lot easier.

### Library

- Report tabled.
- Beginner's books have been labelled and signs put up.
- Tina Zines will incorporate a tour of the library at the end of her introductory course
- Notice has been placed on the web site and will appear in the bulletin.

### Sponsorship

- No report.
- KN to determine which sponsorships are current and arrange for the removal of ads from the bulletin and web site of those that are not.

## **8 General Business**

### Advertising on the web page

The rate was set at \$300 per advertisement.

### Road show

Suggested locations are Tamworth and Wagga. Target months are May and November. Agreed NSWBA contribution is \$10,000 which when matched by the ABF on a dollar for dollar basis will provide a total budget of \$20,000 for the exercise.

### Review of the Structure of the NSWBA

The subcommittee will act on the following brief:

- To decide the proper role of the NSWBA going forward
- To determine what can be done to improve the governance and promotion of bridge in NSW
- To assess whether internet bridge and changing demographics are likely to result in a structural change in the demand for bridge clubs in NSW
- To determine whether there is an overabundance of congress events in NSW and if so what, if anything, can be done about it
- To assess whether the proliferation of bridge clubs is a good or bad thing and what can be done to accelerate or retard the process, as appropriate
- To determine whether the problems with the current premises (e.g. air conditioning, parking, etc) are sufficiently serious to warrant the NSWBA relocating;
- To assess whether an NSWBA/FABC merger would be beneficial

### Subsidy

It was agreed that should the winning pair in the open or women's Butler selection event elect not to compete, the subsidy will be passed down to the pair that takes their place irrespective of where they finished.

**9 Next meeting**

Scheduled for Friday, 17 March 2006 at 6:30pm. The meeting was declared closed at 9:00 PM.

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 17 February 2006 Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
JF	Arrange for surplus cash to be managed optimally
KCM	Attend to ethics complaints
PG	Arrange & promote supervised sessions
BC	Arrange work bee notice on web site
BC	Price cappuccino machines
KM	Arrange future mail out of Tournament regs
KN	Review current sponsors
AY	Convey restructure brief to subcommittee
JF & AY	Authorise expenditure on storage shelving