

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

Present: Alex Yezerski, , Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Peter Gill, Kim Neale, Nick Horne

Apologies: Keiran Crowe-Mai, Neville Farrell Ben Chosid, Ken Storr, Matt Blackham

1 Opening

AY opened the meeting at 6:10pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of Feb 17,2006

Motion: *That the minutes of the February 17 meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved: Kim Morrison

Seconded: Alex Yezerski

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising

Since the last meeting, KCM in his capacity of ABF treasurer has advised that the ABF contribution to the Roadshows, though nominally provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis, is capped at \$3000.

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JF	Current practices for directors' remuneration	Ongoing
KCM & JF	Board hiring & dealing policy	Outstanding
JF	Analysis on how NSWBA finances work	Done
PG & JF	Cost road show	Ongoing
KCM	Look at possibility of quick lessons before sessions	Outstanding
KCM	Liaise with LF to set up a 'matchmaker' service	Ongoing
KCM	To procure wine (max \$1000)	Placed on hold
BC	Signs for the library	Outstanding
KCM	Advise Revesby re congress decision	Outstanding
JF	Arrange for surplus cash to be managed efficiently	Done
KCM	Attend to ethics complaints	Outstanding
PG	Arrange & promote supervised sessions	Outstanding

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
BC	Arrange work bee notice on web site	Outstanding
BC	Price cappuccino machines	Outstanding
KM	Arrange for a future mail out of tournament regs	Done
KN	Review current sponsors	Outstanding
AY	Convey restructure brief to subcommittee	Done
JF & AY	Authorise expenditure on storage shelving	Done

4 Correspondence

- No correspondence was tabled.
- The procedure relating to correspondence sent direct to Councillors, i.e. not via the office was clarified. Councillors are required to copy the office on their response. Office is instructed to print and file the hard copy. Where a thread develops, the office can at its discretion remove earlier messages where these are imbedded in subsequent ones.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. It gave a progress report on the work of the Restructure sub-committee.

The report also recommended that an appeals advisor be appointed for every state selection or championship event, and furthermore that if the appeals councillor is not playing in an event he should appoint someone suitable to take his place. This recommendation was accepted. KM to liaise with KCM to make it happen.

6 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief:

- Financial year to date results are comparable with last year.
- The cash position is very healthy, as expected at this time of year.
- In the past, the Masterpoints commission income we receive has been netted off in the accounts against the Masterpoints expense. This is misleading and it is proposed that the income be shown separately in future. This will make masterpoint expenses more meaningful and will allow us, in the longer term, to dissect each item into State vs Club.
- A review of last year's Masterpoints transactions has uncovered bills totalling \$9200 which appear not to have been paid. Remarkably, the ABF seem to have made no effort to recover this sum nor did the auditors pick this anomaly up. Nevertheless, it appears the NSBWA accounts are presently understated by that amount.
- The use of electronic payment means is being investigated. The idea is that it will no longer be necessary to pay everything by cheque (and incur bank charges). The auditors will be approached for advice on the safeguards required.

7 Committee Reports

FABC

- No report.

Rules & Ethics, Appeals, Teaching

- No report.

Promotion and services

- No report.
- Preliminary discussions have been held with Loraine Harkness re staging of the workshops. The \$15K budget coupled with the need to stage three workshops places an expenditure limit of \$5K per workshop. PG to review whether that sum is adequate.

House

- Report tabled.
- No tangible progress.

Tournament

- Report tabled.
- Monthly table numbers have been updated.
- The numbers for the ITS Open and Women's are down as is the case with the GNOT qualifying. This suggests that there is player resistance to the staging of championship events concurrently, requiring play on both Monday & Wednesday nights.
- The idea of utilising Monday nights to the full has also given rise to substitution problems due to clashes with major events such as the Open/Women's/Seniors playoffs, GNOT finals, ANOT & Spring Nationals. Consequently this directive from council should be reviewed before the calendar is drawn up for next year.

KM suggested that producing a handsome bound copy of the revised tournament regulations for distribution to affiliated clubs may be good a promotional exercise. This was agreed to in principle provided the cost is not prohibitive. KM to submit a cost estimate to the next council meeting.

Library

- Report tabled
- Pauline has posted the catalogue on the web site but is waiting for a go ahead from council before putting a link to it on the home page. NH to approve.
- Borrowing numbers are still low

Sponsorship

- No report.

8 General Business

- Pauline Gumby will be away overseas for eight weeks from early May and a replacement web master will need to be found. It was resolved that a notice to that effect be posted on the web site. AY to advise LF.
- Considerable progress has been made on organising the 2006 Spring Nationals. This will be covered in a separate report to be submitted to council at the next meeting.

9 Next meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday, 19 April 2006 at 6:30pm. The meeting was declared closed at 8:30 PM.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 17 March 2006 Meeting

Councillor	Action Item
KM & KCM	Arrange for appeals advisors & relief coordinators
PG	Review adequacy of \$5K/workshop budget
KM	Cost the production of 150+ bound regulations
NH	Advise Pauline to post link to library page
AY	Advise LF re need for a relief webmaster notice
KN	Submit SPNOT report