

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 24 May 2006

Present: Alex Yezerski, Kim Morrison, Peter Gill, Nick Horne (left 8:00),
Keiran Crowe-Mai, Ken Storr, Julian Foster, Ben Chosid, Kim
Neale(from 6:50)

Apologies: Matt Blackham,

1 Opening

AY opened the meeting at 6:35pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of April 19 ,2006

Motion: *That the minutes of the April 19 meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved: Ben Chosid
Seconded: Alex Yezerski

The motion was carried.

3 Matters arising

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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
PG	Arrange & promote supervised sessions	Outstanding
BC	Price cappuccino machines	Ongoing
KN	Review current sponsors	Outstanding
KCM	Get numbers on beginners through the NSWBA	Outstanding
NH	Talk to directors to promote library	Outstanding
NH	Speak to Klinger re missing copies of magazines	Outstanding
NH	Investigate country clubs accessing books	Outstanding

4 Correspondence

- 1 Application from Nick Rodwell re Schauffelberger Grant - \$500 approved - KCM to respond
- 2 Ole Nielsen re timing of affiliation fee billing (in General business)
- 3 NSW Stroke Recovery Assn (in General business)

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief:

- John Case appointed relief Webmaster until Sept 2006.
- Directors' Accreditation. KCM to formulate job description
- NSWBA restructure - survey of players conducted. KN still to do full analysis.
- The restructure subcommittee has arranged a meeting with representatives from some of our affiliated proprietary and non-proprietary clubs to seek their views .

6 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

- We are worse off than this time last year. Not serious yet but needs to be monitored.
- Cash situation very healthy as we are near the highpoint for the year
- Table of subsidies was submitted and accepted with council permission for the Treasurer upon consultation with the chair of the TC to make minor adjustments as they deem appropriate.
- The report questions the need for split between entry fee/tablemoney for Monday pm.

MOTION For ease of accounting and to reduce workload for directing staff, that for, Monday evening events, one all inclusive fee is payable by each entry (ie team/pair as applicable) on the first week each event.

Moved JF Seconded KCM . The motion was carried.

7 Committee Reports

FABC

The FABC has agreed to contribute \$2500 to each of two country Roadshows in 2006/7 financial year. The NSWBA gratefully acknowledges this assistance.

Rules & Ethics, Appeals, Teaching

No appeals or Rules and ethics matters arose since the last meeting.

Brief summary of Appeals procedure is at final draft stage.

Still need to organise 'appeals advisors'.

Promotion and services

No report.

It was observed that plethora of ABF events is having detrimental effect on State and Congress events. The NSWBA council supported this viewpoint and asked KCM to raise it as delegate to ABF at the next MC meeting.

House

Report was tabled- good progress made.

Canteen proving popular and has started on Monday a.m as well.

Further 'house' signs on the way.

Another working bee is needed

Tournament

Report was tabled.

Sat afternoon game has declined in numbers to unsustainable levels.

MOTION That the Saturday afternoon game be cancelled.

Moved KM Seconded PG The motion was carried.

PG commented that it may be worthwhile investigating the hiring out of the premises on a Saturday but Tax exemption would need to be considered.

MOTION That for NSW pairs representing in future ANC Bulters (starting 2006), we would go beyond first place from the qualifying event to find pairs to get direct entry to Stage 2. However, subsidies would only be offered in the traditional method for the first three qualifiers.

Moved KM Seconded JF The motion was carried.

MOTION Provided suitable candidates can be found, the NSWBA teams representing at the 2006 ANC be captained as follows, one person captains the Open and Youth and the other the Womens and Seniors.

Moved KM Seconded AY The motion was carried.

KM/PG to find and propose to council two appropriate captains to be ratified by email.

MOTION That the players who qualified via the respective events be ratified to represent NSW at the 2006 ANC in Adelaide.

Moved KM Seconded KS The motion was carried.

Library

A verbal report was supplied.

It was agreed that 'Youth Club' members are entitled to borrow from the NSWBA library.

Sponsorship

No report.

8 General Business

Approval process for out of state holidays -

MOTION *That the approval of Holidays originating outside NSW being held in NSW rest with the Chairman of the Tournament Committee and that it is the Promoter's responsibility to get approval in the state a Holiday is to be held.*

Moved AY Seconded KCM The motion was carried.

Moving our Capitation billing time in line with ABF.

KS of the FABC commented that it would prove very difficult for many, not for profit, clubs to have the required funds to pay both NSWBA and ABF fees at the same time and that a few months break between the two was desirable. The council decided to stay with the current timing. KCM to respond.

Determine position re advertising inserts in NSWBA Bulleting. The council agreed in theory to the idea. AY to determine details.

NSW Stroke Recovery proposal for event in September. The council agreed in theory to the idea. AY to determine proposal and return to council.

Leave of absence for Ken Storr.

MOTION *That Ken Storr be given special leave of absence for any and all council meetings held between the dates of 21/6/06 and 10/09/06.*

Moved AY Seconded NH. The motion was carried.

9 List of Action Items from May Meeting

Councillor	Action Item
KCM	Respond Nick Rodwell and office re Schaufelberger
KCM	Define directors' accreditation role
KN	Do analysis of survey of players
JF	Enact 'one fee' policy for Monday pm events
BC	Organise next working bee
KCM	Raise spectre of ABF killing bridge in/around Sydney
KCM/KM	Organise appeals advisors
KM	Speak to Inez re closing Saturday session
KM/PG	Locate appropriate captains
KM	Send, 'captains letter' to captains once approved
KCM	Promulgate interstate holiday decision
KCM	Respond re timing of cap fee payments
AY	determine policy on ad inserts in bulletin
AY	Stroke recovery proposal

10 Next meeting

Scheduled for June 21 at 6:30pm. The meeting was declared closed at 9:15PM