

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Friday 16 March 2007

Present: Alex Yezerski, Kim Morrison, Ken Storr, Warren Lazer, Bruce Neill, Judy Mott, Kim Neale, Julian Foster

Apologies: David Beauchamp

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 16 February

Motion: *That the Minutes for 16th February meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Ken Storr
Seconded Judy Mott

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
AY & JF	To make recommendations regarding salary increases to be put to Council at the next meeting	Completed
KN	Advise applicant of council decision with regard to affiliation fee relief.	Completed
AY	Advise office of council's agreement to offer the premises and an ad in the NSWBA newsletter for the Financial Planning Seminar 21 st March. Office to coordinate.	Completed
KM	Replacement directors for MM during May/June.	Completed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

No correspondence was raised.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled.

- Additional discussion was had about air-conditioning. Council was informed that a second quote which provides inconsistent advice has necessitated the request for a third quote. Office air-conditioning specifications allow for 1 person per 10 sqm, however the club needs to be able to support as many as 6 people per 10 sqm. Council discussed option of hiring a Consultant to review all quotes and provide a recommendation but decided for the time being to proceed with an internal evaluation. Council to identify appropriately skilled members to assist with this process.
- The issue of fire drills was raised. LF is our fire warden, Carrie Foster to be trained as well.
- Need to schedule available weekend for the planned Southern Workshop. WL to advise.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled at the meeting. In brief,

- Spring Nationals accounts need to be reconciled back to the NSWBA Books.
- We are currently projecting a profit for the year and should be in a position to meet our obligation to partially repay the ABF loan.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

- Representatives meeting set for June 3 in conjunction with the Teams of Three.
- Teaching grants of \$400 (Inverell bridge club - teacher Lorraine Harkness) and \$300 (Walcha -teacher John Roberts) have been made.
- FABC/NSWBA merger review subcommittee to be setup. FABC secretary to assist with organisation. Members: W Lazer, K Storr, A Yezerski, B Neill. Neville Moses will also be approached.

Youth, Teaching and Library

David Beauchamp was absent and discussions were postponed till the next meeting.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

The House Report was tabled. In brief,

- Incidents are currently under control.

- An ethics framework has been prepared and initial items were published in the recent NSWBA bulletin.
- A difference in view for the role of Appeals Advisor has emerged. It is desirable to prepare a protocol.
- Brief discussion on psyche register. Suggested that the procedures are published on the website and people are made aware of their responsibilities.

Promotion and Director Liaison

- Email has gone to all clubs to advertise events coming up.
- KM visited and talked with Tuesday players asking them how to improve numbers. Suggestions include: announcing previous weeks winners at the beginning of the session, catering and car pooling. KM has arranged for directors to make an announcement about car pooling at the start of the session and a notice has been put on the noticeboard.

House

The House Report was tabled. In brief,

- Coffee machine: Coffee machine needs to be replaced.
- Tablecloths: Judy has identified local options and is arranging for a sample prior to arranging order for 80 table cloths. Expected cost \$17 each.
- Judy has had trouble contacting the Lavazza rep, but will keep trying.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled. In brief,

- WL reviewing requirements for taking pairs fairly from Stage 1 of the Open into Stage 2 (ie managing dropouts).

Sponsorship

No Report was tabled.

9 General Business

- Dave Griffith's Trophy Sunday event.
Players from Dave's sessions would like to hold a special afternoon event in memory of David. Need to set a date and Terry Wright is keen to see it happen sooner rather than later.
- Approve advertising session for the sight impaired at NSBC:
Advised that the session would probably be expanded to include other disabilities.

Advertising approved by Council.

- Salary review for Office Staff, WebMaster and Masterpoint Secretary:
Approved as recommended via email from Alex Yezerski and Julian Foster.

10 Action Items from March Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Organise next working bee	Ongoing
KN	To get Hon Solicitor (Doug Lane) advice re State Gov't requirements for adult supervision of minors in organised activity	Ongoing
BN	To liaise with LF re procedure for psych register. Who, what and why procedures for the use of the register. To determine penalties for pairs not using psyche register.	Ongoing
DB	Speak further to Ed Barnes re doing some work e.g. Beginner classes at the NSWBA. Suggestion that we run "taste" classes that are shorter than the beginners class. Also, intermediate and master classes. Liaise/coordinate with NSWBA Teacher (Tina Zines).	Outstanding
JM	Organise purchase of new table cloths.	Ongoing
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a sponsor	Ongoing
AY	Review details of ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant at Presidents Meeting.	Current
DB	Purchase new books for the library. Budget \$500.	Ongoing
WL	Setup and chair sub committee for FABC Merger timetable.	Ongoing
Council	Attempt to identify appropriately skilled people to assist with reviewing the air-conditioning proposals.	Current
WL	Advise appropriate weekend to hold the Southern Workshop	Current
KM	Arrange Dave Griffiths memorial session with Terry Wright	Current
KN	Ensure assistance in advertising is provided for NSBC as requested for their disabled sessions.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 18th at 6pm.
The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.